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THE HERO OF THE WAR.

"This war has brought to the front many brave men, and many heroes are being made out of lowly material," says the New Glasgow Chronicle. "Bravery is a common, nay a general attribute among the soldiers in this war. We have yet to read of any instance where a regiment turned and ran, while in earlier wars such instances were not uncommon. It may be observed, too, that there have been instances of real heroism—the case of Miss Edith Cavell was one. But to our mind the real outstanding hero of the war is Cardinal Mercier of Belgium. There he has stood since his country was overrun by the enemy, as firm as a rock, as majestic as a mountain and as calm as a lake in the woods on the even of a summer day. Surrounded since the rape of Belgium by Prussian bayonets thirsting for immersion in his blood, he has never swerved from his daily duties. Death menaced him on every hand, but never for a moment has he blanched with fear; day by day he has worked boldly, fearlessly for those over whom he is pastor. A great hero, a most fearless minister and a wonderful man. It seemed as if in spirit he was crying out to Christ that 'for those whom Thou committed to my care I am laboring that none be lost to Thee.' And the majesty of the man was nowhere more readily shown than by his retort to his fellow Catholics in parts of Germany when they came at this late hour proffering sympathy. His retort reminded one of the scathing salutations in Scripture days: 'Oh generation of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come! . . . I was athirst and you gave me no drink, I was hungered and you gave me no bread, I was naked and you clothed me not—Go to, and bring forth fruits meet for repentance.'"

The noble old Belgian is like a lion standing on a mountain viewing the ruins below, but still ready to rush down and save when possible. No doubt the war has made and will make many heroes, but there is only one living now that stands out more prominently than others to the world, the grand old Belgian priest, Cardinal Mercier.

SOME PLAIN TRUTHS.

A correspondent who says he is the father of two soldiers now serving overseas, writes as follows to the Toronto Globe:

I have always been a Conservative, and though my patience has been sorely tried at times, and I have been tempted to renounce my allegiance to the party of Sir John A. Macdonald, I have never done so. I speak this, alas! to my own shame.

After the better part of three years of muddle, graft and waste, the Borden Government has at last capped the climax of its cowardice and inefficiency by submitting to the demand that, under conscription, the minimum age limit is to be 20 years, instead of 18, as at first announced. So we now see this state of affairs. After allowing, under the voluntary enlistment plan, recruiting orators and officers to hound boys of 18 from pillar to post in order to coerce them into enlisting, the Borden government, after plucking up enough courage to threaten conscription, puts the minimum age limit at 20—thus putting a premium on lukewarmness and lack of devotion to duty. Can the history of Canada, or any other country, show a more contemptible backdown or a greater failure in the face of duty? And the government which perpetrates this pitiful act is the one to which we look for loyal leadership and safe guidance!

Up to the present I have always been proud to think that my two boys were destined, under God, to strike a blow for Canada, and perhaps, in their feeble way, add a bit of honor to her name. Let me say this: If my sons were back in Canada, in mutiny, I would use every means in my power to dissuade them from enlisting so long as Canada is governed by the present clique of incompetents.

Ex-Attorney General Baxter replied to the budget speech of Hon. Mr. Robinson in the Legislature yesterday. He had very little criticism to make against the government's financial policy, but had a good deal to say in defence of the old government of which he was a member. He was very generous in handing out advice to the government as to how it should conduct the affairs of the province, but had no word of condemnation for the extravagant methods pursued by the former administration. Mr. Baxter's interest in provincial finances is a little belated, and his words of wisdom, coming at this stage, will scarcely

have much weight with the public. The reason for this is that he failed when his friends were in power to practice what he now preaches.

Mr. Hunter, one of the new members for York, has been heard from in the Legislature. He wants to know from the government upon whose recommendation Dr. B. M. Mullin was fired from the office of secretary of the Provincial Board of Health. Had Mr. Hunter consulted two of his colleagues, Mr. Pinder and Dr. Crockett, he would not have asked such a foolish question. We might say for Mr. Hunter's information that Dr. Mullin was removed for offensive partizanship, on the recommendation of the four gentlemen who have the patronage for the government in York, and there is every reason to believe that their action met with the cordial approval of Mr. Pinder and Dr. Crockett. Should Mr. Hunter be inclined to doubt the truth of this statement, we would suggest that he confer with his colleagues on the subject.

Hamilton Herald: The King's birthday honors include the bestowal of several Canadian knighthoods. The recipients are mostly financiers and railway men. One which should be regarded with general favor is the knighthood conferred upon President Falconer of Toronto University, one of the chief intellectual forces of the country. The Herald again takes leave to protest against the official recognition in Canada of the principle of hereditary titles and honors, as exemplified in the bestowal of a Baronetcy upon J. W. Flavelle.

The Liberal members of Parliament met in caucus at Ottawa yesterday, and discussed the situation at some length. They decided to await the formal announcement of the government's plans. An Ottawa despatch says that there is no likelihood of Liberal members, who favor conscription, entering the Borden cabinet. The feeling seems to be growing at the capital that a general election is not far off.

The New York Evening Post says that "in 1911 Borden used Quebec Nationalism, which distrusted Laurier's Imperialistic naval policy, to drive Sir Wilfrid from office." This, as the Toronto Globe remarks, is an accurate diagnosis. Bourassa succeeded in his two aims. He defeated Laurier and he shelved the only plan which would have given effective Canadian naval aid in the present war.

Ottawa Journal-Press: The Journal newspapers have placed themselves on record as being opposed to the introduction of hereditary titles in Canada, and we—and a great number of Canadians who think with us—would have been more pleased if that principle had not been broken, even in such a worthy case as that of Mr. Flavelle, who receives a Baronetcy.

The Ottawa Journal says that the Borden government has shown "a great spirit, an unpartisan spirit, since the beginning of the war." There are few statements farther from the truth.

Women voted in Alberta provincial elections on Thursday for the first time, and helped to swell the majority for the Liberal candidates.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harrison of St. Mary's, returned on Tuesday from Cross Creek where they had been attending the funeral of Mrs. William Foreman, sister of Mrs. Harrison.

Mr. Robert Reid of St. John, is a guest at the Barker House.

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Mr. W. A. Church of St. John, is registered at the Barker House.

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It seems almost safe to advise the people to take 'em off.

Any woman would prefer to be a fool to a "fruit."

Two of the best garden crops of the season are going to be freckles and tan.

Be sure and study your weed catalogues before you pull up anything green and flourishing.

Speak well of yourself. Your enemies will do all the hammering that is necessary.

You can run an auto without gasoline and matrimony without love—down hill.

An artistic lover is one who can convince a woman readily of things she wants to believe.

OF SOCIAL INTEREST

Dr. VanWart is leaving this evening for Ottawa.

Mrs. Farris and children who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Ernest A. McKay, are leaving this evening for their home in Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Copp of Newcastle, is visiting her son, Mr. J. Harvey Ramsay.

Mrs. E. B. Fisher is visiting her brother at Worcester, Mass.

The Misses Beverley entertained at the tea hour this afternoon.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK

Beet Sugar.....	96
C. P. R.....	160
Crucible steel.....	82½
Erie.....	25½
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	79½
Union Pac.....	137½
U. S. Steel.....	131½
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	47
Marine Com.....	28
Reading.....	95
Rubber.....	56½
Studebaker.....	81½
Bethlehem.....	141
Wool.....	47½

MONTREAL

Civic.....	76
Detroit.....	109
Quebec.....	20
Toronto.....	78½
Braz.....	40½
Cement.....	60½
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Steel Co.....	60
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