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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 THIS EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

THE PARLIAMENTARY TERM.

Liberal newspapers are contending that the offer to the Government of supply sufficient to permit the Prime Minister to attend the conference of overseas representatives with the Imperial Government is an act of Heaven-born grace and magnanimity on the part of the opposition. Such a contention is mere piffle. The opposition could not have done less unless indeed they wished to see Canada unrepresented at a conference likely to be the most momentous to which representatives of the Empire have ever been summoned.

If the opposition had desired to be really patriotic or gallant it would have at once offered to extend the parliamentary term for one year. That would have cleared the air of all political discussion, have given time to attend to the war business, and would have relieved the Premier's mind of the worries attendant upon the possibility of a war time election. He could then have gone to the conference with his whole attention centered upon the subjects to be discussed there and with no thought of matters affecting only Canada's domestic or political problems.

Instead of this the opposition proposes to hold over the head of the administration the threat of a general election. The plan evidently is to force the Government to postpone the appeal until the latest moment and then introduce some issue which because of the lapse of time cannot be met. Suppose, for instance, the Government had been forced to the country when the above scandal was discussed in Parliament and in the press. Time has served to wholly dispose of the charges then made but it was natural for the public to believe them at the time and in their indignation they might have taken action which would have wrecked the administration as the result of false canvasses against it.

Nor will the opposition offer of temporary supply tend to do away with political discussions or the fomenting of party strife. Grit politicians all over the country will still seek to divide the people and to create animosities. "It may be," as an exchange says, "that those politicians who, like Mr. Lemieux, are anticipating a general election in three months, will find the voters so engrossed in the crisis of the war before that period shall have elapsed that they will have no patience with the issues of party politics. Only this will serve to divert the opposition masters from their plans."

As for Sir Robert Borden, it may be said that he has led the Conservatives wisely and with foresight. The opposition have been unable to outmanoeuvre him on any issue since he became leader of his party. Neither will they do so in the year that is at hand. If an election is not to be avoided, then we shall see the Government coming to the country with an appeal that will stand against all the assaults of their opponents and that will be irresistible in its national and imperial spirit.

PUGSEY'S PETTY PARTISANSHIP.

While the members of the opposition party who have spoken in the House of Commons since the opening of the present session have given abundant evidence that to the Grit politician the war is subordinate to political schemes or to the desire to manufacture capital against a political opponent it remained for Hon. William Pugsley yesterday to demonstrate to what depths of pettiness a political partisan may descend. Mr. Pugsley made enquiry whether members of the National Service Board were in receipt of salaries from the Government, and he coupled with his query the names of Mr. R. B. Bennett, M. P., Director-General of National Service; Mr. Green, M. P., of British Columbia, and Major L. P. D. Tilley, M. L. A., of St. John, Director of National Service for New Brunswick.

Although Mr. Pugsley named the three gentlemen mentioned he was particularly concerned with only one—Major Tilley, as he took occasion to point out that under the New Brunswick law Major Tilley could not hold his seat in the Provincial Legislature. It is in receipt of a salary from the Government of Canada. Sir Robert Borden

In reply, said neither Mr. Bennett nor Mr. Green received salary from the Government; as to Major Tilley's case he promised to secure the information and communicate it.

Not only was there no necessity for Mr. Pugsley to bring this matter to the attention of the House, but to do so was decidedly rotten politics. Major Tilley surrendered a large and lucrative law practice to take up the work of recruiting and all the time he was engaged in that work he turned his entire salary over to patriotic funds. When the National Service Board was created he was asked by Sir Robert Borden to take the position of Director for New Brunswick and accepted on condition that such an appointment would not interfere with an opportunity to go overseas. The salary attached to the position is \$250 per month, much less than Major Tilley's income from the law practice he practically abandoned, and a proportion of that amount he continues to contribute to patriotic causes. That is the situation as it stands.

Ever since the outbreak of war Grit newspapers and Grit politicians have hypocritically contended for the subordination of politics to the more important business of winning the war. Major Tilley has made tangible sacrifices to perform a very important work, and has fulfilled his duties to the satisfaction of all. Mr. Pugsley has no fault to find with him as Director of National Service for New Brunswick; his sole object is to cause Major Tilley to resign his seat in the Provincial Legislature in order that some defender of the Pugsley-Tweedie-Robinson plunderbund days may be nominated by the Grits to contest the vacancy. The sole object of the ex-Minister of Public Works is politics and miserable small politics at that.

GERMANY'S LATEST "NOTE."

The latest announcement from the headquarters of Hun savagery is to the effect that, commencing today, Germany will undertake even more extensive operations in the way of underwater activity. The U-boat is to widen its range of murder and piracy and plain warning is given that in open defiance of all the ethics of warfare, mines will be sown in the open sea where they will menace the commerce carrying vessels of neutral nations. The note, curiously enough, is addressed to Washington and despatches from that city indicate that high officials of the American government regard the situation as extremely grave.

To extend the operation of her U-boats in a last effort to break the strangling coils of the blockade maintained by the British fleet, Germany offers the best possible evidence that she is almost at the end of her resources. It is when cornered and faced with certain death that the rat fights most desperately. Germany is faced with disastrous defeat and from now to its close the war may be expected to take on an even more terrible phase.

It is likely that the most recent ultimatum from Berlin will have the effect of renewing the demand for reprisals. There is no doubt that if they cared to follow the German lead the Allies could incept a reign of terror underseas, on the sea, on land and in the air that would speedily bring the Teutonic enemies to their knees. To date the Allies have fought as men fight and, have scorned to resort to the tactics of the Hun. There is, however, even in war, a limit to patience and toleration. Germany's most recent proposal must bring that limit considerably nearer.

