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SIR WILFRID'S STAND

"I affirm it with all my power that it is the duty of Canada to give to Great Britain in this war all the assistance that is in the power of Canada. My confidence in the present Government at Ottawa does not come from the soles of my boots, but at the outbreak of the war I considered it my duty to support it in its war policy. I have supported it in that policy ever since and I will support it again. The reason is that this war is a contest between German institutions and British institutions. British institutions mean freedom. German institutions mean despotism. That is why we Canadians have such a vital interest in this war."—Sir Wilfred Laurier at Sherbrooke.

THE WAR HORSE SCANDAL

The work of Sir Charles Davidson, formerly chief justice of Quebec and for some months past royal commissioner investigating alleged irregularities in the purchase of war supplies for the dominion government, is now nearing an end. It is the expectation of the commissioner to be able to place his report before parliament at its forthcoming session. The report of Sir Charles promises to be a very interesting document. He has travelled from coast to coast, and where he has only applied the probe to matters brought out before the public accounts committee at Ottawa last session, he has gathered a lot of important evidence against Tory looters and grafters and will have a scold tale to tell in his report.

This week Sir Charles has been in Ontario investigating purchases of war horses for the government. So far he has not run across any changers which were brought by the government after having been swapped for two ducks and a drake; he has not found on the list of purchases animals too old for service at the time of the Boer war, nor has he found that the government agents bought horses which, when they lay down, had to be helped up by a charge of dynamite. Kings county, N.S., the home of that eminent moral reformer, Mr. A. De Witt Foster, M.P., seems to enjoy a monopoly of this particular brand of war horses. Sir Charles was able to discover in Ontario, however, that a Tory M.P.P. was paid a rakeoff on 363 horses purchased for the government. He also discovered that a man named Jones, who acted as a sort of middleman, made a profit of \$2500 on war horses. How Jones worked the game is told by the following extract from the evidence as reported in a Toronto paper:

"Jones said that at one time he was in partnership with Fallis. The horses bought had been trimmed up and made to look smarter before they were offered to the government. He knew of no horses being drugged, however. In response to a question by Sir Charles Davidson, the witness said that his share of the total profits would amount to about \$2500.

"As the witness understood it, no one was allowed to sell horses to the government for the first contingent, except through Jones or Fallis.

"Why should they have to sell through you?" he was asked.

"I don't know, unless it was because we had the purchasing officers brought here."

"Why should not other people deal direct with the government?"

"I don't know."

"The witness said that he kept no books or records of horse transactions with the government."

It is the same old story of political patronage and graft. The same methods pursued in Nova Scotia were followed in Ontario. The government agents were compelled to deal with patronage dispensers and heelers, with the result that a lot of old skates were palmed off on the country at extravagant prices. Several hundred of these animals eventually found their way into a glue factory at Quebec, while others which failed to pass muster there, were promptly relegated to the bone heap on their arrival in England.

DISABLED SOLDIERS

The returned soldiers, whose wounds do not involve permanent disability, will have much less trouble in finding places in the industrial life of Canada than those who are maimed or permanently disabled. A Napanee reader of The Toronto Globe suggests that the government of Canada adopt in making provision for the maimed, the policy followed by the government of the United States at the close of the Civil War. He says:

"As a boy, I can remember the village postmaster, with one leg, afterwards crippled by another crippled in the same manner; the collector of customs, with one arm, who filled the position, I am told, for over twenty-five years; two lighthouse keepers, each having lost an arm; and many of your readers will remember Colonel Twitchell, (who lost both arms and was also wounded in the face, who filled the office of United States consul in Kingston for many years. Why not fill vacancies as they occur in the post offices, customs, lighthouses, messengers in the parliament buildings, rural mail drivers, caretakers of public buildings, especially armories, in fact, anything when there is a vacancy and a disabled soldier can be used? It would reduce the pension list when the salary was sufficient, and make the government loyal to the veteran as he was to his King. The provincial government could fill all vacant offices in just the same manner, as there are men at the front today equal in ability to any left at home. I am sure there are many of the same opinion as I am who would like to see our returned soldiers well cared for by being employed in the manner mentioned above."

GERMAN KULTUR

The words of Heinie Schultz, deserter and stowaway, now held at Ellis Island, New York, are of more than transitory significance. When asked, on being taken into custody, why he had fled the German army, he broke out angrily:

"I don't know what you mean when you talk about my country. It is the place where they would have me die, that's all. It doesn't care about me, I don't care about it, either. If I could know that never again would I see Germany, then I would be very glad. There is no reason why I should want to live in Germany."

Commenting on the above, The New York Sun says:

"Kultur made the machine man but the machine man rebelled because it was more than machine. How many more Heinie Schultzes at heart are there in the German army? How long can the sophistry of Kultur, beaten into Germans for two generations, continue to drive them to the slaughter for 'a place in the sun' which is really nothing other than despotism's place in the sun?"

