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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.

IN THE DARDANELLES.

Early this morning the report that the Dardanelles had been forced still lacked official confirmation although advised from London and elsewhere brought circumstantial support to the story. A semi-official admission that London expected news of the forcing of the famous Straits and an attack on Constantinople was the nearest approach to official verification.

It is evident that the fighting on the Gallipoli Peninsula during the past few days has been desperate and attended by heavy losses. Casualties from Athens state that all the hospitals in Constantinople, all public buildings that can be spared and even ships in the harbor, are being utilized as refuges for streams of wounded pouring into the city from the trenches of Gallipoli.

The forcing of the Dardanelles will mark the successful culmination of one of the greatest undertakings in the history of war. It had been the belief that the famed waterway, with its heavily armed fortresses representing the acme of military engineering, was impregnable. Certain it is that when the Allies undertook to force the Straits they brought to the attempt the most modern methods that could be employed, and they have spared neither men nor ships to carry out their purpose. While it is not yet officially admitted that the campaign has been absolutely successful it may be taken as certain that the Allies, during the past few days, have gained such important advantages that the actual capture of the Straits cannot be long delayed.

The material effect of the forcing of the Dardanelles will be very great while the moral value of the achievement will be enormous. It will probably mean the end of Turkey as a fighting force and will foreshadow the speedy elimination of Austria. It will also serve to illustrate to the Balkan nations that their assistance while welcome, is not indispensable, and that the objects of the Quadruple Entente can be gained without them. Faced with concrete evidence of this the Balkan statesmen cannot but realize that Germany's prospect of victory in this war has absolutely disappeared, and they are then likely to speedily decide that their interests can best be served by active participation on the side of the Entente Allies.

Materially, the forcing of the Dardanelles and the resultant opening of the Black Sea will be of most advantage to the Russians. It will then be possible for Britain, France and Italy to send men and munitions to strengthen the Russian lines and to clear the way for the final acts of the war. Germany will be outnumbered on all sides and will be forced either to unconditional surrender or annihilation. The opening of the Dardanelles will be the first step in the direction of the utter defeat of Prussia and the redemption of the German people from the yoke of militarism and aggression.

SIR SAM HUGHES, K. C. B.

Occasionally since the outbreak of war the Telegraph and Times have indulged in editorial advocacy of harmony and single-mindedness in the prosecution of the Empire's campaigns against the Germans. All political questions should be forgotten and credit given where due.

Those newspapers had a splendid opportunity yesterday to practice what they preached, but they failed to embrace it. On Tuesday afternoon King George received in private audience the Canadian Minister of Militia and Defence and conferred upon him the honor of the order of Knight Commander of the Bath, the highest order of knighthood held by any Canadian public man. This honor was in recognition of good work well done, and a distinct compliment to the people of Canada of all shades of political opinion. Yet the Telegraph, yesterday morning, failed to give the incident editorial comment, while the Times last evening carried this paragraph: "The honor of knighthood comes to Major General Sam Hughes after a strenuous war year in which he energetically directed Canada's fighting part in the conflict of the nations. Now he is Major General Sir Sam Hughes."

The St. John Globe, which was a

fearless and honest advocate of the policies of the Liberal party, before that party purchased the editorial opinions of the Telegraph and Times, was broad enough to recognize merit, even when possessed by a Conservative, and carried the following comment on the knighting of Major General Hughes:

"Congratulations to Sir Sam Hughes, K. C. B. Whatever may be the differences of opinion over politics, even over such an important question as naval assistance to the Empire, there are none in Canada to question the loyalty, the patriotism, the enthusiasm of the Minister of Militia. His department has been the busiest and most important in the public service since war broke out, and without going into particulars of what Sir Sam Hughes did, and is doing, it may be said that the King, in conferring on him high rank in the Order of the Bath, has expressed warm appreciation of the work, both of the Minister and of the people of Canada. Of the new Knight himself, it can be said that he found a man of energy, of determination, in charge of militia affairs in Canada who, despite some mistakes—and who would not make mistakes at such a time—quickly organized Canadian resources and sent overseas a body of soldiers, whose achievements have given the mother country and the world a new conception of Canada."

THE TIMES AND VALLEY RAILWAY

The Times returns to the effort to criticize the Clarke Government on the matter of the St. John Valley Railway, and in pursuance of that line of campaign is inclined to complain because the road is not completed and in operation for its whole length. The Times also claims that at a meeting of the Board of Trade, held some weeks ago, Hon. Mr. Hazen and Attorney-General Baxter "expressed certain very positive views concerning the Valley Railway and the Transcontinental." The Times follows this by asking if The Standard will publish the views expressed at that time. We may ask how the Times knows what was said at a private meeting?

