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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 TELEGRAPH AND ELECTIONS

The esteemed Telegraph is again suffering from a severe attack of "nerves." Now it sees elections in the air, it believes a provincial election is coming so soon that it advises all the followers of the leaderless opposition to get together at once and formulate their little schemes—otherwise the hated Tories may spring a surprise and catch them at a disadvantage. It also thinks the "political cross firing" in Ottawa may be an indication of an approaching appeal to the Canadian electorate, and urges that it should be advised at once if such is the case.

Why there should be this perturbation on the part of the courageous Telegraph at this time it is difficult to explain. No person who has followed that newspaper through its tortuous career, and still retains normal intelligence, will believe that it is actuated by any motives higher than the welfare of the group of politicians and Grit camp followers it now represents. Consequently it is fair to say that its present horror of election contests springs from a well defined fear that said contests, whenever held, may not result to its advantage. That fear is likely to be realized so it is, perhaps, natural that the Telegraph should evince some concern.

The Telegraph's article of yesterday, particularly in its frightful references to the possibility of a provincial election, represented an astonishing change from the attitude formerly adopted by that newspaper and Mr. Organizer Carter. Those who read the Telegraph prior to the Carleton county-by-election could not but have been impressed by the courage with which it contemplated the fight, not alone in Carleton, but in every county in the province. Then it announced that the opposition armies were marshalled, the captains had girded on their armour, the mines were laid, the guns loaded, the poison gas bombs tilted and set, all that was wanted was the summons to battle. Now it fears that summons may be sounded. Is it possible that the defeat of the Carvell candidates in Carleton and the absolute failure in that field of many of the Telegraph's choicest scandal bombs combined to give it a different viewpoint as to the advisability of an early provincial contest? Surely there is something wrong, if the leaderless opposition is as "chock full of fight" as the Telegraph said it was a few months ago.

What is true of a provincial contest also applies to the possibility of an appeal to the people in the wider field. There is no doubt that before the Liberal candidate had been defeated in the Dorchester by-election it was the purpose of a considerable wing of the Liberal party to force the Government to the country. Now, however there are signs of a change and, as the Toronto Globe says, no election will be held before the autumn. Surely the Telegraph, which daily worships at the Globe's editorial shrine, does not presume to question the reliability of the senior Liberal organ? That would indeed be ingratitude considering the many occasions on which our nerve-racked contemporary has fallen back upon the Globe to buttress its own editorial opinions?

In its election guessing the Telegraph may be assured of one thing—polling day in both federal and provincial elections will come seven days after the official nomination. This, we believe, has been the custom in Canada for some considerable time. We have not heard that it is to be changed.

SIR SAM HUGHES' SPEECH.

The bombshell which Liberal newspapers intimated Sir Sam Hughes was to throw into the Government camp has not materialized. The ex-Minister of Militia delivered a lengthy address in the House of Commons yesterday, and while he frankly criticized the Canadian Government, the young British officers, the Imperial Munitions Board, boasted that it took him but twenty-four hours to "trim" Mr. Thomas (now Baron Ribblesdale), the British Government's agent for the purchase of munitions and other war supplies in Canada, and announced

that his whole heart and soul was wrapped up in the welfare of the Canadian soldiers and the winning of the war, yet he unequivocally declared that he would not cast his lot in with the Liberal party.

Sir Sam stated, and none will doubt him, that he had received unofficial offers to unite with the opposition, and then continued: "In all love and kindness let me say the idea shocked me. TO ASSIST IN PLACING A STATESMAN OF EVEN SIR WILFRID LAURIER'S HIGH CHARACTER IN POWER, WITH THE PRINCIPLES ENUNCIATED BY HIS AUTHORIZED CANDIDATE IN DORCHESTER, AND HAVE CANADA DEPEND ON HIS IDEALS FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE SETTLEMENT OF THE WAR WOULD BE REPUGNANT TO MY VERY SOUL."

