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### NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

The St. John Standard and other Tory newspapers daily indulge in coarse abuse of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and endeavor to saddle him with responsibility for the anti-conscription talk which is being indulged in by street orators in Montreal and other parts of the province of Quebec. What have these patriotic journals to say to the following from the Montreal Star:

"For violent language in condemnation of England, Sir Robert Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Lomer Gouin and the entire Liberal party, last night's anti-conscription meeting at Lafontaine Park far surpassed all other meetings held since the agitation against the military service measure commenced three months ago. For some time denunciations of Sir Wilfrid, Sir Lomer and the Liberal party generally have been growing more and more bitter. They culminated in attacks by nearly every speaker in a long list last night—at times the mention of the names of the Liberal leaders was the signal for cries of shame and hisses. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was declared to be the first to enunciate the principle that when Great Britain was at war Canada was at war; he had been elected to settle the Manitoba school question and the speaker declared it was not settled yet. All Liberals, including Mayor Martin, who urged people to put their confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier, were heartily condemned."

Just because some scoundrel attempted to dynamite the summer home of Sir Hugh Graham a few days ago, and there have been some small-sized riots at street meetings in Montreal, is no reason why the whole country should get excited. The present is not the first occasion when Montreal has been the scene of violent outbreaks by political agitators. In the year 1849 fervid Tory patriots burned the Parliament buildings in that city and rotten-egged the Governor General and some of their leading spirits signed a manifesto declaring for the annexation of Canada to the United States. There is likely to be some disorder when conscription is put in force, but there is not much danger of a repetition of the acts of 1849.

### THE MILITARY SERVICE BILL.

An important amendment to the military service bill was made by Sir James Loughheed, government leader in the Senate, when the bill was before the Upper House. This amendment provides for any offence against any of the provisions of the act without the consent and approval of the Attorney General. The Attorney General is Hon. C. J. Doherty, M. P. for St. Anne's division of Montreal, Quebec's Irish-Catholic representative in the cabinet.

There are those who venture the opinion that this amendment is designed to allay the clamor against the elimination of divinity students from the exemptions. Against no man more than the Minister of Justice has that clamor been directed, and now it is pointed out he will be able to say that there need be no fear since there can be no conviction for infringement of the act by divinity students or anybody else without his approval.

Hon. Arthur Meighen always contended in the House that it was the intention of the government to divorce itself to the greatest possible extent from interference with the working of the act. Much was to be left to the tribunals. Now it is apparent that the Hon. Mr. Doherty is to have complete power in connection with that part of the act without which it could not be workable at all.

Quebec Telegraph: There is not a Canadian who professes to know anything about the administration of the present government that can point to any big action in its war policy that has been accomplished without a series of bungling due to incompetence, which, under ordinary circumstances, should have disqualified the responsible parties from any further office, but instead, they have been condoned and rewarded with higher and more distinguished honors.

Halifax Chronicle: The Canadian Navy, such as it is, has done excellent war work, and even those who cursed it, sneered and jeered at it, are constrained today to bear testimony to its worth. The pity is that the Borden-Bourassa alliance put a stop to the carrying out of the Laurier program which would have been of inestimable service to Canada and the Empire during the past three years.

Eastern Chronicle: As for conscription to be applied by the Borden government, it would not stand a minute before the people of Nova Scotia. Except in the voluntary enlistment of Liberal lads, everything else concerning the war was managed by Tory political committees, Tory members of Parliament. If the Liberal Members of Parliament would vote for a continuance of that sort of thing, they would be adding insult to the injury inflicted on the people by the extreme partisanship of the Borden government. If they voted for an extension of power to the present government, they should be ashamed, when they come back home, to look an honest Liberal in the face.

Sydney Record: The Western Liberal convention went on record as opposed to hereditary titles in Canada. Here's one more reason why the Liberal cause will be opposed by the Montreal Star.

The Toronto Telegram, a Tory newspaper, hands this one out to Premier Borden: "Sir Robert Borden has wasted a lot of time negotiating with Sir Clifford Sifton. Sir Robert might as well negotiate with a tombstone."

The Financial Post estimates that Canada's wheat crop this year will be worth half a billion dollars. The total field crops of Canada, it says, will be worth a round billion dollars. What a truly wonderful country is Canada!

It is now said that Sir Clifford Sifton is willing to help along the union government scheme by taking over the Premiership.

### Through Our Sieve

Lens continues to be the focus of the British army.

With Nikitine in its cabinet, maybe Russia will show some color.

Russia is getting plenty of exercise shaking up its cabinets.

If this warm weather continues the beach behind the pumping station may develop into a "flirtation" plant.

Owing to the high cost of petroleum the old fashioned fired girl who used to blow herself up lighting the kitchen fire with paraffine is almost extinct.

