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## THE NOBLER PART

In refusing to sanction the killing of sleeping German women and children in revenge for the murder of British women and children by German Zeppelin raiders, the British government plays the nobler part. That the decision against reprisals in kind will be understood in Germany is doubtful, but it cannot fail to increase the respect in which Britain is held throughout the world. The giant aeroplanes of the Canada type, which the Allies will soon have in service, could carry death and destruction over large districts in western Germany, and would probably prove more effective for the bombing of the residential portions of cities than Zeppelins.

Mr. Tennant's answer to the question in the Commons regarding reprisals indicates that the government might have trouble in securing airmen callous enough for the business of baby-killing, even were the administration desirous of doing so. "The Royal Flying Corps," he said, "is a military organization in England for military operations. The dastardly raids by the enemy on undefended towns and defenceless people should not be allowed to divert the energies of this fighting force from its primary military purpose."

Lord Alverstone, writing to The Times, presents the moral aspect of the case. Were the government to adopt a policy of reprisals they would make the British Empire a party to a line of conduct condemned by every right-thinking man and every civilized nation. Reprisals would not end or even shorten the war, Lord Alverstone says, and continues: "The British Empire and her allies are right and have the

cause of justice on their side. They will gain a victory over their enemies, which victory will ensue for the benefit of the civilized world. God grant that the victory may not be sullied by the recollection of any conduct of which the British nation and her forces would forever feel ashamed."

Nothing but contempt need be expected from German militarism when these sentiments are read in the mess room or the camp, but they ring true and wake a response in the breast of every humanitarian. The British Empire will continue long after the horrors of today have become history. It will have a greater place and a more enduring fame if it refuses to follow Germany in the slaughter of the innocents.—Toronto Globe.

## A PROVINCIAL ELECTION?

While in the east the Attorney-General intimated in an interview that there would not be a provincial election until next year. The signs and portents, however, point the other way. One indication that the government intends to take the plunge before long is the announcement of the early resumption of work on the Canadian Northern Pacific section on this island, although the new assurance limps a little in the absence of any freight ferry service between Patricia Bay and the mainland.

Another factor in the situation lies in the disclosures in the coal mine case now before the Superior Court, involving the Provincial Secretary in such a way as to require the most searching ventilation of the whole matter by an impartial tribunal. We are much mistaken if there will not be a stern public demand for such



COL. J. A. ROBERTS

Commandant of the Toronto University Base Hospital which has been assigned to Mediterranean duty, probably the Dardanelles.

an investigation, and it may safely be predicted that the administration will prefer to try its fortunes in an election first with an inquiry as a hazy possibility afterwards.

When the government does face the electors it will have to depend solely upon its machine, just as the Roblin ministry had no other recourse but its organization and a plugged voters' list in the election which preceded the contest that placed the Norris government in power. Its record is known to the people and no specious promises will be accepted. The electors have seen a great light since the spring of 1912, when they were so prosperous that they did not bother to study the issues and took the government at its own valuation.—Victoria Times.

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