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THE UNION GOVERNMENT.

A new chapter in Canadian history was written at Ottawa last week, when after months of negotiations, Sir Robert Borden succeeded in forming a union cabinet. Party politics have, for the present, been thrust aside, and the demands of the great war now raging in Europe are to have the first consideration at the hands of the new ministry. The task which Sir Robert Borden set out to accomplish was by no means an easy one; in fact, no Prime Minister of Canada since Confederation ever tackled such a weighty problem, and considering the many difficulties which had to be overcome, it is astonishing that his efforts should have been attended with such a large measure of success. The old cabinet was admittedly a weak one, and it will not be denied, even by many of those who helped place it in power, that it failed to measure up to the requirements of the country. In dealing with great economical problems of the day it proved itself utterly and tragically incapable. In matters pertaining to the war there was a repetition of costly blunders, and but for the exposures made from time to time by Liberals in parliament, the goodness only knows in what condition affairs would be in at the present time. Some public men, and interests closely associated with the late administration seemed to think that the war was created for the special benefit of the Tory party, and governed themselves accordingly. Partizanship was rampant on all sides, and there was rank favoritism shown in connection with appointments and the equipping of overseas troops. Things seemed to be getting worse instead of better, and the people were beginning to get very restless under the yoke. Sir Robert Borden, shrewd man that he is, saw that something had to be done if the ship of state was to be saved, and in May last he made overtures to the Liberals with a view of forming a union government. His proposals were rejected, and he had to face many discouragements, but he persisted, and at last success has crowned his efforts. He has weeded out the useless timber from his cabinet—lopped away the mouldering branches, so to speak—and has succeeded in forming a national administration, which should commend itself to the great majority of Canadians. The new government has a big contract on its hands, and it will have to travel some to live up to public expectations. It will have to be a reform government as well as a win-the-war administration. It will have to, as far as possible, correct the mistakes of the past and grapple earnestly and intelligently with the great problems of the future, if it is to acquire and maintain the confidence of the people. The patronage curse must be eliminated, the profiteer must go, and the cost of living burden must be made lighter. It is unreasonable to suppose that nine Liberals would accept service under Sir Robert Borden without a promise from him that sweeping reforms would at once be instituted. If the new government is to be an improvement on the one which it succeeds, there must be drastic changes along many lines, and an announcement of the policy of the new administration will be awaited with interest.

HON. F. B. CARVELL.

Hon. F. B. Carvell's entrance into the union cabinet with the important portfolio of Minister of Public Works, should convince militant Liberalism all over Canada of the sincerity of Sir Robert Borden in his efforts to form a national win-the-war government. It is known that Mr. Carvell was offered a portfolio some weeks ago and declined it for reasons which did not then commend themselves to his judgment. Last week, when the negotiations were resumed, he was summoned to Ottawa and took an active part in the deliberations, which appear to have resulted so successfully. The gap between Mr. Carvell and the Conservative leaders was undoubtedly a wide one, and it is but natural that the announcement on Saturday that it had been successfully bridged, created great astonishment among people of both parties throughout the province. Mr. Carvell

during the past six years has been a keen and merciless critic of the Borden government. He has given it no quarter and asked for none. Early and late he has labored to expose the grafters and profiteers and his efforts have no doubt saved millions of dollars to the people of the country. He has taken back nothing he has said in denunciation of the men who have plundered the public treasury, or in condemnation of those who stood by and permitted it to be plundered, yet today he is a minister of the Crown in a cabinet led by Sir Robert Borden. This fact in itself is the best proof that can be furnished of the sincerity of Sir Robert Borden to form a union government that will carry on the business of the country on national lines, and devote its utmost energies to winning the war.

No more sturdy representative of the best Canadian type can be found in Canada than Mr. F. B. Carvell, and his appointment to the cabinet is not only a great personal tribute to his worth as a public man, but an honor to the county of Carleton, which he has so worthily represented at Ottawa since 1904. Hon. Mr. Carvell is not only a sound and clever lawyer, but he possesses business ability of a high order, and he is just the type of man the country needs at the present time at the head of the most important department of the government. His views on economic questions are sound and his presence in the cabinet is a guarantee that the common people of the country will get a square deal from this time forward. No man in Canada is more familiar with the shortcomings of the late administration than Hon. Mr. Carvell, and no man did more to expose them to the public gaze. The hoodlers and profiteers will expect nothing from him, and there is absolutely no danger of his disappointing them.

Hon. Mr. Carvell, big and patriotic Canadian that he is, has always taken the keenest interest in the great war. Soon after the outbreak of hostilities he offered to raise a battery of artillery for active service, but the government for some reason or other did not see fit to accept the offer. He has consistently supported all war measures in parliament, and last session spoke and voted in favor of the Military Service bill.

The Liberals of New Brunswick appreciate the great service which Hon. Mr. Carvell has rendered to the country, and, knowing the man, they can rest assured that he would not join a cabinet under the leadership of Sir Robert Borden, or any other Conservative, unless he felt thoroughly satisfied in his own mind that his action was in the best interests of Canada.