A PENSIONS OFFICE.

The decision of the Government to place a pensions office in St. John permanently for the adjustment of all pensions claims is based upon a desire that the returning men will not sustain injustice through the delays that may be more or less inevitable were the claims for the whole Dominion to be adjusted from Ottawa.

Canada proposes that her soldiers shall be recompensed to the extent that is possible for the sacrifices that they have made in her behalf. It is sometimes said that our pension fund is running into millions of dollars, and

there are those who seem to fear that we shall be submerged in debt. One of the potent answers is that these millions bear no relation in size to the millions that we should have had to pay had not the soldiers of Canada stopped the foe on his march to Calais and to possible victory.

As the soldiers come back their patriotic fund allowances are cut off, and they are dependent in many instances until they find themselves again, upon their pensions. If their claims are delayed, they are placed in a very uncomfortable position. Canada not only desires to pay them well, but promptly. Hence the policy of establishing pension bureaux at convenient centers.

THE SOCIAL SERVICE EXECUTIVE MEETS

The Executive Committee of the New Brunswick Social Service Council met yesterday afternoon at the Board of Trade rooms. St. John, Fredericton and other outside points were represented.

The resolutions passed at the congress last week were dealt with and a finance committee was appointed. A committee on constitution was also named to report at early date. A constitution is necessary to enable the executive to proceed with the work of organization of the City and County of St. John. The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman, A. M. Beidling.

A New Company.

Oliver W. Wood, Seth T. Murray, Amos G. Murray, Fred B. Rees and William A. Ross are applying for incorporation as The United Automobile Tire Co., Ltd., with a capital stock of \$88,000, and the head office of the company at Rochester. The company will deal in motor cars, tires and accessories. The four first named are provisional directors.

U. S. MEAT SUPPLY.

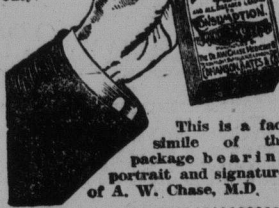
The meat supply of the United States showed a startling decline in the last decade. A compilation by the National City Bank shows a fall of over 10,000,000 in the number of cattle other than milk cows and of nearly 5,000,000 in the number of sheep from 1907 to 1917. Meantime the population of continental United States has increased 15,000,000.

Thus the supply of cattle available for food has decreased 20 per cent, and that of sheep 10 per cent, while the consuming population was increasing 18 per cent. Hogs are the only class of food animals showing an increase, the number of swine in the United States having been on January 1, 1917, about 13,000,000 greater than in 1907.

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THE PARK AVE. NEWS.

Weather. Guaranteed. Sports. The Park Ave. Athletic Association had a meeting around the lam post last Saturday afternoon and plans were discussed to raise 2000 dollars for improvements. The meeting adjourned when Sam Cross took 3 cents out of his pants pocket and offered to treat everybody to a 4 for a cent licorish stick.

Sitte Accident. While stooping down to pick up a pin for good luck, Pude Simkins was kicked in the rear by a unidentified young man.

Intriguing Plots about Intriguing People. Ed Wernick is such a tite sleeper he has to be shook 5 minutes before he wakes up in the morning, and if he don't feel just like getting up he pretends he has to be shook 5 more.

NOT WORTH IT.

Pome by Skinny Martin.

A penny for your thoughts. All rite, give it to me first—I was thinking, of all the funny looking things. You're absolutely the worst.

Sleazety Notes. Mr. Lew Davis is making himself popular by telling the girls his father is going to get a automobile, but we don't he get it if he's going to get it?

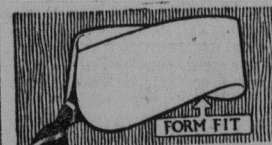
Lost and Found Department. Lost—A brass button formerly belonging on a pieceman's coat and now belonging to Artie Alexander. Reward if requested.

Found. Nothing.

Figures of the department of agriculture put the value of the 40,849,000 cattle other than milk cows on farms in the United States on January 1, 1917, at \$1,465,662,000, while the value of the 51,566,000 head in 1907 was but \$881,557,000. The average value of milk cows in 1907 was \$30.78 a head and in 1917 \$58.68. All other cattle in 1907, \$17.09, and in 1917, \$7.14, and swine in 1907, \$7.63 and in 1917, \$11.73. Thus cows, "other cattle" and sheep have doubled in price in ten years, while swine show an increase of 50 per cent, a head in value.

The actual exportation of fresh beef fell from 281,652,000 pounds in the fiscal year 1914, which ended just before the beginning of the war, while of beef cattle the number exported fell from 584,239 in 1906 to 21,660 in 1914, the export price, however, advancing from a little over \$70 a head to \$110. Bacon exported fell from 361,000,000 pounds in 1906 to 194,000,000 in 1914, and lard from 747,000,000 pounds to 481,000,000. Despite the great advance in prices the value of all meat and dairy products exported fell from \$211,000,000 in 1906 to \$145,000,000 in 1914. Increasing, however, with the great demands of the war and the advance in prices to \$226,000,000 in the fiscal year 1915 and \$291,000,000 in the fiscal year 1916.

Horses in the country in 1907 numbered 19,747,000, and in 1917, 21,126,000, and of mules in 1907, 3,817,000, and in 1917, 4,639,000. The stated value of the horses in 1907, was \$1,446,578,000, and in 1917, \$2,174,710,000, and of mules \$428,064,000 in 1907 and \$548,886,000 in 1917. The average



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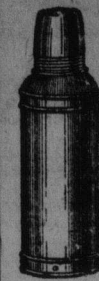
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