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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.
 TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

PEACE TALK PREMATURE.

An officer, said to be of high rank, in the British forces in France, is quoted by newspaper correspondents as expressing the opinion that the war will be over before the "Ascot meeting," which, when it is held at all, takes place in mid-June. He bases his opinion on his belief, that after the general offensive movement of all the Allied nations, Germany will be willing to sue for peace on the best terms obtainable. He also says that by then the world will have become weary of the war and the powerful weight of opinion will be in the direction of peace.

The world is weary of war already, but that is no argument for peace unless the terms of agreement are such as to ensure that the work in which the Allies are now engaged will never again require attention. To conclude peace with Germany under conditions which would leave it possible for her to again wage a war of aggression would prove of no advantage even to the pacifists who, in a few years time, or as soon as the spirit of Prussian militarism again became sufficiently aggressive, would be forced to repeat the lesson the Allies are now teaching.

It would be quite logical and natural for Germany to desire peace just as soon as the area of battle moves on to her territory. A terrible object lesson of the havoc caused by modern warfare is furnished by Belgium, and there is not the slightest likelihood that the Germans would be willing to have Belgian scenes repeated with themselves cast in the role of the sufferers. Germany is far too selfish for that. Already she must realize that she is fighting in a hopeless cause, and that the path of her advantage is to get out of it speedily, on the best terms possible. But the Allies did not take the aggressive in the opening of hostilities. Germany started the trouble, and she shall not have the deciding voice as to when it will cease.

There can be little doubt that the governments of the Allied Powers have already discussed peace terms, or that the extent of Germany's prospective concessions to the victors is already well agreed upon. Whether Germany sues for peace in a few months or a few years the terms will probably be the same. Great Britain, France and Russia are evidently determined that the game, having been carried thus far, must be played out. It appears, however, that peace talk at this time is premature when, according to Lord Kitchener, "Britain has hardly commenced to fight." Meanwhile, during the continuance of the conflict the world pays a fearful price in blood, in tears and treasure, but if the world is rid of the "Prussian menace" it will be found that the resultant benefits will justify the expenditure necessary to procure them, heavy as that expenditure may now seem.

THINK "IMPERIALLY."

A Western Grit newspaper, apparently ashamed to face the facts of the position of the Grit party on the question of naval aid to the British Empire, attempts to decry the discussion of political questions at this time and declares that the first duty of all Canadians in this crisis is to "think imperially." The editor assumes that imperial thought will lead to imperial action, and that imperial action will be of Empire benefit. It is a good phrase, but the Grits are late in bringing it into use. Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not "think imperially" when he formulated his "do nothing" policy in connection with the matter of aid to the Empire navy; he did not "think imperially" when he persisted in trying to defeat Mr. Borden's proposal in the House of Commons and, falling in that, demanded of his puppets in the Senate that they strangle it. Those "honorable" gentlemen of the Senate who listened to the Laurier order and jumped in obedience to it did not "think imperially" when they permitted the voice of Laurier to stifle the voice of the Empire's need.

If Laurier and the Grits had "thought imperially" in 1912 and 1913 we now would have three of the finest ships that "science could build or money could supply" in the front line of Britain's Armada helping to establish the flag of the British Empire at the masthead of the world. The Grit newspapers know this to be true; they know that the Laurier course in the matter was not the patriotic or the loyal course; they know that Laurier's sole idea was to prevent the wish of the people of Canada from being expressed through the representative branch of the Canadian administration.

tion, and because they know they, to day, declare that the discussion of political questions is to be deplored. It is to be deplored, but mostly by the Grits themselves who stand to lose by it when the people of Canada have an opportunity to pronounce upon the men whose action in strangling the Borden naval proposal gave such joy to the exponents of German culture with whom the Empire is now at war. No matter how much or how little the Grit newspapers may say in defence of Laurier and his "policy" they cannot escape the facts and the facts are that the British Admiralty, presumably the last word in matters affecting the British navy, when asked what form of assistance from Canada would be of most practical value replied as follows:

"THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE DOMINION HAVING INQUIRED IN WHAT FORM ANY IMMEDIATE AID THAT CANADA MIGHT GIVE WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE, WE HAVE NO HESITATION IN ANSWERING AFTER A PROLONGED CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT IT IS DESIRABLE THAT SUCH AID SHOULD INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF A CERTAIN NUMBER OF THE LARGEST AND STRONGEST SHIPS OF WAR WHICH SCIENCE CAN BUILD OR MONEY SUPPLY."

