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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.

THE NEW SENATORS.

The appointment to the Red Chamber of seven new senators was one of the outstanding political events of the week, although, owing to the by-election campaign in Dorchester, Quebec, and the sensational statements made by Lucien Cannon, the Liberal candidate, the Government's senatorial selections attracted less attention than would otherwise be the case. The filling of seven seats does not exhaust the vacancies in the Senate. With the death of Senator Davis there still remain eight unfilled seats in the upper House of the Canadian Parliament. The appointments of the week, however, suffice to give the Conservatives a working majority in a normal house, so the condition which formerly existed whereby the Laurier appointees in the Senate could set aside the work of the representative and elective branch of Parliament, has now been remedied.

New Brunswick is particularly interested in the appointment of one of the senators, Dr. T. J. Bourque, M. L. A. for Kent county, who takes the seat made vacant by the death of Senator John Costigan. The new senator has long been one of the leaders of the Acadian people of this province and his appointment is not only recognition of his own worth but also a pronounced tribute to that great race. News of his appointment has been received with favor by all, which, in itself, is particularly gratifying, evidencing as it does that New Brunswick has none of the unsettling and dangerous racial differences which have been so deplorably fanned and stimulated by the Liberal leaders among the French Canadians of Quebec.

Senator Bourque is to be congratulated upon his appointment, but congratulations are also due to Mr. F. J. Robidoux, who, as Federal member for Kent county, had a strong claim to the appointment had he cared to exercise it. Mr. Robidoux, however, gave his influence and support to Dr. Bourque and has every reason to be pleased with the result.

Another appointment of interest to New Brunswick is that by which Mr. C. E. Tanner of Nova Scotia is elevated to the Senate. Senator Tanner was for years the leader of the opposition party in the Nova Scotia legislature and in that position gave valuable service to his native province. Both gentlemen will be decided acquisitions to the Conservative forces in the Senate.

MORE TIMES HYPOCRISY.

With characteristic hypocrisy the Times last evening accused the Standard of partisanship in reporting and "heating" Canon Tucker's address at the Social Service Congress on Tuesday in which that gentleman deplored the fact that owing to the partisan spirit of the Liberal opposition in the Canadian Senate this country was not represented by three dreadnoughts in the North Sea. It is not necessary at this time to re-open the discussion on the Borden Naval Aid proposal. Every loyal Canadian knows what happened to that legislation and how it was killed, and, when the proper time comes, will register disapproval of the men responsible for that blot upon Canada's escutcheon. Canon Tucker merely spoke as one of those loyal Canadians and The Standard reported his address and published it under headlines warranted by the text.

But if the headlines appearing in this journal of the home and fireside caused the editor of the Times to burn with righteous wrath, what must he have thought of the effort of the noble Grit partizan who wrote the headlines in yesterday's Telegraph. That enterprising young journalist informed the Telegraph's readers that "Patronage System is Held Responsible for War Graft in Canada" and, further, that Canon Tucker said there was "too much money paid for horses, boots, etc." "Because Partisanship Had Placed Wrong Men in Public Places." Moreover, the non-partisan editor of the Times was so indignant over The Standard's headlines that he refused even to publish Canon Tucker's references to the Dreadnoughts. Was the omission due to fear that publication of the references might give offence

to the box office Grit politicians and munition contractors who control the Telegraph and Times? The editor of the Times has long been noted for his political hypocrisy. It is sincerely to be hoped that he will stop at politics.

NO REPUDIATION YET.

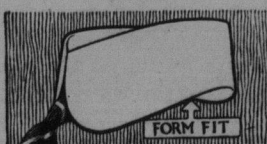
A week ago today Lucien Cannon, "My Dear Lucien," to quote Sir Wilfrid Laurier's letter of endorsement, made his "noble appeal" to the electors of Dorchester, Quebec, in which he declared himself opposed to further sacrifices by Canada for the sake of England. In the intervening week shorthand reports of his speech have been published from one end of Canada to the other and as yet he has found no English Liberal to endorse his statements or to attempt to excuse him. Yes, there was one—Mr. Dark Lantern Braidier Carvell from Carleton county, the gentleman who associated with a pro-German law firm in New York in his hunt for evidence against the Canadian Government—tried to excuse Mr. Cannon by saying that Lord Shaughnessy of the C. P. R. had given expression to practically the same opinions. But Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not repudiated his Quebec protégé and it is now practically assured that the man who appeals to the racial prejudices of the French-Canadians of Dorchester, the man who openly opposes further contributions from Canada to the Empire war, will stand in the election on Saturday as the representative of the party that once held a Blake, a Brown and a Mowatt, and as the personally accredited spokesman of Laurier the Patriot. And after the Dorchester contest has passed, and when the next general election comes—whenever it may be—loyal Liberals of New Brunswick will be asked to vote for men to go to Ottawa as supporters of the endorsement of Cannon and his reasonable statements.