Liberal newspapers can reflect upon that sentiment. Sir Sam has not at all ways held opinions harmonizing with those of other members of the Borden Government; on some points he does not accord with them today, but the mere thought of assisting to place in power in Canada a man possessed of the ideals of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is REPUGNANT TO HIS VERY SOUL.

The Times says: "Dr. Edwards cannot think of Sir Wilfrid Laurier without throwing a fit." It might be asked how long since Carvell has been able to "think of Dr. Edwards without throwing a fit," for it was the athletic member for Frontenac whose threat of physical chastisement for one of the Carvellian insults caused the member for Carleton to make a hurried exit from the Canadian House of Commons by a side door.

"THE VOTE IN DORCHESTER."

Under the heading quoted the Ottawa Journal-Press of Monday morning says in part: "The victory of Hon. Mr. Severyn in the Dorchester by-election in Quebec Saturday seems to us to be one of the most hopeful things in the recent history of the Dominion, not because of any bearing it has upon party politics, but because of the suggestion the result offers that no such gulf exists between the French-speaking and the English-speaking people of this country as many on both sides were beginning to fear."

Frankly, a great number of the English-speaking people of Canada were getting into a frame of mind which threatened permanent anger at what they were supposing to be French-Canadian indifference to the peril of the British Empire—no, we will not say the peril of this Empire for we will not admit that this Empire can be put in peril by any outside enemy, no matter how strong or how vicious—but the honor and brotherhood of the Empire. The result of the test in Dorchester seems to say that such fear on the part of the English-speaking people of Canada has been exaggerated. The Dorchester vote suggests that among our French-Canadian fellow-citizens a mass of generous Canadian and British patriotism exists which is not to be stamped by a mere racial cry, however speciously sent up. Among English-speaking Canadians existed, we must admit, a pretty general expectation that Mr. Severyn would be overwhelmingly defeated. Most of us supposed that the racial feeling which has latterly seemed so acute in Quebec, and which directly and indirectly was at the bottom of Mr. Cannon's candidature in Dorchester, had embittered the minds of a majority of the people of the province, as it was beginning to embitter the minds of a majority of the English-speaking people in other provinces, and that Mr. Severyn would fall an easy victim to it. Mr. Severyn has not fallen a victim. Mr. Severyn, and we hope, all that Mr. Severyn represents in the way of earnest and generous devotion in this war to our mother countries, France and Britain, has triumphed. And Mr. Severyn and our war cause have triumphed in an election in which a bitter-tongued enemy made appeals to racial prejudice and selfishness which were equally cunning and contemptible. "Are we going to ruin ourselves for England?" he cried. How wretched a promulgation! This war is not a matter of sacrifice by Canada for England. Had Mr. Cannon put the question honestly, he would have cried to the people of Dorchester: "Are we going to do the best we can along with France and England for the cause of freedom in the world, and of Christianity and civilization?" But instead he chose his contemptible misrepresentation of the case in the hope of profiting by prejudice or ignorance among the voters of Dorchester.

A majority of the French-Canadian people of Dorchester have scouted such tactics. They turn down the authors of them. They range themselves shoulder to shoulder with their English-speaking fellow-Canadians in patriotic support of Canada's resolute effort in the war. They do honor to themselves and their province. They earn the gratitude and thanks of the rest of us.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF MOVIE ACTRESS

Rutland, Vt., Jan. 30.—State Attorney G. P. Poulin is investigating the mysterious death of Miss Beesie Benson, the 26 years old daughter of Mrs. C. Benson of Fairhaven, whose body arrived from California a day or two ago. Miss Benson was a movie picture actress. Four bullet holes were found in the body when the sealed casket was opened in Fairhaven. The casket was marked "Contagion, do not handle."

Mrs. Benson is now on her way to Los Angeles, Calif., where the young woman died, to have that end of the case investigated. It is learned that a man accompanied the body as far as Chicago, but came no further.

GET TICKETS EARLY FOR MR. DENNIS' MEETING

All citizens interested in our returned soldiers, and every right thinking man and those who appreciate what the brave boys have suffered and done for us, must be naturally interested in what must be done for them in the way of employment.