Mr. Borden at once introduced legislation to provide ships such as the Admiralty asked for but, as stated, Sir Wilfrid's partisan followers ignored the Empire request and prevented the passage of the Borden proposal. The responsibility for Canada's non-participation in the naval defence of the Empire rests with the Grits and the Grits alone.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

It is sincerely to be hoped that such an excellent organization as the Lord's Day Alliance will not adopt a line of action which might cause it to become the subject of unfavorable criticism. Last evening's newspapers contained an intimation that the Alliance had protested against the concert which it is proposed to hold in the Imperial Theatre on Sunday evening next with all proceeds going to the Patriotic funds. Admittedly the law on the subject is most specific and if the point is pressed there can be no concert, unless it is held in a church, but it will be the opinion of many good citizens, whose ideas on the subject of Sabbath sanctity are quite as pronounced as those of Alliance members that, in the case of entertainments or meetings of this character, an exception might well be made.

Conditions are exceptional in Canada at the present time, and it is not to be supposed that those who framed the law upon which the Alliance rests its case had anticipated such a situation. Those who have devoted time and effort to the coming concert are deserving of every support and, in view of the circumstances, it is to be hoped that the members of the Alliance and all others will overlook any technical infraction of the law which the concert entails. In the judgment of most moderate men this is a case where the end justifies the means.

DARE HE REPEAT IT NOW?

Frank B. Carvell, M. P. for Carleton county, in one of his customary diatribes against the Canadian militia made the following attack upon General Sir John French who, today, is the hero of the British army in France and whose name is destined to go down in the annals of British history as one of the greatest soldiers the Empire has ever known. On June 1st of this year, in the House of Commons, Carvell referred to General French as follows:

"THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE WITH THE MINISTER AND HIS TOP-HEAVY MILITIA IS THE REPORT OF A GENERAL WHO CAME TO THIS COUNTRY SOME YEARS AGO AND IN MY JUDGMENT HIS VISIT WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST MISFORTUNES THAT HAS BEFALLEN CANADA. I TOLD THE MINISTER THAT IN ADOPTING THE RIDICULOUS AND UNREASONABLE REPORT MADE BY THIS GENTLEMAN (GENERAL FRENCH) HE HAD COMMITTED A GREAT MISTAKE. HIS (GENERAL FRENCH'S) IDEAS ARE RIDICULOUS."

Mr. Carvell and all his opinions are endorsed by the St. John Telegraph and the St. John Times.

According to a correspondent of the Montreal Star one of the finest battleships to be built by Great Britain in 1915 will be named "Canada."

While this is gratifying, it is also humiliating when we recall that if it had not been for the action of the Laurier partisans in the Canadian Senate this greatest of British Dominions would have been represented in fact as well as in name.

The press agent for the Dugal-Carvell banquet informs the Telegraph that Mr. Pugsley will be one of the guests. Probably he will be called upon to speak. Also, probably, he will not say a word about that little item "W. P. \$5,000." It is not considered good form in machine Grit circles to talk about that incident in Mr. Pugsley's history.

Now the Telegraph introduces the Ottawa Citizen to its readers as a Conservative newspaper, but, characteristically, omits to state at what time in the Citizen's career it represented the Conservative party. The Telegraph once claimed to be a Conservative newspaper—but that was prior to the last change of paymasters.

The Telegraph continues to rave concerning Mr. Flemming. It should save its powder. It will need it all after the people of Carleton county have finished attending to Mr. Carvell's case.

The despatches tell us that "Villa has entered Mexico City." One Madero did the same thing some time ago. Where is he now?

