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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 Wilfrid Laurier at Sherbrooke.

SHUNTING AT SHORNCLEIFF

A lot of Canadian officers, who secure appointments for overseas service and make a lot of noise over it for some reason or other seem to get no further than the training camp at Shorncliffe. Many Canadian officers who crossed the Atlantic with the first contingent are still being kept at Shorncliffe at the expense of the Canadian taxpayer, while others who left months afterwards are now serving in the trenches. The following extract from a recent London despatch may be of interest to those who wonder why so many Canadian officers bring up at Shorncliffe and remain there:

"On October 27 we cable a list of changes in the artillery commands at Shorncliffe. This week's Truth recommends that the Canadian military authorities make an inquiry into statements current at Shorncliffe regarding the recent wholesale change in artillery commands, which was apparently done without warning or reason given. 'All these officers,' says Truth, 'some of whom, if not all, have come out in command of their batteries from Canada, are transferred to a reserve brigade, which means that their prospects of going to the front are closed for an indefinite time in favor of new selections. Such wholesale shunting of men at such short notice will require a good deal of justification.'"

The recent announcement by Sir Sam Hughes that two Canadian battalions, all ready to leave for England, had been detained in order that the officers might be given an overhauling, seems to indicate that the Canadian military authorities have received some sort of a tip from the other side and are acting upon it. The late Lord Wolseley always contended that an inefficient officer was a swindle upon the public and his opinion should carry some weight with Sir Sam Hughes. If an officer is unfit for his job why should the government of Canada incur the expense of sending him to England in order that the British authorities may shunt him off at Shorncliffe?

THE SHELL COMMISSION

Investigation of the Don Inion Shell Commission is demanded by The Ottawa Citizen. This would involve merely an extension of the power conferred on Judge Davidson. The suggestion that his position as investigator be made permanent will be strengthened by this apparent need for his services. The many rumors circulated and charges made privately should be cleared up by a fully inquiry. Suspicion of men in authority is fatal to the spirit that promotes enlistment. Soldiers will not serve willingly knowing that men are making vast fortunes through the special demands of war. Inquiry need not interfere in any way with the earnestly promoted work of manufacture. It will not delay the supplying of Canada's share of munitions. Its beneficial effect will be to clear away the suspicion and thus convince young men that the have a country in every way worthy of the extreme sacrifice.

Losses through such acts as necessitate investigation, onerous as they

may be, are not as injurious as the discouraging conviction that leading citizens are dishonestly propping by the nation's hour of stress. Such a conviction says the Toronto Globe cannot fail to exert a discouraging influence on young men contemplating enlistment. The loss of such young men's confidence is more weakening than the loss of money through excessive profits on munitions contracts. If rumors are unfounded, that does not lessen their injury or relieve the necessity of allaying suspicion by inquiry. It is necessary, apart from the influence of suspicion on enlistment, to investigate shell manufacture, to the end that the Government and the public may obtain full information with regard to cost. The information will be extremely valuable, for it is not likely that any private corporation will in future be allowed to depend, for profits and dividends, on the income derived from munitions contracts. An inquiry will prepare the Government for the natural duty of making and providing military and naval supplies.

Twice wounded while doing his duty for the empire on the battlefields of France and Belgium, Private James King of the 13th Battalion, arrived in the city on Thursday evening. His coming was unannounced, consequently he did not get the welcome which was his due. Nevertheless, he is just as much a hero as if a brass band and half of the population had turned out to greet him. Private King was one of the first men in this section to offer his services to the empire when the war broke out. He left Canada as a member of the 12th Battalion and last spring was sent to France with a draft for the 13th. He did not figure in the newspapers and friends here heard nothing concerning him until they got the story from his own lips on his arrival here. Private King is an Englishman by birth but he regards New Brunswick as his home and he is back here to remain. Surely it will not be a difficult matter for this modest, heroic young man to find some kind of light employment at which he can earn a livelihood.

Mr. Armand Lavergne, in a letter to General Hughes declining the latter's offer of the command of an overseas battalion, declared that he had always been opposed to Canadians participating in European wars. He also handed General Sam this one: "Since I have been in public life, this was always the well known policy of the Nationalist party, to which I belong, and I have seen these same principles partaken of and defended with vigor, intelligence and conviction by several members of your cabinet, past and present, such as Hon. Mr. Monk, who remained loyal to them until his death, and Hon. L. P. Pelletier, Hon. W. B. Nantel, Hon. L. Codre and the new minister of the interior, Hon. Mr. Patenaude."

What Mr. Lavergne says concerning some of Sir Sam's present and late colleagues in the cabinet is true, but with these men the spoils of office come first.

Mr. R. J. Jardine of Toronto, is in the city.

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THE MACHINE
GUN MUDDLE

No acceptable explanation has come from the government or from any other source, to account for the unfortunate machine gun muddle.

Through a speech made by a member of the Federal Cabinet while the Minister of Militia was in England, an appeal was made to the people of Canada to subscribe for supplementary machine guns to supply the deficiency of the Canadian battalions. There was nothing dubious about this appeal. It was intended for a specific purpose—that was, to get money from individuals to buy equipment badly needed, and which it was made to appear the government had not bought; and it succeeded.

The result of the appeal was a wave of enthusiasm. The money flowed in from all parts of the country sufficient to equip every Canadian battalion at the front with eight extra guns, and when the men at the front heard of it they were overjoyed, because it meant giving them a better fighting chance. It was fully conceded at these supplementary guns were needed if the Canadian soldiers were to fight on anything like equal terms with the Germans, who firing lines literally bristle with these deadly weapons.

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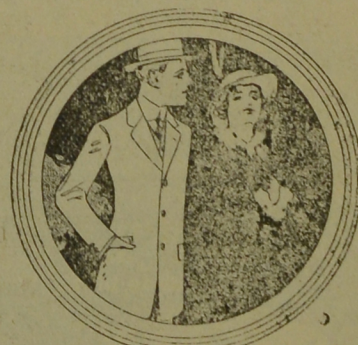
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