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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.

BLAIR GOING TO CARLETON?

Woodstock advises indicate that there is trouble brewing in the ranks of the opposition party in Carleton county, in fact a serious split in the ranks seems imminent. It is said that the quarrel has developed over the attempt of Political Boss Frank B. Carvell and Organizer E. S. Carter to foist Harry M. Blair, the dismissed and discredited ex-Secretary of the Department of Public Works, on the forces of the opposition.

The more respectable members of the party are already convinced that Carvell's candidates have more than enough to answer for in upholding the old gang and their reckless methods without adding the worries that will result from taking Mr. Blair into the camp.

But The Standard is informed Carvell has issued his ultimatum that Blair must be received into the councils of the party, and the dismissed and discredited official has expressed his willingness to be used in the approaching elections. Blair is going to Carleton county to "do his bit" for Carvell's candidates.

The arrival of Mr. Blair in the opposition camp is regarded by Government supporters as an indication of the weakness of the Carvell henchmen. It is impossible to conceive that the man who was found guilty of corruptly receiving stock of the Concrete Construction Co., Ltd., for his influence in obtaining or endeavoring to obtain work, or contracts, or favorable consideration for that company from said Department of Public Works, can bring even a small degree of strength to the disorganized opposition. Mr. Blair will have his hands full in his endeavor to explain his own conduct. He knows if he had acted honestly and fairly in the interests of the people of the Province of New Brunswick he would still be the Secretary of the Department of Public Works, instead of occupying the exceedingly unenviable position in which he now finds himself.

Organizer E. S. Carter has evidently changed his opinion of Mr. Blair. It is not very long since he was denouncing Blair through the columns of the Saint John Telegraph. Writing from Fredericton on April 13th last, Organizer Carter, referred to Blair's conduct as follows:

"Blair cannot be defended. He must pay the penalty for the violation of those rules which should govern the conduct of every good public official. Mr. Blair was imprudent, indiscreet and unwise."

Yet, notwithstanding this castigation, Mr. Blair is going to take the stump on behalf of Carvell's candidates. When the record of the ex-Secretary is taken into consideration there is little wonder that dissatisfaction is rampant among the Carleton county opposition workers, and that the situation is becoming more acute.

KING CONSTANTINE'S POSITION.

King Constantine's abdication of the throne of Greece, recently reported, follows upon a contradictory course pursued by the Grecian monarch throughout the war. Perhaps not until the war has been concluded will he be permitted to know the whole unworthiness of the Greek situation. But there are phases of it which are patent to all, and which do not reflect the least credit upon Constantine. On the contrary, they show him to be a weakling. And a throne is no place for a man who is lacking in courage, more particularly in these stormy days.

Greece had a duty to perform when the war broke, an exchange points out. That duty was to stand by her neighbor and partner in Balkan politics, Serbia. There was an understanding of the most explicit character, though perhaps not contained in the letter of the agreement, that if Serbia were attacked by Bulgaria, Greece was to come to her aid as though the attack had been made upon herself. Serbia was similarly bound toward Greece. It is true that this agreement was framed to maintain certain conditions in the Balkans, and with no thought in mind of an European conflagration. Unfortunately for Constantine, he accepted this loophole through which to make his escape from his agreement.

In deserting Serbia the Grecian monarch gave his first open display of cowardice and treachery. It was use-

less for him to pretend that the agreement did not extend to the occasion of a great war, because the situation was in effect the same. The very thing that the agreement was formulated to secure was being violated under the very nose of Constantine. Bulgarian armies were in Serbia wrestling from that country the possession of territory confirmed to her through the Greco-Serbian arrangement. In such a situation it was clearly the duty of Greece to have gone to the rescue to the limit of her strength.

Perhaps we must place this despicable act at the door of the king's wife, who is the sister of the German emperor. It was natural that he should desire to please his wife. Were a census to be taken of the men who are subject to their wives' dictation, even unconsciously, we should find possibly that the condition is not confined to the household of the Greek king, Venizelos, the Greek statesman and pro-ally, was in authority in the Grecian Parliament, but King Constantine dismissed him at this crisis and called another in his stead. He summoned the army, moreover, and thus he had matters in his own hands. Not until the allies took the bull by the horns and threatened to turn their navies against vulnerable Greece did the pro-German monarch realize that he could not play fast and loose.