MR. OLIVER FOR AN ELECTION.
Hon. Frank Oliver, of Edmonton, spoke "right out in meetin'" in the House of Commons, on Tuesday, when he declared in favor of a Dominion election. The ex-Minister of the Interior should be more careful or he will expose the intention of the French wing of the Liberal opposition to force the Government to the country and precipitate a war time political strife. And if an election should come, where would Mr. Oliver be found? Surely he, a staunch Britisher whatever his other faults may be, would not relish as a political bed-fellow Sir Wilfrid Laurier's "Dear Lucien," the utterer of the Dorchester treasuries.

If there is one fact that may well cause the Liberals to hesitate before precipitating an election in war time it is that Western Liberals like Hon. Mr. Oliver and Dr. Michael Clark will not "herd" with the Quebec no-partisan crowd, the favored of Laurier.

MR. MARCIL TO THE RESCUE.
Hon. Charles Marcil has taken up the cudgels in behalf of Lucien Cannon, the Laurier endorsed candidate in Dorchester. Mr. Marcil is the Liberal member for Bonaventure and a former speaker of the Canadian House of Commons. In his earlier days he was a close friend of Mr. Henri Bourassa, who also is supporting Cannon and his un-British canvasses. Evidently Mr. Marcil is returning to the friends and opinions of his youth.

The Social Service Congress which closed last night should be productive of much good. The clear plain addresses by men in a position to speak with authority on the topics entrusted



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He sang a song in the trench that night,
With the weary huddled around;
And their eyes were bright as the stars of France
Or the flame of the battle ground;
But he sang no song of a soldier's fame
For the song he sang in the trench that night
Was the song of a girl back home.

He sang a song in the shell-swept trench,
And the eyes of the weary glowed
With the old light of another day,
Before Hate held the road;
And their hearts at last knew a greater thrill
Than a mad charge thru the gloom,
For the song he sang in the roeking trench,
Was the song of a girl back home.

And each red bomb, as it flared above
In a crimson glow on high,
Was a summer moon from the old time ways
Set deep in a peaceful sky;
And each big gun, with its endless roar,
Was a plough for the fragrant loam,
And all because he sang that night
The song of a girl back home.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

To the Editor of The Standard:
Sir,—Will you please allow space in your worthy publication for a few questions and remarks regarding the Canadian Patriotic Fund?

First. Was it the intention of the promoters of this fund that it ought to be kept up by public donations? If so, has not the principle on which the fund was founded been lost sight of? Assuming that it was right that legislation was enacted to compel the upkeep of this fund, will the people of this province give as much to the various other funds? When the fund has to be kept up by direct tax, have the people of each county a right to know what persons in the county are receiving pay from the fund? Is it the duty of the officials in charge of said fund to furnish a list with the names of parties getting money from the fund when requested by the county secretary for publication for the satisfaction of the people who pay in taxes to keep the fund up? Being one interested in the various

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She lives in a house with 2 bathrooms
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And she likes to ride in awtomobiles
And her boundaries are hilly.

She tells us every body sed
When she comes back from sun place she bin,
And she likes to ride in awtomobiles
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And indeed, O yes indeed,
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funds of the war and having many complaints as to money being paid from the Patriotic Fund where it is not needed, I fear unless a publication of the names of persons in the several counties is made the volunteer contributors will fall off. I believe it would be a wise plan to publish the names of persons who get monthly payments from the fund.

Yours, etc.,
A READER.

REJUVENATED BARK.

The rejuvenated bark Harvard, looking as spry and span as when new, is anchored in Boston harbor ready to start on her first voyage in years as a square rigger. More than \$45,000 was spent in restoring the vessel from a coal barge. The Harvard was recently sold for \$125,000 to the Federal Transportation Company of New York, who will get back nearly four-fifths of the purchase money on her first trip. She has been chartered to load 2,300 tons of acid phosphate at Houston, Tex., for Rotterdam, at \$40 a ton, which means a total freight revenue of \$92,000. The Harvard was built as a ship at Brunswick, Me., in 1883. Then she was converted into a bark. Eight years ago she was sold to the New England Coal and Coke Company and was changed to a barge. Several months ago Richard T. Green bought the vessel for \$50,000 and the work of restoration was begun.

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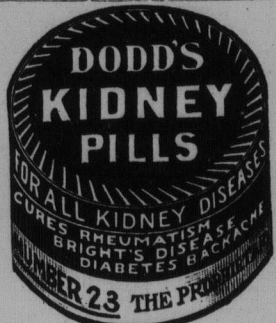
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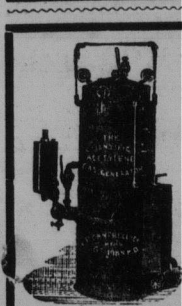
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