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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.

GERMANS AT WORK?

Until a careful and exhaustive examination has been made of the ruins of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa it will be impossible to accurately determine the cause of last night's conflagration, but the impression prevails in the capital that it was of incendiary origin and, probably, the work of Empire enemies.

If such should prove to be the case it should have a very pronounced effect on recruiting all over Canada. Enemies of the Empire could hope to accomplish no good by the destruction of the Canadian Parliament Buildings.

Canadian people have had the war brought even more closely to them by last night's tragedy in the Dominion capital. Such experiences have been frequent in the Motherland, where messengers of death have dropped destruction from the heavens and where murder and arson have traveled hand in hand.

A RAPID CONVERSION.

Accustomed though he is to sudden conversions, the editor of the esteemed Times must have surprised even himself by the rapidity with which he changed his opinion as to the political morality and future state of the Ottawa Journal, one of Canada's leading newspapers, and an independent Conservative publication.

Last week, in referring to Mr. Carvell's outbreak in the House of Commons, the Journal did the member for Carleton the honor of referring to him as the inquisitor-in-chief of the opposition, and then went on to relate some of his achievements. At once the Journal found high favor in the eyes of the politically jaundiced Times. It was "an independent Conservative paper" which recognized true worth at a glance, and its remarks provided the "answer" to The Standard's contention that Mr. Carvell's charge was an unworthy one, and that his statements were, to say the least, greatly exaggerated.

But the Ottawa Journal had other things to say regarding Mr. Carvell and his tactics. A few evenings ago it remarked:

"He (Mr. Carvell) tried to give the impression that the Conservative government and party had wilfully prostituted patriotism and honesty to the cupidity of Canadian manufacturers and the greed of party hangers-on. What's the use? If it were true, it would be equally true of the Liberal party, were the Liberal party in power."

This the Times published in its issue of Wednesday evening, and made it the text for an editorial denunciation headed "A Perfidious Doctrine," in the course of which it said:

"These are the words of the

Ottawa Journal, an alleged independent paper which professes to have high ideals. Nobody will be deceived into believing that the Journal has any other desire than to save the Borden government.

There is no justification for such an attitude as it assumes. Were the views it expresses to prevail this country would reek with infinitely worse political jobbery than that exposed by Mr. Carvell. When the Journal said Mr. Carvell was the inquisitor-in-chief of the opposition and made a good speech, that newspaper appealed to the Times as an upstanding independent Conservative publication.

MORE "FAIR PLAY."

Members of the Board of Trade delegation who returned to the city yesterday from Ottawa made the statement that they were well satisfied with their trip and the information gained. President Likely, speaking to a representative of The Standard, last night, said: "Mr. Hazen has done and is doing all that he can under the circumstances for the port of St. John."

A complete report of the delegation's trip to Ottawa should be presented to the public at the earliest possible moment, but the fact that such report has not yet been presented does not prevent the Times referring sneeringly to the reception accorded to them and the results of their visit. The Times last evening said:

"The delegation to Ottawa appear to have been surprised that Mr. Hazen and other members of the Government gave them a hearing. Most of the statement they have given out deals with the inability of the great men who actually permitted them to come into their presence and tell their story. The delegation should now proceed to Halifax and report on the works which take the place of words."

Nothing would please the Times as much as to see the needs of the port of St. John neglected so long as that neglect could be charged to a Conservative Government. It is not port development the Times desires so much as to make political capital against the ministers who are doing their very best for St. John and to whose efforts much of the present harbor facilities stand as a monument. Such a spirit of rabid partisanship and unfairness will not even deceive Times' readers, but it is a fair sample of what they are receiving from that newspaper.

ONE SET OF BELLIGERENTS U.S. WOULD LIKE TO HELP

St. Louis, Feb. 3.—President Wilson today told an audience of 15,000 which swayed with a tumult of cheering, that the United States should have the greatest navy in the world.

"I believe the navy of the United States should be uncomparable," he said, "the greatest in the world." "Upon the ocean there are hundreds of cargoes of American goods," he said. "Cotton, grain and all the beautiful supplies America is sending out to the world, and any one of these cargoes, any one of these ships, may be the point of contact that will bring America into the war."