Germany has been telling her people for years that she was fighting a defensive war—and now it is beginning to come true.

Those who are inclined to fret at the tardiness of the Allied troops in the Near East are reminded that it took Moses 40 years to bring his band through the same strip of territory.

If a man thinks a woman will not be efficient in assembling the parts in an industrial plant, let him try dressing the baby while he carries on a conversation with his mouth full of pins.

The dentist who is snagging at a nerve is always an optimist about what you are feeling. "We," he says, "aren't going to mind this much." But you can't use your mouth to ask him where he gets that "we" stuff.

## MARYSVILLE NEWS

Marysville, Aug. 14. — A team composed of employees of the C.G.R. and machinists of the Canadian Cottons figured in an interesting bowling match at the Dawson Club alleys last evening. It resulted in victory for the latter by several pins.

Mr. H. W. Woods, post office inspector was in town on an inspection tour yesterday.

Postmaster J. S. Inch is recovering after an illness.

Late Edwin Wilson. The funeral of the late Edwin Wilson took place this afternoon from the home of his son, Mr. William A. Wilson, 559 King street, and was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Kierstead and interment was made at the Rural cemetery.

Dr. C. R. Fletcher of New York, is here on his annual vacation trip and is the guest of his brother-in-law, Collector Macnutt.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Shiels and son left yesterday by auto on a trip to Albert county.

Mr. George McArthur of St. John arrived in the city last night and registered at the Queen.

## MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Aug. 14.—Maritime men in Monday night's casualty list are as follows:

### Infantry.

Died—C. H. Annand, Milford, N. S. Wounded—W. C. Hamilton, Blacklands, N.B.; Leo Bradley, Grand Falls, N. B.; John Caldwell, Apohaqui, N.B. Wounded and gassed—Lance Corp. J. J. McDonald, Lorway Mines, Sydney N. S.

### Services.

Wounded—Sapper Thos. McCann, St. John, N. B. Gas poisoning—Pte. Peter McMillan, Marble Mountain, N. S.

### Engineers.

Presumed to have died—Sapper H. A. Logan, North Sydney, N. S. Ottawa, Aug. 14. — The noon casualty list contains 104 names, of whom three are killed in action, three died of wounds, two seriously ill and the balance wounded or gassed.

The list includes:

### Infantry.

Killed in action: J. J. Lowe, Charlottetown. Seriously ill: K. Scott, Hammondville, N. S.

Wounded: D. Arseneau, Campbellton; J. E. Tolhurst, St. George. Gassed: J. Scott, Clifton, N. B.; J. Carroll, Carroll's Crossing, N. B.; G. Lamb, Newcastle, N. B.; W. McDonald, Moncton, N. B.

### Artillery.

Gassed: F. C. Edgett, Hillsboro, N. B.

Misses Louise and Helen Scott left today for The Barony to spend a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Humphrey who are on a motor tour of the province, arrived in the city last night. They are at the Queen.

### OF SOCIAL INTEREST

Miss Edith Giddard and Miss Chase of St. John, are spending a couple of weeks in the city.

Miss Kee of St. John, is visiting Mrs. Amos Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Creed and daughter were over-Sunday guests of Mrs. McIntosh and Miss Bradley at Pine Bluff camp.

Miss Hudson and her niece, Miss Helen Hudson, leave tomorrow for St. Andrews.

Mrs. John W. Spurden and daughter Mrs. Fred Porter and children are spending a week at Dumfries.

Mrs. Ross Thompson and little daughter Betty, have gone to Vancouver to visit Mrs. Thompson's sister. Miss Betty will remain for a year.

## SIR SAM HUGHES AND R. B. BENNETT IN A SCRAP

(Continued from page 5.) ism to offer and got into a sharp altercation with Mr. R. B. Bennett.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux moved to strike out a clause of the bill which provided salaries for the under secretaries. The motion was defeated by 37 to 25 on a straight party vote.

Objection was made by Liberals to the payment of a salary to Col. Clark on the ground that most of his time was spent writing campaign literature for the Tory party.

Finally on motion of the Premier the words were struck from the bill which virtually creates the under secretaries ministers of the Crown.

## STOCK MARKET NEW YORK

Beet Sugar.....	93
C. P. R.....	161
Crucible steel.....	82
Erie.....	24
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	89
Union Pac.....	137
U. S. Steel.....	124
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	43
Marine Com.....	29
Reading.....	94
Rubber.....	58 1/2
Studebaker.....	52
Bethlehem.....	141
Wool.....	47 1/2

### MONTREAL.

Civic.....	75
Detroit.....	110
Quebec.....	21
Toronto.....	75 1/2
Braz.....	38 1/2
Cement.....	63
Iron.....	61
Steel Co.....	58
Spanish.....	14 1/2
Shaw.....	122
Laur. Pulp.....	185
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