The meeting which Hon. Mr. Hazen and Attorney-General Baxter attended was a private conference, held at the request of the Council of the Board of Trade. The Council specifically requested a private meeting, and it was understood that everything said there would be held in strict confidence. Some person at that meeting whose political ideas were stronger than his sense of honor, gave out a garbled account of the proceedings, which was first published in the Free Press. Did the Times secure its information in the same way?

It was the desire of the Board of Trade Council at that time that every possible effort should be made to secure a good crossing to the east side of the St. John River. It has been generally recognized that, during war time, when the demands upon the coffers of the Canadian Government are unprecedentedly heavy, the construction of bridges to cost \$3,000,000 would present a difficult problem.

The Clarke Government is doing all it can to secure the best crossing for the road to the east side of the river, and criticism, especially unwarranted criticism, does not help the situation. People and newspapers with the interests of the province at heart will abstain from any attempt to carp at the Government, but of course the Times or Telegraph do not come in this class. We are, however, surprised to see a reference to the Transcontinental Railway in either of those newspapers, for had the Laurier government, supported by them, done its simple duty by routing the N. T. R. down the Valley of the St. John, where it should have gone, there would have been no need for the Valley Railway, and the Province would have been saved the expense of building that road. The Canterbury street organs of the muck-rake and sewer should stick to their usual campaign of slander, rather than attempt to mislead the public in matters really affecting the port of and Province.

FIGHT OR PAY.

It is stated that the number of machine guns ordered by the Canadian

government for the equipment of Canadian forces in France and Flanders is already more than sufficient for all needs. Attention should now be turned to the claims of the Patriotic Fund. Of all movements being undertaken in connection with the Empire war the Patriotic Fund is unquestionably the most important and it has not yet been brought to the point where it will meet its needs.

There is a duty on every Canadian, man, woman or child, to make some sacrifice for the cause of Empire. It is not possible for all to participate in this actual fighting but all can give of their means to make it easier for those who answer the call. The calls on the Patriotic Fund will increase with every Canadian soldier who crosses the ocean and those calls must be provided for. It is a clear case of fight or pay. Every Canadian should do one or the other.

Moonlight

(Madeline Bridges, in Woman's World.)

He shut his book, and yawned and rose

And wound the clock, and said—
"Night's getting shorter. Well, it's

All good folks were in bed."
And ma looked up, pert as could be.

"You needn't hurry, pa," said she.

And pa he laughed—"The boys all

home."
"Yes—dunno're all upstairs." "Well

—sho'."

Where's the Lily Anne? I heard her at

The gate an hour ago."

Ma went on knitting—"She's there,

yet—"

She's chatting with young Jim Bau-

dette."

"Now, what on earth—" He fetched

her home

From singing class." "Why—

blame!"

She had her brothers—"Ma said,

"But—that's not quite the same—"

I had my brothers—still, you see,

You always would catch up to me."

"You were a woman, grown!" "So's

Lily.

She's nineteen, birthday gone."

"I was a man!" "O, Jim will be—"

This August—twenty-one.

Maybe I never stayed out late,

When you were leaning on my gate!"

But pa kept frowning—"This won't

do—"

There's got to be some law—

You call her in—you tell her—"

"What?"

I wonder at you, pa!

I won't insult my girl—my Lily,

But there—Jim's going, now—keep

still!"

"You never did see such a moon!"

Lily's cheeks were flaming red.

"Come out and look!" May says, "It's

late."

Pa says, "It's time for bed."

And then, the two old lovers smiled—

"Ah—we've been just such moons,

dear child."

THE TOWN-PLANNING MOVEMENT IN ST. JOHN.

To the Editor of The Standard.

Sir:—There seems to be a certain degree of misapprehension as to the action which the city is taking and is about to take with regard to town planning may I ask space for a few words of explanation.

The New Brunswick Town Planning Act, passed in April, 1912, provides that any city or town council may apply to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for authority to prepare a town-planning scheme for any land which is in course of development or is likely to be used for building purposes, with the general object of securing suitable provision for traffic, proper sanitary conditions, amenity and convenience, in connection with the laying of streets and kindred matters. And the government may authorize a local authority, such as the City Council, to prepare and put into effect a town-planning scheme with reference to any land within, or in the neighborhood of the area over which it has municipal control.