From the moment Bulgarian treachery manifested itself the allied powers banished the soft glove in Balkan affairs and they are reaping the fruits today. Constantine has been largely a figurehead in Greece for many a day. If report be true, he is not even that at present.

A CALL TO SAVE.

One of the most difficult tasks in life is to induce improvident people to become forehanded. Improvidence is not the madness of a moment, but rather a habit and one that is most difficult to eradicate. People of the butterfly sort, who spend all as they pass along, are not likely to change their way of doing things until stern necessity forces them to it. And then it is not they who have changed, but their circumstances.

Again and again the leaders of thought in the Dominion have urged thrift as the one means by which the Dominion may come through the titanic struggle in which it is engaged with credit to itself. Governments are setting an example in reduced expenditures on public works that can be left over and the turning of every effort in the direction of furthering the war cause of the Allies. Many individuals have followed this good lead and are planning their affairs so that they are today saving where they before spent. But there are still many others who are continuing a thoughtless, butterfly existence and jeopardizing the future for the whole nation.

National thrift after all, is merely a condition which comes as a result of the individual thrift of the people who make up the nation. One-half the people may be thrifty, but with the other half extravagant there can be no satisfactory result from a national viewpoint.

Again the call has come from Finance Minister White to the people to practise thrift—to save, save, save. Men in such positions as the finance minister are able to see farther than the average individual, and when the call to save comes from them it is the part of wisdom to heed. The war is not over by any means and the good years we are having because of and in spite of it are not going to last forever. A day is sure to come when every resource we can possibly bring to our hand will be needed to keep us going as a nation, and it is for that day we should be working now.

GOVERNMENT OPENS MEETINGS AT FCTON

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Sept. 5.—A meeting of the government was held here today at which matters of routine business only were transacted. They will probably be in session all day tomorrow. The directors of the Valley Railway held a meeting here today. A delegation from down the river was present and was given a hearing in regard to right of way.

NEW JUDGE PRESIDES FOR FIRST TIME

Judge Chandler Presides at September Sitting of King's Co. Circuit Court.

ONLY ONE CASE ON THE DOCKET

P. H. Chapman Sentenced to Three Years in Dorchester for Shooting Young Woman who was His Clerk.

Hampton, Sept. 5.—The September sitting of the Kings County Circuit Court was opened here this morning at ten o'clock. His Honor Mr. Justice Chandler presided. This is not only Judge Chandler's first official visit to Kings county, but the first court at which he has presided since his recent appointment to the Bench, and it was made the occasion for the presentation of addresses from the grand jury and also from the bar of Kings county.

Grand Jury's Address.
Following is the address of the grand jury which was read by their foreman, Fred M. Sproul:

To the Honorable William B. Chandler, K. C., Judge of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick.
Your Honor, the grand jury of the County of Kings, on the occasion of your first official visit to this county, wish to tender their congratulations to you. They have noticed that, while in practice as a barrister, you have shown close application, deep research and an ability to understand and interpret the law, which have properly won for you the high, honorable and responsible position to which you have been called.

It is gratifying to be able to point to a substantial measure of prosperity in this county; good crops, good weather in which to harvest them, coupled with a good market instill a feeling of confidence in the mind of the public and render it possible to meet cheerfully the great responsibilities imposed on us in common with all citizens of the Empire.

Believing that at your hands the public and all litigants will receive even-handed justice, we welcome you to our county and voice a wish that you may be long spared to grace the Bench of this province.

We have the honor to be, Yours very truly,

THE GRAND JURY.

Per F. M. Sproul, Foreman.

Address from Barristers of Kings Co.
The barristers of Kings Co., as follows, was read by G. O. D. O'Leary, K.C., who also made feeling reference to the long personal friendship existing between himself and Judge Chandler, and supplemented the address by appropriate words of his own. The Hon. J. B. M. Baxter also welcomed the judge to his high position.