The Sacrifice of Belgium

(Respectfully dedicated to the Belgian Commission.)
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 Passing the measure of an age like ours
 The spirit of your brave sires lives in you,
 Their sunset glory bathes your battle-
 word stands lost in reverent surprise,
 A word stands lost in reverent surprise,
 Watching the struggle you have nobly waged,
 Honor and Freedom were your battle cries,
 Amid the hurrying storm that round you raged!

All unoffending, you, in word and deed,
 On your fair fields the first fierce onslaught broke,
 'Twas yours to check the Teuton's deadly speed,
 To crush the nations with one sudden stroke!
 What though your battlements are overthrown,
 And 'neath their crumbling wrecks your warriors lie,
 These served you better than your walls of stone—
 What they have won for Freedom shall not die!

It is not "hell" to fight 'mid smoke and fire,
 'Mid thundering guns and shrapnel's screaming flight,
 'Tis "hell" to live enslaved to base desire,
 Nor know the blessedness of Truth and Right!
 For these your fathers struggled in their day,
 Drenched with the life-blood of their historic sod,
 Their dauntless courage has not passed away,
 But makes your freemen strong with faith in God!

Rapine and wrong have wreaked their cruel rage,
 Your Rachels mourn dear homes in ashes laid,
 But you have helped to win a brighter day,
 Leading the van in Freedom's New Crusade!
 Not long the hour of anguish may endure,
 Not long the powers of darkness have their way;
 The night is waning, and the dawn is sure,
 That ushers in the new and glorious Day!

—Agnes Maule Machar (Fidelis).

INDIAN DESPERADOES STILL AT LARGE

Pembroke, Ont., Dec. 1.—Peter White Duck and Anthony Jocko, murderers of Turnkey Coxford of Pembroke jail, were still at large though hotly pursued near Golden Lake late this afternoon.

The town of Pembroke has offered a reward of \$7,000 and it is understood the province and the county of Renfrew will also offer rewards for their capture.

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Little Benny's Note Book.

By Lee Page

Mr. Wilkins and Mrs. Wilkins and Winfield, being the baby, calm over to our house last night, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins coming to pay a visit and Winfield coming because he had to, I guess, and they hadn't hardly got there when Mr. Wilkins said, Potts, old man, you'll die when I tell you Winfield's latest, you'll die, I tell you.

Im not denying it, sed pop.
 Hes krazy about putting up window shades, sed Mr. Wilkins, ony 3 months old and krazy about putting up window shades, he wants to put up evry win in site, its a scream to watch him, you wont believe it until you see him do it.

Sure Ill believe it, sed pop.
 No you wont, sed Mr. Wilkins, now jest wate a minit and youll see do it, Ill jest put him down awn the floor heer near the window and as soon as his eyes lile awn the shades, you watch him.
 But there bran noo linen shades, theyre jest bin put up, sed pop.
 Awl the shades in our house are soon to, sed Mr. Wilkins. And he put the baby down awn the floor and pointed him at the windows, the tassels of the window shades beeing so lawng they awlmost touched the floor, wich as soon as Winfield saw them he startid to laff like evrything and crawled ovir and grabbed wun and pulled it and the shade floo awl the way up to the top with a farsee bang.

Ha, ha, ha, sed Mr. Wilkins.
 I saw him awl rite, thats a bran noo shade, darn it, sed pop.
 O, Winfield shood worry about noo shades, hes the greatest kid evvir look at him, look at him, sed Mr. Wilkins. Wich jest then Winfield grabbed a hold of the utir tassels and gave it a farsee jerk as if the spring had broke or sumthing, and Winfield looked erroud for sum moar to pull, and didnt see any and he startid to cry loud as anything.

Jest listen to that, sed Mr. Wilkins, like Alexandir the grate, hes crying because he has no moar shades to conquer.
 Perhaps youd like me to pull them down so he can conquer them agen, thats nice noo shades and havent bin conquered befor, sed pop.
 It woud be verry nice of you, woud you mind, sed Mr. Wilkins.

Verry mutch, sed pop. And Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins and pop and ma startid to play cards, and Winfield forgot to cry aftr a wile, and I did my lessins.

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