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But under the circumstances I determined that the Government was right, and I determined to place at its disposal whatever influence I had with my fellow-countrymen. I have loyally supported all the war measures of the Government, have appealed to all classes of my fellow-citizens to rise to the occasion and do their share, not only in contributing money, but in the ranks by doing battle for the great cause. And I am here today for the same purpose and object, to appeal to my fellow-countrymen of all origins to do their duty, and ask all who can go to take their places amongst those who are contending for the cause of civilization on the fields of France and Flanders.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Brome.

A SPINELESS LEADER.

E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., who acted as Liberal counsel before the Duff Meredith Commission, which investigated the Kite charges, was one of the speakers at a Liberal picnic at Markham, Ont., last week. In the course of an able and trenchant speech he thus paid his respects to Sir Robert Borden:

"You must ask why Sir Robert Borden did not call for Sir Sam Hughes' resignation. Why did he not appoint 'a man to that position in whom he has the utmost confidence'? Why did 'not Borden get his spine put in condition for once in his life, and act 'in the interests of his country, the 'destinies of which he very largely 'controls? What is behind all this? 'Is there some reason why Borden 'did not give Hughes some other job? 'Has he (Hughes) such a grip on his 'colleagues that they dare not touch 'him?'"

Sir Robert's sins of omission in the matter of national leadership were roundly condemned by Mr. Johnston. He wanted to know what the Government had done to help us take advantage of our opportunities. Here is the way he put it:

"Here is a Premier who poses as a loyal man, with Ministers of the Crown by the half-dozen permitting John Wesley Allison to deprive the British people of \$1,000,000 for the benefit of himself and some American friends."

Mr. Johnston then reviewed the evidence presented to the Meredith-Duff Commission, and told how Sir Sam Hughes was commissioned by the British Government to obtain 5,000,000 fuses for war purposes. "General Hughes was commissioned to get these fuses as easily as possible and within a certain limited price, while the British War Office was aware of only the one price," continued Mr. Johnston. "Sir Sam Hughes sends for Allison, who in turn gets hold of other promoters from the other side who have no dream of loyalty but to themselves. Hughes tells Allison that he can take a commission, and he (Allison) pockets \$220,000 as his share of the proceeds. This was all done in secret. The \$1,000,000 was paid out and nobody but the few interested knew anything about it. If Hughes had informed the British Government that he was forced to pay a commission, and allowed them to decide the matter for themselves, it would have been all right, but no, the thing must be done in secret to benefit Allison and his American friends."

In summing up, Mr. Johnston said: "The history of the Government 'during the war can be written in 'three words, 'graft, corruption and 'commissions.' But that it not all; 'there are the three great 'I's' There 'is Sir Thomas White, who says 'I 'know it all,' Sir Robert Borden says, 'I am that one man who must keep 'quiet and get into no trouble, be- 'cause I have no spine,' and last, but 'by no means least, Sir Sam Hughes 'says: 'I am the whole thing; the 'rest do not count.'"

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complishing it, may solve the Ulster question and the problem of our Second Chamber at the same time.

Christian Science Monitor: A certain New York paper has been making some historical and literary investigations, with the result that it writes: "Wellington said that the battle of Waterloo was won on the cricket fields of England. Later—decades later—the bronzed and lithe-limbed athletes of the island kingdom, gazed in open-eyed bewilderment upon the flaming indictment of Kipling, 'The muddled oafs at the wicket; the flannelled fools at the gate.'" The only objection that we can think of to this way of putting it is that Wellington never made the first statement, and Kipling never wrote the second. This would seem to make a difference when you come to think of it.

Premier Clarke, although his health is not what it should be, is still kept busy with departmental business. Hon. Mr. Murray had an accumulation of departmental business last year which made it necessary for him to spend much time at the capital, but this year he seems to be able to take a breathing spell.

The "loyalty cry" was worked on behalf of the Conservative candidate in North Perth by-election, but it failed to deliver the goods. The Toronto Globe's correspondent, dealing with the matter, says:

"The only visible effect of the Conservative loyalty cry was a reaction. 'In their campaign material they informed the electorate that the election of the Liberal would mean a 'slam at the British cause. They 'especially lauded Sir Sam Hughes, 'so Sir Sam may take some of the 'blame today, especially as the sold- 'ier vote went largely against him."

ON THE SIDE.

We wouldn't mind "the icy mitt" if it would make us cool.

Disinterested enthusiasm is good—if you know how to work it.

An optimist remembers how cold it was last January.

A pessimist thinks how cold its going to be next January.

The Cons can't even win a by-election these days.

How a pretty woman does love to walk down the street with a homely one!

So far no man-eating sharks have been reported around local bathing beaches.

More people would try to reform if it didn't seem to make those who had succeeded so sad.

There are still plenty of people who think good health can be purchased at a drug store.

