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LAVERGNE'S OUBREAK.

While some of the more unscrupulous of the Tory newspapers are striving to make it appear that the Liberals are responsible for the agitation against conscription being carried on in the province of Quebec, the facts are squarely against them. The most treasonable talk so far indulged in against the proposal came from the lips of Mr. Bourassa's lieutenant, Mr. Armand Laverne, who was the principal speaker at a big open-air meeting at Quebec city on Thursday night. He indulged in a lot of wild and treasonable talk and it is regrettable to note that his remarks seemed to strike a responsive chord. A press despatch reports him as saying that "the conscription of 1917 had its origin in 1899, when Canada had sent men to assist in crushing a small nation, the Transvaal, who only wanted the right to live. 'England,' he went on, 'was strong enough to accomplish it herself, but she only wanted to establish the principle of Canada's participation in the wars of the Empire.'"

It was the Liberal government led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier which sent the Canadian troops to the aid of the Empire during the South African war, and for doing this it lost the support of Mr. Laverne and his chief co-worker, Mr. Henri Bourassa. These men at once began a wicked and ill-advised campaign against Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Quebec, in which they were aided and abetted by the Tory leaders who were willing to go to any extreme in order to "down Laurier."

The outcome was the Conservative-Nationalist Alliance, which first asserted itself at the Drummond-Arthursville by-election in 1910. In that election a Nationalist named Gilbert, with the active support of Bourassa and Laverne, was able to defeat the Liberal candidate, and almost the first man to wire his congratulations to the victor was none other than Sir George E. Foster. In the general election of 1911, both Bourassa and Laverne allied themselves with Sir Robert Borden, and with the aid of funds supplied by the Conservative organization (which even paid for the circulation of LeDevoir, Mr. Bourassa's paper) carried twenty-seven constituencies for him and placed the Conservative party in power.

It is a matter of record that while Mr. Borden was forming his cabinet, Mr. Laverne journeyed to Ottawa by special train to see to it that the Nationalists were properly looked after in the distribution of portfolios. It was in all probability to this incident that Mr. Laverne had reference in his Quebec speech when he said:

"ONE-THIRD OF THE PRESENT CABINET WAS ELECTED AGAINST CANADA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WARS OF THE EMPIRE, AND HE KNEW IT BECAUSE HE HAD HELPED TO HAVE THEM LOCATED."

Men whom Mr. Laverne had supported in 1911 were taken into the cabinet, but not until after portfolios had been offered to both Bourassa and Laverne by Premier Borden, and declined by them. Mr. Laverne made this statement at a public meeting in Quebec some months ago, and down to the present hour it remains uncontradicted. The alliance between the Conservatives and the Nationalists remains until this day unbroken. There has been no repudiation of the Nationalists by Sir Robert Borden, and no repudiation of Sir Robert Borden by the Nationalists. The Conservative leader having accepted with gladness the support of these agitators in 1911, it ill-becomes their party organs at this late day, when the chickens are coming home to roost, to endeavor to place the responsibility for the situation which has been created in Quebec at the door of the Liberal leader.

The Manchester Guardian says: "A year ago conscription for Canada was agreed to be impossible. Various things have combined to remove some of the difficulties, but grave obstacles still stand in the way. When the National Service scheme was first launched, its director said conscription might lead to civil war. That so soon afterwards it should be in fact proposed shows the striking effect on

Canadian opinion of the entry of the United States into the war. Two courses are open to Sir Robert Borden—either to utilize the Militia Act to secure a large extension of the home forces—thus releasing other men for the front—or to put the issue of compulsion before the people. The latter method was adopted by Australia and though that Government failed of their aim, it is so clearly the more honest procedure that the Canadian government is not likely to incur the odium of foregoing it."

Boston Post: We'll rally 'round the hoe, boys, and join the ranks of toil, shouting the battle cry of "Feed 'em!" We'll train the crops to grow boys, as fillers of the soil, shouting the battle cry of "Feed 'em!" Where there is work to do, boys, we'll gather on the spot, shouting the battle cry of "Feed 'em!" To duty we'll be true boys, and till the vacant lot, shouting the battle cry of "Feed 'em!" Nature, kind mater, will aid in our need. Down with the tater, up with the weed! So we'll rally 'round the hoe, boys, shouting the battle cry of "Feed 'em!"

The number of men killed in the war this far was estimated at 7,000,000 by Arthur Henderson, member of the War Council, in an address last Saturday at Richmond, G.B. He estimated the total casualties of the war to be in excess of the population of the United Kingdom. The population of the United Kingdom, according to the census of 1911 was 45,370,530.

One of the most interesting of the devices which have been produced during the war to amplify the range of human vision is a giant periscope which the French captured from the Germans. Supported by the carriage alone, the mast can be raised to a height of fifty feet. When it is extended to its full length it measures 80 feet.

Through Our Sieve

Rule of conduct: Plant early and often.

Judging by the thermometer, the May pole got mixed with the North Pole.

Haig has taken Oppy, which perhaps had its aspirate shot off in the mele.

Best literature of the moment—the directions on the back of the seed envelopes.

Early 1917 model bathing suits show that economy or something has been at work on them.

The fellows who caught no fish on Victoria day had a better excuse than usual.

It ought to be against the rules for a girl to sit on her fellow's knee at the movies—even with a crowded house.

With the present brand of weather there need be nothing shocking about the scantiest bathing suit—for it will never be actually worn.

Some of the retired farmers residing on our back streets object to being classified as "amateur gardeners."

To the first Fredericton lady who will venture to clean the front windows clad in overalls we will present a three-year-old seed catalogue but little used.

Now how is this? We are always getting goit jibes at the man with the hoe and his backyard garden, but we see nothing funny at all in a military man in full dress and spurs, on foot, who never expects to go to war.

Capt. Robinson Black left this morning for Halifax.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. De Veber of Gagetown, are guests at the Queen. Mr. A. S. McAlister of Halifax is a guest at the Barker House.

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