The regulations which govern the mode of procedure in putting the act into operation provide that a local authority (city or town council) before making application to the government for authority to exercise the powers conferred by the act, must define the area for which it prefers to prepare a town-planning scheme, give public notice one month in advance of its intention, and provide for public inspection, a map showing in outline the boundaries of the proposed area. The object of this requirement is that any parties interested who wish to make any objections or representations with reference to the lands proposed to be included within the area, may have an opportunity of being heard.

The St. John City Council has now taken only this first step. Assisted by the advice of Mr. Thomas Adams, town-planning adviser to the Commission of Conservation, when he was here in March last, a certain area which it was thought advisable to include in a town-planning scheme was determined upon and defined in outline. During the intervening five months the city engineer has prepared a map showing the boundaries of the area on a scale of 8 inches to a mile, as required by the regulations. This map is now open for inspection at the office of the common clerk, Mr. H. E. Wardrop, City Hall.

From the above it will be understood that the preparation of the scheme itself has not yet been undertaken; no plans for the future development of the area have been made even in the barest outline. The present step relates only to the determin-

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAGE

A man comes down our street every day selling pretzels in a basket, yelling, Pretzels, pretzels, fresh pretzels, pretzels. Being a little man with a stumpy, big snuff for a big man and if you want 2 pretzels for a cent instead of wun he will sell them to you, the only difference in them being that they are stale, and this afternoon I hawt for a cent and licked the salt awf of both of them, then I went in the house and sat by the parlor window seeing wun, wich wife I was doing it my sister Gladdis calm in.

Heio, Gladdis, I sed.

My goodness, in as hungry as a flock of bears, sed Gladdis. I dont see why we cant have suppr erylly in this house. O, heers a pretzil, I haven't eatin a pretzil sints I dont no wen.

And she picked up my uthir pretzil and looked at it.

I can have have it for nothing, if anybody shoed happin to ask you, its time you learned to give somebody sumthing wunts in a wile without ispeking to be payed for it, sed Gladdis.

Aw rite, you can have it, I sed, but I want to tell you sumthing. Wat, sed Gladdis taking a bite out of the pretzil.

Theres no hurry, Ill tell you aftr you eet the pretzil, I sed.

O, I dont want to heer it, sed Gladdis. And she heerd awn eetng the pretzil till it was awl gone but a littel hunk, and I sed, I havent told you what I was going to tell you yet.

Aw rite, dont tell me if it herts, sed Gladdis.

Its about that pretzil, I sed.

Wat, well wat about it, sed Gladdis, and I sed, It wasent very salty, was it, and Gladdis sed, No, as a matter of fact, it wasent.

I licked awl the salt awf of it befor you cam in, I sed.

You littel freek, sed Gladdis. And she made a grab for me and I let her chase me around the room about 4 times and then I ran out the front door and she throo the hunk of pretzil that was left at me and it hit me awn the top of the hed, beeing a pritty good shot for Gladdis, properly beeing a axident, and not hertng much anyway.

of the area for which it is proposed to prepare a scheme—its extent and what shall be included within it.

If any one should question the necessity for including within the scheme any area, the boundaries of which are in some places as much as five miles from the city's centre, it may be said in reply that town planning looks to the future as well as to the present, and endeavors to take into consideration the possible expansion of the next half century. Furthermore, it is not proposed to plan for all this wide area at once and in detail, but only as necessarily may arise.

If the application is approved the first step in preparation of a scheme will be to determine, in co-operation and conference with municipal authorities and property owners, the best location for main arterial and connecting roads, having regard to facilities for traffic, directness of communication, easy grades, etc. The determination of the most suitable widths of roadway for streets according to their character and prospective use would probably come next, provision being made for narrower roadway and consequent economy of maintenance, but ample width between building lines, in purely residential streets. The regulation of building lines would follow as a consequence. Doubtless some provision would be made for the protection of residential districts from the intrusion of undesirable occupation.

Provision would also be made for public open spaces as well as for the prevention of over-crowding on private property, and for many kindred matters as details of the scheme came

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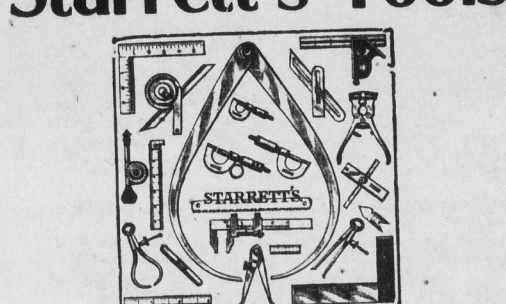
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