

WOMEN GOING TO BACK BOYS

Hon. Mr. Rowell Urges Men Not to Vote With Forces of Delay

BIG MEETING AT GALT

Labor's Place Assured in Cabinet— Workingmen Applaud Statement.

(Staff Correspondence of The Globe.)
Galt, Dec. 12.—“The hearts of the women of Canada are overseas, and the women are going to stand behind the boys, no matter what happens. Why shouldn't it be so? But for their service and sacrifice your homes and your daughters would be ravaged and ravished like those in France and Belgium!”

This was the Hon. Newton Rowell's assurance given a vast crowd at the Armories here tonight in his plea to men distracted from the present issue by party affiliations to reconsider their decision, if any, to vote with the forces of delay.

As to the continued whisperings throughout this great industrial riding regarding the alleged disregard of the interests of Labor by the Union Government, Mr. Rowell affirmed that Labor will have a representative in the Cabinet.

No Government could be truly national without Labor's great forces at the front and at home being represented in the Cabinet that directs the affairs of the nation, and the big representation of Labor present endorsed this statement with great applause.

Recover Some of Aliens' Big Pay.

Regarding the difference between the pay of Canadian soldiers and alien workers in Canada, Mr. Rowell said it is stated that alien workers in this country were receiving rates of pay far greater than the soldiers.

It might well be a matter for the consideration of the Government to see whether or not some of this money might be recovered by taxation in some scheme fair to the whole of the people and just to Canada, “and I pledge myself,” he said, “to seek such a scheme and enforce it.”

Mr. Harry Holmes, the Chairman, who is an ex-Alderman of Galt, said: “I owe allegiance to no party and no man at a time like this. We owe everything to the State. There are no side lines. Win the war first, and then go ahead with your other plans. I am a workingman and a Britisher, and I am for Union Government because Labor is vitally interested in the success that may accrue to the allies in the prosecution of the war” (Loud applause.)

Galt's War Work Praised.

Hon. W. D. Meagher, Provincial Secretary, also spoke on behalf of Mr. F. S. Scott, the Unionist candidate. He congratulated Galt on its war work generally, particularly the contribution in men from South Waterloo. “I am sure the recent demonstration at Kitchener must be lamented by you,” said he. “We all lament it. I think a community owed more consideration to Sir

Robert Borden than that one, but I am sure that could not happen in any other part of the riding.” (Applause.)

One Question to Decide.

The reception given Mr. Rowell was characteristic of what he has received during his present tour throughout the Province.

“This is not a political fight,” said he. “The whole question you are called upon to decide on Monday is, Are you ready to give the new Government a mandate to prosecute the war with all possible vigor and speed?” He pointed out that Sir Wilfrid conscientiously disapproved of compulsory military service, and that after weeks of consideration of it. The same offer was made to the Liberals who agreed with the principles of conscription as the best means of providing reinforcements for the boys at the front.

Having gone into the Cabinet, Mr. Rowell pointed out that the English-speaking Liberals have equal representation in the Government, with special representation for Labor.

“We will claim and exercise our right to have our say and status in the consideration of all matters of State,” said he. “and Sir Robert Borden had no wish or disposition to go against our rights in the management of Canadian affairs.” (Applause.)

Labor's Place in Government.

Devoting much of his speech to the interests of Labor, Mr. Rowell pointed out that Labor for the first time in Canadian history will have an important post in the Cabinet. The Government would not be a national Government in any way under the present circumstances should Labor not be included in the Government. He pointed out the great contribution of Labor of men and money to Canada's part in the war, and it is now entitled to a new place and new recognition in the Government of Canada. (Applause.)

Mr. Rowell declared the problem of reconstruction and development of the country demands that the national Government take a primary interest in amicable relations between Capital and Labor, and that Messrs. Maclean and Robertson will devote their whole time to this very important work.

Why Aliens Not Sent to Fight.

“Why did we not send the alien enemies to fight and keep our boys at home?” some of you ask. “Britain will never act contrary to all the laws of humanity, to make men fight against their own flesh and blood. Further, we would not trust them.” (Laughter.)

Mr. Rowell declared that party Government was no longer equal to the task of prosecution of the war, and that in view of the fact that greater unity is the watchword of the allies, and the Central powers, therefore it is a very good watchword for Canadians and the rest of the Dominions. “Had Britain,” said he, “not consolidated her forces and resources when she did, I firmly believe that she could not remain such an effective leader of the allies in the European conflict.”

Stand by Convictions.

“Now, what will you do? Stand by your convictions, or serve in the interests of party? I stood to my principles in defeat because I believed I was right. I will stand by my convictions in this issue because I am more convinced that I am right. The story of these days will make one of the brightest pages in the history of Canada if the Union Government is victorious. It will compare with the actions of Brown, Mowat and McDougall, the Liberal Fathers of Confederation.”