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WICKED NIGHTMARES.

The Montreal Gazette, one of the leading Conservative papers of Canada, has become quite stirred up over what it calls "wicked nightmares" which have been worked up in connection with the conscription issue. In a recent issue it said:

"For instance, there have been men who have threatened that when the expeditionary force now in Great Britain and France returns, the soldiers will take vengeance on this province for its much advertised slackness in responding to the call for recruits and for the opposition which its public men are offering to the Military Service Bill. Now it is even more impossible to think that the home coming troops, wearied of war and all the evil that it means, will start out burning and slaughtering in the communities where many of them have neighbors, as it is to imagine that those who have objected to the burdens of the struggle being increased will break up the Canadian Union. . . . People, however, can ignore with profit what is said or written so foolish as not to need refutation or so violent and out of reason as to refute itself."

As the Montreal Herald points out, the spectacle of the Gazette administering a public rebuke to the leader of the Conservative party is something new in politics. But that is what the above paragraph amounts to, for of course the Gazette knows that the threat, the "wicked nightmare" which it refers to, originated with Sir Robert Borden himself. Here is what Sir Robert Borden said in introducing the Conscription Bill in the House of Commons on June 11:

"They will come back silent, grim, determined men, who, not once or twice, but fifty times, have gone over the parapet to seek their rendezvous with death. If what are left of 400,000 of such men come back to Canada with resentment, and even rage in their hearts, conscious that they have been deserted and betrayed, how shall we meet them when they ask the reason? I am not so much concerned for the day when this bill becomes law as for the day when these men return if it is rejected. It is easy to sow the wind of clamor against the imposition of equal duty and obligation upon all Canadians for the preservation of their country, but those who make that sowing may reap such a whirlwind as they do not dream of today."

AN AMERICAN VIEW.

In an editorial on Canadian conscription the Boston Globe says:

"Canada probably would not now be facing the ugly issue if the recruiting campaign in the Province of Quebec had not been so badly bungled, where race prejudices were aggravated instead of appeased. All the mistakes made by the British recruiting officials in Ireland were repeated in French Canada with an equally sad result. Even the French Canadian regiments which were raised were not allowed to go to the front as units, but were divided and the men sprinkled among other commands. One of these regiments, instead of being sent to the front, was kept in Bermuda for garrison duty and then broken up before the men were finally ordered to the front in France."

"As a whole, Canada has made a remarkably fine showing in the war. Not only has she raised an army which is far greater in proportion to the army we even contemplate, but her troops have brought enduring fame to her on the field of battle as well. It is unfortunate that conscription has become necessary."

Sir Sam Hughes, in replying to a question in Parliament yesterday by Hon. Dr. Pugsley, said he thought the St. John Standard was a Liberal paper. It is quite evident from this that Sir Sam has never wasted much time reading the St. John organ of Toryism.

At the Gaiety Today.

Rolfe Photoplays presents Mabel Taliaferro in "God's Half Acre," in five reels. Metro presents Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew in "Their Quiet Honey-moon." There will also be a weekly. Seven reels today—seven. Gaiety's concert orchestra.

CARNIVAL BY THE
236TH THURSDAY

An Hawaiian dancing troupe will be the outstanding amusement feature of the afternoon athletic carnival to be held by the Kilties on Thursday afternoon and evening. A splendid programme of sports and athletic contests has been arranged, which will be held on the lawn at the Officers' Square, commencing at 2 p.m.

Under the direction of Lieut. A. C. Baldwin, O. C. Kilties Depot, a committee of officers, N. C. O.'s and men has been appointed to handle the programme. Some eighteen prizes have been donated by merchants, and more are coming in. Refreshment booths have been arranged and a tea room will be staged on the upper verandah of the officers' mess. The Kilties' pipe band will provide the music. Admission is free to the public throughout the afternoon and evening.

HYPHEN TO BE
DETAINED

Chicago, July 10.—Orders for the detention during the war of Heinrich Orthmann and Peter Baches, on the ground that they are a menace to the welfare of the nation, have been received from Washington, and the men are held here today pending removal to detention camps. Baches is said to have admitted a part in a plot to blow up a power plant at Niagara Falls in Canada. He fled to Illinois, where he was apprehended. Orthmann is accused of stabbing a member of the Illinois National Guard during an argument over the war.

CAUSE OF JOSEPH FRANCES'
DEATH STILL UNKNOWN

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ing after that until three o'clock the next morning when he was on the C. P. R. track in St. Mary's. Witness fell into the water about 7 p. m. Sunday. The boat was a row boat, eighteen feet long, with rounded bottom.

Witness said he had no quarrel whatever with Francis at any time on Sunday. The two women told Francis to buy gin. Witness when he awoke Monday morning made for home as soon as he learned where he was.

Isaac Paul

Isaac Paul of St. Mary's was next called. He said he had known Francis since he was a boy. On Sunday, June 24th, he with his wife, three children, Gabe Scobie and his wife went to McGibbon's Island. They built a fire to cook dinner and sharpened harpoons for bass. Noel Polches and his party arrived in his motor-boat. In the party were Noel Polches, his wife and mother-in-law, Mrs. Ben Brooks, Robert Brooks and his wife, Bobby Brooks paddled across to Springhill. He came back and got his dinner; all then went to Hart's Island to spear bass. Then Noel Polches took Bobby Brooks to Springhill and left him there. Meanwhile the party began to spear bass.