For the first time during the tour the President told how one set of belligerents was out of from the world. He said this kept the United States from helping them as it would like. He made the statement in trying to show that the United States was really neutral.

THIS A WAR OF WORKMEN, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

London, Feb. 3, 10.45 p. m.—David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, addressing the workers in a new shell factory, congratulated them on the manner in which they had redeemed their pledge "to defend the goods."

"This," said the minister, "is a fight not merely between the British army and the army of the Kaiser. It is a fight between British workmen and the workshops of Germany, and the British workmen are now supplying the material which is going to enable us to destroy forever the despotism of Prussian militarism and inaugurate a reign of freedom in Europe."

E. N. RHODES IS ELECTED AS DEPUTY SPEAKER

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—The election of Edgar N. Rhodes, member for Cumberland, N. S., to the office of chairman of the Commission of the Whole House, or, as it is commonly called, Deputy Speaker, was the first business of the day's sitting in the Commons.

Sir Robert Borden moved that the member for Cumberland be selected for the position, explaining that a vacancy had been created by the election of Mr. Albert Sevier, of Dorchester, to the Speakership. The premier said that Mr. Rhodes, since his election to parliament in 1908, had taken a high place in the House by his attention to public affairs, and his knowledge of the rules of debate. He had shown himself well qualified for the position as chairman of the Committee of the Whole, and would, no doubt, discharge his duties with courtesy, firmness and impartiality.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he could give an unqualified endorsement of the government's choice of a chairman of the committee of the whole. Mr. Rhodes had proved that he had a just and fair mind, "so just and fair," added the leader of the opposition, amid laughter, "that if he will permit me to say it—I have been surprised to see him on that side of the House."

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BY LEE PAPE.

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G. Epperlottis, thats a hard word, sed Artie. Lets us make up pomes about them and then they'll be easy to remember, I sed. O mersey, look wat we got us, a big black Epperlottis. G, thats a good won, sed Artie, Wlok it was, and we got up and started to march around the setting room singing it as if we thwat we was marching in a perrade, O mersey, look wat we got us, a big black Epperlottis.

Hay, for the luv of a cuppel of Mikes, how do you expect a fello to read, you dont call that doing your lessins, do you, sed pop. Yes, str, we do them this way so we can remember them eester, I sed.

O well, far be it from me to refuse to suffer in the cause of educay-shln, sed pop. And he kept on reading and smoking, and me and Artie wawked around the room singing it about 5 more times, and then we started to study sum more till we came to Dudenudum and we made up a pome about that and started to march around in back of each other singing it, beins. We lost our Dudenudum, has enyboddy seen em.

Wch after we had sang it about 7 times and was still marching around singing it, pop sed, Enuff, enuff, Benny, take Artie up in your room and finish your lessin up there.

And we took the anatomy book up in my room, ma keepin on setting there playing cards with herself as if she hadent even herd us.

his new position he will have an opportunity to exercise those qualities.

MINERS' DEMANDS TURNED DOWN BY THE OWNERS

New York, Feb. 3.—The anthracite coal operators rejected here today the demands of their miners for a twenty per cent. increase in wages, complete recognition of the United Mine Workers of America, a year working agreement, an eight hour day and changes in the methods of fixing wages. The operators propose that if the differences cannot be settled by the "interested parties" themselves, they be submitted to the Board of Conciliation provided for in the award of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission of 1902.

The miners' demands were formulated last September at Wilkesbarre, Pa., and were ratified last week by the United Mine Workers' Convention at Indianapolis. Sir Sam Hughes replied that a number of colored men from St. John had already enlisted, and that many overseas units had colored men in their ranks who had proved to be excellent soldiers. A proposal had even been made to organize a battalion of colored men but it had been abandoned. In view of the comparatively small population upon which it could draw for recruits and for reinforcements, the only complaint he had received from St. John was that a couple of young colored men, not in the best of condition, had presented themselves at the recruiting office and had been rejected.

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