To the Honorable W. B. Chandler, K. C., Judge of the Supreme Court, New Brunswick.

Dear Sir,—The members of the Bar of Kings county are glad to have the privilege of extending to you congratulations on your elevation to the Supreme Court Bench, on the occasion of your holding your first court.

The barristers of this county have followed with interest your continuous professional advancement and now feel assured that your appointment is a just recognition of hard work and honest endeavor, coupled with natural ability, and has not been made as a mark of political preference.

While thus congratulating you, we bid you a hearty welcome to the county, not only as a judge, but as descendant of a family whose name is large in the history of our province.

We trust that you will long live to enjoy your merited distinction, leaving that your judicial connection with the Bar and laity will ever be in accord with justice.

To both of these addresses honor made feeling and suitable replies, which could not fail to leave very favorable impression on all who heard him.

The following were sworn grand jury: Joseph C. Mills, Upham, H. B. Parlee, J. E. Richer, W. Haddon Hill, C. W. Wetmore, W. Branscombe, Alfred Freeman, Folkins, G. Henry Gilbert, F. M. Sproul and Chas. E. Leonard. The grand jury retired to elect their names and on their return announced that they had elected Fred M. L.

Only One Case.

The judge stated that the business to come before the court was the case of the King vs. P. H. Chapman, charged with the murder of a young woman, who was his clerk. The case was heard by the grand jury and they returned a verdict of guilty. The judge sentenced Chapman to three years in Dorchester.

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Little Benny's Note Book

I was standing outside of the sear store with Sid Hunt, and Mr. Webb started to come down the street with Mrs. Webb's funny looking little dawg on a chain, the little dawg being a little yellow dawg with long ears, and Mr. Webb being a shiny little man with a red mustash and white socks, and won he came to the sear store, he went in.

G, he takes the funny looking perp out wawking every day, I wood-ent do it, sed Sid.

Maybe you wood if you was Mrs. Webb's husband, I sed, Mrs. Webb being a big fat lady with a low pompadore and a high voice.

Maybe I wood, sed Sid. Wich jest then the little dawg came out of the sear store by itself pulling its chain after it, and wawked up the street.

G, its getting lost, I sed.

Lets run after it and bring it back, maybe we will get a reward, sed Sid. And we ran up after the dawg and cawt it and jest then Mr. Webb came out of the sear store and started to wawk down the street fast as anything.

G, look, hes looking for it and dont know wich way it went, I sed. I bet he will give us a reward, all rite. And we ran after him with the dawg, yelling, Hay, hay. Ony Mr. Webb started to wawk faster instead of stopping, and we kept on running till we cawt up to him.

Heers your dawg, sed Sid.

And the dawg started to wag its tale at Mr. Webb, and Mr. Webb looked at me and Sid and as anything and sed, Its a wonder you wood-ent lern to mind your wn bizness. And he took a hold of the chain and him and the dawg kept on going and me and Sid kept on standing there, me saying, G, he must want to lose it, and Sid saying, G,

do grievous bodily harm He asked the privilege of address the court and this being granted he made a statement to the effect tht the victim of the shooting, Miss Helen, who has totally recovered and has returned to her home in Ireland, had been in his employ for some time, tht she had at different times consented to marry him and had accepted fro him at different times presents of greater or less value, that he had fly expected to marry her and that wn he found tht she had consented to leavim and return to Ireland he had loth his head.

In imposing sentence His Honor stated tht he found going in the prisoner's statement in a way extenuating the crime, but rier the contrary. That in the first place, being a married man, althou not living with his wife, he must have known that he could not carry it any promise to marry this girl, so that the fact of his having possessed a revolver at this time shed that the crime was premeditate. He further stated that while on count of the age of the prisoner & his former good standing he wished to be as lenient as possible, and could not apply the maximum palty; still he felt that the seriousness of the offense, which might have met a charge of murder, called for a comparatively severe sentence and imposed a sentence of three years; the penitentiary at Dorchester.

There being no or business the court adjourned sine.

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