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EDITORIAL.

THE NATIONAL PARTY'S POLICY.

The magnificent meeting at the Royal Albert Hall, on Saturday last, organized by the National Party, when Brigadier-General Page Croft, C.M.G., in an inspiring speech from the chair, outlined a policy which was enthusiastically received, was a proof of the solidarity of a movement which we believe will sweep in a wave over the whole country. The National Party stands amongst other things for War Experts for the War Cabinet, honest administration and pure Government, no secret party funds, and no sale of honours, stern measures to remove German and pro-German influence. Britain for the British and the consolidation of the Empire.

Nothing can be more significant of the force of the movement, than the silence of the party press. With the exception of the *Globe* newspaper, the notices which have been published have been quite unworthy of a great occasion. Its importance, however, must not be minimized.

First, Ambassador Gerard's great film, "My Four Years in Germany," brought forcibly home to the great audience the German brutality to British prisoners, and aroused a red hot indignation, and a firm determination to demand an exchange of prisoners man for man, and to prosecute the war with all the energy the nation possesses.

Then General Page Croft appealed to all that was best both in the men and women of his audience, and it must be remembered that women are a force to be reckoned with in politics, and of party politics the majority will have none. Hitherto the political associations joined by women have been on party lines for the promotion of the political interests of their menkind. But the large

number of women now seeking political comradeship are responsive to the demand of General Page Croft for a new spirit in dealing with national politics, and hold with him that it is criminal at the present time to divide the nation on class lines; that we must call Liberal, Unionist, and Labour men into a central brotherhood of men and women, who will place the interests of the State before those of party. If men, said General Page Croft, can be found by millions to offer their lives for a great cause, surely a few hundred can be found to serve in Parliament, not for the hope of reward, not the obedient puppets of any party caucus, but inspired by the hope of leaving their country better than they found it.

Bishops and Archbishops were still telling us to love the Germans. He found nothing in his Bible telling him to love or condone evil.

Germany should be made to understand that we will not allow her to make the war pay. Before the war she thrived and battered on this country. We must tell her that for every month she continued the war we would not purchase her goods for a year subsequently.

Mr. Havelock Wilson, O.B.E., declared that the 250,000 men belonging to the Seamen's Union were unanimous that they were not going to tolerate any Germans on British ships, and that they would not take British ships to German ports while the boycott continued.

A resolution was unanimously passed calling upon the Government to use every weapon, including that of the economic boycott, to bring the War to a successful victory for the Allies, and demanding that the War Cabinet should be strengthened by including in it men who have war experience—briefly, "War Experts for the War Cabinet." A logical policy.

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