There will be great sympathy for Hon. F. B. Carvell over the sad message which comes from the battlefield, that his son-in-law, Capt. A. M. Fisher, has made the supreme sacrifice. Capt. Fisher had served for two years in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and had made a brilliant record for himself. He was a young man of great promise, and the news of his death will be a great blow to his relatives and friends.

Through Our Sieve

Union government—better late than never.

How many win-the-war candidates can we raise in York?

The burning question: "Got any wood yet?"

General Haig's offensive is becoming a continuous performance.

Haig wants all of that ridge, and he won't be happy until he gets it.

Many a man sleeps easier these nights than candidates for political honors.

Those who gave the iceman the cold shoulder on the 1st haven't had any reason to warm up to him since.

Woodman, spare that tree; not one limb shall be broke. We'll buy a ton of slack, and fill the place with smoke.

Considering the small amount of information supplied, the fellow who registers under the military act is practically a volunteer after all.

A news despatch says that Mexican bandits have started afresh, which is the first intimation that they had ever quit banditting.

Crater holes are Haig's steady diet. He doesn't mind how they are served—full of water or Germans—so long as he gets them.

One of the rubber plants of Canada is managed by a woman. That's nothing; there are lots of women on our street who look after rubber plants every blessed day.

PROPERTY LOSS VERY HEAVY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
New York, Oct. 15.—Reports of incendiaryism in connection with the disastrous water front fire which destroyed an elevator and nearly 700,000 bushels of grain in Brooklyn Saturday were evident last night when the fire commission issued a statement saying the cause of the blaze would be rigidly investigated. The property loss is estimated at more than \$1,200,000. There have been 58 water front fires in New York lately, and it is improbable that all resulted from accidental cause, Chief Benton said.

The grain consumed Saturday was intended for export.

MORE SHIPPING FOR THE ALLIES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, Oct. 15.—The Entente Allies have increased their shipping, according to the Times, through the acquisition of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company and the Lamport & Holt line, the controlling interest in the Argentine Navigation Company, which has a capital of \$10,000,000 and owns over 300 vessels.

Three of the leading French lines and one Italian shipping company participated in the transaction.

NAVAL MEN TO BE KEPT ON

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Ottawa, Oct. 15.—It is announced that authority has been given to the Department of Naval Service to retain the services of all Royal Canadian Naval volunteer Reserve men for a time not exceeding six months after termination of the war.

EXECUTED FOR ESPIONAGE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Paris, Oct. 15.—Matta Hari, the Dutch dancer, the adventuress who two months ago was found guilty by a court martial on the charge of espionage, was shot at dawn this morning.

THE WORLD'S SERIES.

New York, Oct. 15.—Prospects at 8 a.m. were that the sixth game of the world's series between New York and Chicago would be played under almost ideal weather conditions. The day opened clear and warm, with every indication of still warmer weather by the time the game starts.

On Motor Tour.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Billings of Oak Bluffs, Mass., are registered at the Barker House today. They are on a motor tour.

Spoke Against Beer Shops.
Rev. Father Carney, pastor of St. Dunstan's church, at high mass Sunday morning, dealt particularly with prohibition and the situation in Fredericton. He strongly criticised the beer shops existing in certain parts of the city, stating that he had been told on good authority that men who frequented such shops often became intoxicated by drinking so-called "soft" beer. The beer evidently was not so "soft" as was thought. He strongly urged the men engaged in such business to stop it. An honest living working on the roads or any other form of labor was to be preferred.

URUGUAY NOW IN THE LEAGUE OF HONOR

Montevideo, Oct. 15.—At a great public manifestation organized in the occasion of the rupture of diplomatic relations with Germany, Dr. Viera, president of the republic, delivered a speech in which he reaffirmed the sympathy of Uruguay for the Belgian people and the solidarity of the republic with the countries which are fighting for the cause of justice and right.

"I knew," said the president, "that you were anxious to occupy in this league of honor the place due to you for your lofty ideals, which suffered so cruelly through the insults offered to civilization when Belgian sovereignty was violated, when solemn treaties were openly disregarded, when the rights of neutral countries were ignored and when the regulating principles of the society of nations were defied."

"When the sovereignty of Belgium was violated I knew that the spirit of neutrality was no longer possible. I knew with what profound anxiety you were awaiting the time when the government would answer your feelings and thoughts by international action."

"People of Uruguay, the hour has struck. We are no longer indifferent in the face of the foremost struggle, in which justice and democracy are weighing under autocracy and oppression. Thus is fulfilled everything en-

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DEVON SCENE OF TRAGEDY

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she went home complaining of illness and that night she came to Fredericton by motor with other members of her family. It is said that she consulted a physician after reaching the city, complaining of a pain in the head. The revolver with which she ended her life belonged to a brother and it is thought that she arose in the night and secured it from another room.

Funeral Arrangements.

The funeral service will be conducted at the late home of the deceased at 8.30 tonight by Rev. J. E. Wilson of Woodstock. The body will be taken to Tracy Tuesday morning and burial will take place there. Besides the parents one sister, Miss Ella Nason at home, and two brothers, Cecil F. Nason of Fredericton, and George H. Nason of the 104th Battalion in England, survive. The father of the deceased is employed with the St. John River Log Driving Company. There is much sympathy for the bereaved relatives.

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