John Brooks, Pete Paul and Sol Polches were in a boat. Someone shouted from the Springhill shore and one of the boats went over. Later Bobby Brooks and Joseph Francis were on the lower end of the island, still later they came up. Witness went out in his motor-boat. Noel Polches and the women wanted to go home. Bobby Brooks said he would stay and spear bass. Noel Polches went home not paying any attention to Bobby Brooks who called after him to take him home. Bobby Brooks tried to spear bass with a pike-pole and fell in Francis pulling him out. Gabe Scobie then left. Bobby Brooks asked witness for passage home. Witness refused because his boat was crowded. Witness and Brooks tussled. Louis Polches, Arthur Polches, Pete Sapier and George Sapier came up to help when they heard the women scream. Witness left with his motor-boat. It was then 7.30. Francis and Bobby Brooks were drinking. There was very little left in the bottle at that time.

Describing the tussle, witness said that Bobby Brooks tried to jump into his motor-boat and witness held him off. Witness next saw Bobby Brooks at 10.30 p. m. in a boat on the river above the Highway bridge with John Brooks and Jack Brooks, his brother. Witness complained to Indian Agent Griffiths who got the police and went after Bobby Brooks on the reserve but he got away.

Witness saw no quarrel between Joe Francis and Bobby Brooks during Sunday. Witness drank no liquor and had not been offered any that day.

Gabe Scobie.

Gabe Scobie of St. Mary's was next examined. He said he saw Francis at

Through Our Sieve

It isn't veneer which hides the real selves of some people—it's whitewash.

A noiseless alarm clock is advertised. Can it be attached to the early morning lawn mower?

Maybe the German crown prince thinks the road to Verdun is easier now than the road to Berlin.

Happy is the man who can live so that the girls he used to know will say to their husbands, "He made love to me."

All the persons who think they know all about running a government or a newspaper are engaged in other occupations.

A pessimist often is either a man with a good appetite and no digestion, or a man with a good stomach and nothing in it.

A bachelor's idea of eternal punishment is to have a woman following him around picking up things after him.

Emperor Hsuan Tung is back on the throne of China, but whether it is for the entire summer or just a week-end stay no one seems to know.

Judge Limerick, wife and two children of Fredericton, N. B., accompanied by Dr. H. V. Bridges and wife of Fredericton, were in town on Monday of this week.—Victoria County News.

three o'clock Sunday afternoon June 24th at Hart's Island with Bobby Brooks. Witness and family had been towed up by Isaac Paul. Francis and Brooks had no liquor that witness saw. He heard women calling for help but saw nothing of the quarrel. He went toward the scene and met Isaac Paul in the motor boat. Later he met Bobby Brooks and Francis in the row boat, Francis rowing.

Other Witnesses.

Louis Polches, Solomon Polches, George Sapier and Arthur Polches gave evidence which brought out nothing new.

John Brooks.

John Brooks of St. Mary's swore he saw Joe Francis at Springhill on the Sunday mentioned before. Bobby Brooks also was there. His evidence of what transpired at Springhill was the same as that given before. Later Sunday night Mrs. Bobby Brooks asked witness to search for her husband. With Jack Brooks he went up river in a canoe. Above the City Hall they heard splashing. It was Bobby Brooks alone in a boat. He was very drunk. Bobby said he thought Francis was at Springhill but did not know for sure. Witness had seen Bobby Brooks at about 8.30 p. m. near Springhill. While being taken across the river to St. Mary's Bobby tried to get up in the canoe. He talked considerably.

Jack Brooks.

John Brooks, Jr., known as Jack Brooks, followed. He saw Bobby Brooks in a boat on the river at about 10.30 on the night of Sunday, June 24th. The rest of the evidence was similar to that of the foregoing witnesses.

Charles Fleet.

Charles Fleet of Fredericton, sworn, stated that on the evening of July 2nd, he aided two Indians in taking the body of an Indian out of the river. Gabe Scobie and John Brooks were the Indians. They identified the body as that of Joe Francis.

Solomon Brooks.

Solomon Brooks, chief of St. Mary's Reserve, and father of Robert Brooks, was called. He said he helped his son Robert from the canoe to his house on the night of Sunday, June 24th. Robert was drunk and made trouble. Witness did not see him until the following evening.

John Solomon.

John Solomon of French Village was examined and told the same story as the other Indians of the happenings at Springhill until the departure of the various parties for St. Mary's. After that he saw Bobby Brooks and Francis make for shore. An argument began, Brooks insisting that Francis row him home and Francis refusing because he did not own the boat. Brooks finally said, "You have got to take me or I will fix you." At this Francis laughed.

Witness then was about one hundred yards away and did not speak to either of them. Francis was not a quarrelsome man. Witness watched the two until they went out of sight about two miles below. He also could hear them singing. He saw them standing up in the boat and neither appeared to be very drunk.

Joseph Scobie.

Joseph Scobie of St. Mary's, also was heard. He stated that he last saw Bobby Brooks and Joe Francis near Springhill on the afternoon of Sunday, June 24th. At 8.30 that night he saw a boat with one man in it so far away he could not tell who it was. This was three miles below Hart's Island.

Many Spectators.

The verdict of the jury was brought in within a short time. The inquest was held in the committee room at the County Court House. Many spectators were present.

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