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## EDITORIALS

There appears to be no doubt but that the Dominion government intends to appeal to the country by February next. Dispatches from Ottawa tell of the beginning of a campaign of speeches by Cabinet ministers all over Canada, presumably to assist recruiting. This is too thin a reason altogether for it is well known that the only trouble in Canada is that half the men who want to serve cannot get a chance. There must be another reason, therefore, for this activity among the Cabinet ministers. The Premier, Bob Rogers and J. D. Hazen are already very active in the Maritime provinces and it is said that some of them will shortly visit the West. It is also stated that the coming session of Parliament will not assemble till early in February, all of which goes to show that the government expects to hold a short session and endeavor to secure a snap judgment from the people.

Speaking from an Imperial point of view, it is anything but patriotic to convulse the country with politics with serious business on hand and especially since the government has over another year to run. From a political point of view the government would be playing right into the hands of the opposition to force an election at this time. In the first place, many of the government's strongest supporters, both press and lay, have denounced it in the strongest terms and there is good reason for believing that when the Governor-General was approached he refused to countenance it. It must also be remembered that while it might be unwise to change the Imperial government while war is on it is quite different with the Canadian government, which has nothing to do with the conduct of the war but to do as they are told from London, and both parties in Canada are pledged to a support of that policy. A change in the Canadian government would therefore not affect the Imperial situation at all, and Conservatives will make a mistake if they depend too much on this.

The war, therefore, has nothing to do with the government's chances of re-election. Looking over the whole field, it can be safely assumed that the odds are greatly in favor of the Liberals returning to power under the popular leadership

of that great patriot and statesman, the Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The first year or two of the Laurier administration saw one bye-election after the other falling into the hands of the Liberals. An immediate change could be seen all over the country. How different it has been since the Borden party came into power. In the first place the election was won by a fluke over American annexation, which all parties now agree was absurd. Then the majority of the bye-elections since have gone so badly against the government that they have been afraid for many months to risk another. The country, too, realizes that there is not one big man in the whole ranks of the government, while the opposition benches are filled with men who are giants in intellect and achievement.

There is no doubt but that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a far bigger man today than he was even at the head of the government. Big men are made bigger by adversity and Sir Wilfrid has shared in this. The people of Canada did not realize until they lost him what a great man they had at the head of their affairs. This is one of the reasons why the bye-elections have gone against the government. The personality of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has so far outshone the leaders of the Borden government that most of the people of Canada still look up to him as leader. Besides this Sir Wilfrid has the advantage of an able body of colleagues whose names are household words all over Canada. When the Rockefeller Foundation wanted the biggest man they could lay hands on to study the world's industrial question they went straight to the Laurier Cabinet and secured the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, ex-Minister of Labor. If the greatest men in a country should be in charge of the government then Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues should be put back in power at the first opportunity—and they will.

### IS A GOOD GAMBLE.

Betting at Lloyd's on Whether War Will End by March.

London, Dec. 12.—The betting at Lloyd's yesterday was 80 guineas that the war would be over by the end of March. The greater demand for insurance, the higher the premium.

## GREAT BRITAIN HAS A VOICE IN MATTER

No Definite Disposition of Kiauchau Has Yet Been Made—Must Await End of War.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The statement by Baron Kato, the Japanese foreign minister, in the Diet, that Japan had made no promise to any country to return Kiauchau to China, attracts much interest in official circles here. Secretary Bryan would not comment, and referred inquirers to statements already made.

When Japan delivered her ultimatum to Germany demanding the evacuation of Kiauchau, the statement was published that the territory would be returned to China. That, it was later pointed out, was upon the supposition that Germany would comply with the terms of the ultimatum and voluntarily turn over the territory. However, as Japan was put to a general military campaign to get possession of Kiauchau one contention now in the Japanese mind is that the original pledge was not binding.