"And, last but not least, what stirrings of a forgotten sentiment should these words not inspire within the hearts of many here to whom the hyphen has strangely become dearer than the love of liberty which they profess led them hitherward?"

Premier Murray of Nova Scotia received a large number of suggestions from various parts of the province respecting a motto for the 5th regiment of Highlanders. After some consideration he selected the motto, "Siol na fear fearail," which means "The breed (descendants) of manly men." This motto was suggested by Prof. A. G. Macdonald, inspector of schools, Antigonish. It is entirely original and very suitable for a body of Canadian soldiers. It reads well in Gaelic and possesses a rhythmic character.

GREAT FEATURES NEXT WEEK AT THE GAIETY THEATRE

A splendid line of high class feature production has been booked by the enterprising management of the Gaiety Theatre for next week. On Monday Arnold Daly will be seen as Ashton-Kirk investigator in the first of the famous McIntyre detective stories "An Affair of Three Nations" in five reels. Pathe Canadian and British Gazette will be shown. On Wednesday the celebrated Broadway star Frank Keenan will be featured in "The Long Chance" six reels a Broadway Universal Production.

Mrs. Donham and her daughter, Mrs. Morton, who have been visiting Mrs. Donham's sister, Mrs. F. P. Robinson, left Thursday for their home in Portland, Me.

Mr. A. Foster of Boston, is at the Queen.

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CANADIAN CAMP
AND RED CROSS WORK

The following circular, has been sent out by the Canadian Camp a New York organization of sportsmen who have hunted in Canada:

To the Members of the Canadian Camp:

Out of respect and sympathy for Canada, some of the members of the Canadian Camp recently met to consider how its members, who for years have enjoyed the privileges of hunting and fishing in that land of congenial spirits, and unequalled advantages to sportsmen, can best serve Canada in her present time of trouble.

The United States and Canada are so closely allied, that our keenest interest in their welfare, and pride in their achievements can be well understood, and is similar to the mutual interests found among the members of a large and harmonious family.

The Secretary of the Montclair Fish and Game Club, inaugurated among American sportsmen's club domiciled in the Province of Quebec, a plan for contributing to the Red Cross fund whereby appreciation of their members could best be shown for the great advantages and the many warm-hearted, sportsman-like kindnesses expressed to them while pleasuring in the wilds of that sportsman's Paradise.

While many of our members have already contributed to the Red Cross fund, there may be some who have not done so, and would be glad of the opportunity to follow the lead of the Montclair Club even in a small way, that would not over-tax those with a moderate income, by at this time donating \$2.00 and upwards. Remittances may be forwarded to our Secretary, Dr. H. T. Gilpin, 57 West 57th Street, New York, which will be remitted to the Canadian Red Cross Society.

You can readily appreciate the privilege this donation will afford you, and the help the aggregated amount thus collected, will be in sending medical supplies, and clothing to our brother sportsmen, who are giving their best service—even their lives—to safeguard their country.

G. LENOX CURTIS, President
H. T. GILPIN, Secretary

GERALD WHITE, M. P.
SECOND IN COMMAND

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—Captain Gerald V. White, M. P. for Renfrew, is the latest parliamentarian to enlist for overseas service. He has been offered and accepted the rank of senior major in the new Lanark and Renfrew battalion.

CANADA'S
TOBACCO FUND

The total contribution to the end of October amounted to \$76,705. This represents 306,820 packages of tobacco and cigarettes. Of these, 240,828 have been despatched and there are in process of despatch 65,892. Canada still heads the list of the Overseas Dominions in the amount contributed, but the sum subscribed is barely sufficient to supply each man at the front with a package of tobacco once in every five or six weeks. The number of men at the front is increasing, and if the boys are to have the comfort of a smoke regularly it is necessary that the Overseas Club should be in a position to provide at least seventy or eighty thousand packages per week, even after allowance has been made for gifts of tobacco from other sources.

Mrs. Robt. FitzRandolph has returned from a visit with friends in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McLeann, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McMurray, Mrs. Montgomery, Miss Morgan and Mr. W. A. Lounsbury were among those who went to St. John to hear Harry Lauder.

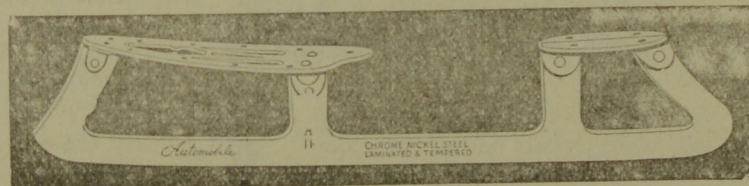
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