The Casement jury was secured and sworn in 45 minutes. London has no speed limit to legal business.

The difference between a sweetheart and a wife is merely the difference between a possibility and a liability.

The trouble with the man who is going to the devil is that he always wants to take somebody along with him.

Some day half the world is going to die of exhaustion from trying to tell the other half how to conduct its own business.

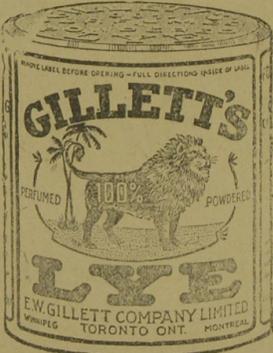
GOES TO ARTILLERY.

Capt. Jasper A. Winslow Will Join a Battery at the Front.

Capt. Jasper A. Winslow, of Fredericton, is now with the 3rd Canadian Divisional Ammunition Column at Witley Camp, Surrey, England, and expects to be transferred to a battery at the front, in charge of a draft that is being sent forward.

Capt. Winslow left Fredericton in the ranks at the beginning of the war and at Valcartier Camp, from among a great number of applicants he was chosen as an officer of the 12th Battalion, with which unit, until quite recently, he has been doing excellent work in England, becoming one of the foremost instructors in infantry work.

GILLETT'S LYE EATS DIRT



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BRUTAL TREATMENT OF CANADIAN BOYS

Huns Sentenced One Man to a Year's Imprisonment For Refusing to Make Munitions.

Ottawa, July 12.—Canadian prisoners in Germany were sentenced to a year in jail by the Germans for refusing to make war munitions, according to a letter received here from Corporal Dan A. Simons, formerly a prisoner in Germany and now transferred to the internment camp in Switzerland. He writes that Corporal Harry Hogarth is one of those who refused to make munitions, and it is expected he will have to serve the year's sentence, which has already been imposed on him.

Corporal Hogarth says his people live in Ottawa, although he enlisted in Port Arthur and was captured at St. Julien. He is still in Germany and has appealed against the year's sentence.

This was the first intimation his friends here had of the trouble, although the sentence was passed some time ago and has since been in appeal over there. Steps have been taken to bring it before the authorities for investigation, as according to The Hague convention prisoners are not to be called upon to make munitions.

Bank of England Discount Rate

London, July 13.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was raised from 5 to 6 per cent today.

RELIC FROM BATTLEFIELD.

In the window of a King street store in St. John is being shown a very interesting souvenir from the blood-stained fields of France. It is a German rifle, taken from a German soldier who was made prisoner by Capt. Eric McDonald, son of Capt. (Rev. Dr.) J. H. McDonald, formerly of Fredericton. Capt. Eric McDonald was formerly with the 12th Battalion as lieutenant, and went to the 10th Battalion, where he won promotion to the rank of captain.

ON THE TOBIQUE.

Salmon Fishing is Being Conducted With Fair Success.

Mr. Adam Moore, of Scotch Lake, who was in the city yesterday, states that a number of salmon fishermen are now on the Tobique and are having fair success.

Other parties are coming later in the month.

Mr. Moore now holds the fishing rights on the Little Tobique and expects to promote some good sport for a number of Americans before the season is over.

NEW TRACKMASTER.

Sackville Man Appointed on the Canada Eastern Division.

Mr. Justus Underhill, of Sackville, has been appointed trackmaster on the Canada Eastern Division of the Government Railways. He succeeds Mr. Samuel Allenack, who has been transferred to the Northern Division.

Drowned in River.

Victoria County News: Word has reached Perth of the drowning of Abel DeMerchant in the river St. John near his home at Beechwood, near River de Chute, on Wednesday evening. The unfortunate man was gathering drift wood with a canoe when the accident occurred. He was a married man, two of his sons being now at Valcartier with the 104th Battalion.

Illness of Mrs. Shenton.

Sackville Post: Many friends in Sackville and elsewhere throughout the province will regret to learn of the serious illness of Mrs. Job Shenton, York street. Mrs. Shenton attended church Sunday forenoon and appeared to be in her usual health. Later she was stricken with paralysis and became unconscious. Mrs. Shenton is living at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gronlund.

Presentation.

Wesleyan: Previously to leaving Summerside, where she had been employed as organist of the Presbyterian church, Miss Albee M. Harrison, daughter of Rev. Wm. Harrison, D. D., of Marysville, N. B., was presented by the officials of the church with an address highly appreciative of her services, accompanied with a purse of \$50.

Given a Contract.

Amherst Guardian: Mr. R. Mitchell and Mr. H. H. Sutherland have been awarded a contract on the construction of the Valley Railway in New Brunswick. Messrs. Mitchell & Sutherland held a contract for the construction of part of the Valley road, which is now completed. The new contract is one on the last section of the railway.

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