After the entry of Japan into the war, Count Okuma, the Premier, in reply to an inquiry, announced that Japan had no intention of securing territorial extensions as a result of the war. Kiauchau was not specifically mentioned, although it might have been inferred that it was included. It may be stated authoritatively that while Japan has not formally undertaken to surrender Kiauchau, she has by no means officially committed herself to its retention. Practically, it has been decided that this question must await the end of the war for its answer, because to diplomats it would not only seem to be prudent in view of the uncertain issue of hostilities, but for the reason that Japan realizes that her allies may properly claim a voice in determining the future of those possessions. The fact that Great Britain participated actively with her troops and ships in the capture of Kiauchau is referred to as supporting that position.

## URGES BARS UPON HINDUS BE REMOVED

London, Dec. 11.—The Morning Post's Sydney correspondent says that Colonial Secretary Harcourt has answered the Australian government's communication relating to the entrance of Indians into the British dominions, stating that the support offered by the princes and people of the Indian empire shows a strong war feeling in India, and indicates that the embargo of Indian natives to Canada and Australia should be removed.

Among the papers forwarded by Mr. Harcourt is the statement made by Lord Hardinge, Viceroy of India, at the opening of the Legislative Council in September, where it is stated that it has been decided to negotiate with the colonial governments, they with strong Imperial instincts "will meet us in no niggardly spirit, provided we on our side, show a readiness to meet them half way."

## EX-ARMY OFFICERS ARE SOUGHT AFTER

The Canadian military authorities have received through His Royal Highness the Governor General an important notification from the Army Council, London, regarding the mobilization for the war of ex-officers of the British regular and territorial forces.

The Army Council has reason to believe that there are several ex-officers of the regular and territorial forces between 25 and 40 years of age residing in Canada who have not joined the Canadian contingent but who would rejoin their old corps. The Army Council is prepared to offer such persons, including retired officers of the special reserve and ex-militia officers, if certified medically fit, temporary commissions for the duration of the war. Free passage to and from Great Britain and an allowance of 30 pounds sterling made for provision of uniform and one of 7 pounds 10 shillings for camp kit.

### The Origin of the Cocktail.

Who invented the cocktail? Some bartender? A bon vivant? Or was its discovery the result of a drunken frolic?

The cocktail was invented by Mrs. Elizabeth Flanagan, widow of an Irish soldier who fell in the service of the American army during the revolution. After her husband's death, Mrs. Flanagan became an army sutler, following a troop of Virginia horse under Colonel Burr. In the winter of 1779 she took up quarters with the troop in a place called Four Corners, on the road between Tarrytown and White Plains, N. Y., near the demesne of John D. Rockefeller. There Mrs. Flanagan set up a hotel which soon became the rendezvous of the "swells" of that day. One day the hostess surprised her guests by announcing a new drink—the cocktail—supposed to have been named after the blending of colors in the tail of a game cock.

## HE HAD DESIGNS ON NEWFOUNDLAND

Kaiser Knew its Value as a Base for Attacking Canada.

London, Dec. 12.—Germany's designs on Newfoundland, as disclosed in the Canadian Gazette, is much discussed here. The Daily Chronicle notes how busy the German spies have been in the ancient colony, which strategically commands the eastern entrance to Canada. That experience of Mr. Thomas Cantley, general manager of the Nova Scotia Steel Company, when visiting the Krupp Works, shows that the Krupp, and therefore the German government, know every detail of the island's potential usefulness as a military base for terrorizing and possibly invading Canada. The question arises, how far St. Johns is being used as a spy center.

## WOMEN'S STYLES TO BE MODEST, CONSERVATIVE

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 14.—The style committee of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association will decree that the tight skirt must give way to fullness below the waist line. The association so decided at its 25th annual convention. The coats and skirts are to be shorter, and almost entirely there will be a tailor-made season for 1915, for America. In working out the styles the ideas is to have more sense in the fashions. All is modest and conservative, foreign suggestions of color or style being eliminated. George W. Forster, of Cleveland, was elected president.

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