Mr. J. S. Dennis of the C.P.R., will tell of the national resources of Canada at Knights of Columbus Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

DECLINE IN SUGAR.

The Canadian Grocer says: A decline of 10c per hundred was recorded in the price of Canadian sugars during the week. Larger supplies of new crop raw sugars are reaching the market. There are some indications that sugar might be lower within the next month or six weeks. Flour held steady during the week, but at the time of writing there is an inclination toward weakness, owing to the easier prices for wheat.

There is a scarcity of molasses, with a good demand. Difficulty in getting shipments forward is causing a temporary shortage in this product. Potatoes are in firm market. Fish is also slightly higher in some lines, owing to the bigger demand for the product. Live hogs made a considerable advance during the week and pork products were firmer as a result, advances being registered in some lines.

EYES IN Middle Life

At the age of about 40 it becomes harder to see distinctly at close range. Unconsciously book, paper or work is held farther away. This is due chiefly to a natural cause—loss of elasticity in the inner lens of the eye. Properly fitted glasses should be worn for near work in order to prevent serious eye strain.

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Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE.
Me and Sid Hunt and Sid quiet little cousin Joe was setting on Puds Simkinses front steps waiting for Puds to come back from a errand, which he did and took it in the house and when he came out again he sed, "Wats you think, fellows, my mother is mixing a big pudding and she sees we can scrape the bowl."
O, G, herry, wat kind is it? I sed, Chockit, sed Puds.
Thats my favorite kind to scrape, sed Sid Hunt.
Mine, to, its the stickiest, sed Puds.
Mine, to, you get more, because more sticks to the sides, I sed. Sid quiet little cousin Joe not saying anything, with he hardly ever does, and me and Puds and Sid keep on lawking about it, me saying, Id rather scrape with a knife than anything else, its the quickest.
Its to dangerous, Id rather scrape with a grate big spoon, sed Sid.
I get the pudding spoon on account of it being my house, sed Puds.
Hay, wares Joe? sed Sid.
He was jest heer a minit ago, I sed, and Sid sed, Well he aint now. Wich he wasent, and me and Sid and Puds went in Pudeses house and back in the kitchen, and Mrs. Simkinses was back there, saying, Wy, hello, I thawt you boys went to a fire.
No man, there aint eny fire, we sed.
Wy, thats odd, sed Mrs. Simkinses, that quiet little Joe boy came in the back way and sed you 3 went to a fire, so I let him scrape the pudding bowl, I never saw a human being scrape a bowl so fast in my life.
Aw, hook, sed me and Puds and Sid. And we ran out the back way yelling! Revenge, revenge. Wich we havent cawt him yet but wen we do we are going to have revenge, all rite.

THE POLICE COURT.

In the Police Court yesterday Edward Marr was informed he was liable to nine months in jail, six without a fine, and an additional fine of \$50 or three months' jail, for being proprietor of a disorderly house. A woman and two men inmates were remanded. Samuel Alberts and his wife, Louise, charged with conducting a disorderly house, were allowed to go on a suspended sentence of nine months.

A fifteen year old girl, who was taken into custody by the Halifax police for the officials here on the charge of theft of \$40 from a relative in Brunswick street, was committed for trial by Magistrate Ritchie on the charge of theft.

CUT NAILS ADVANCE.

"Hardware and Metal" says: Features of the week in hardware markets have seen considerable advances in the prices of bar iron and steel, horse shoes, wrought iron washers, axes, cow chains, shelf hardware and many miscellaneous lines. Cut nails have advanced 25c per keg, with further advances in sight. Wholesale and retail prices have experienced great difficulty in securing shipments of goods, owing to embargoes placed on certain districts by the railways.

Beware of the Cold Storage Egg!

In his work on food and dietetics Doctor Robert Hutchison says, "the absence of carbohydrates prevents eggs from being in any sense a complete food." This refers to the fresh egg—the egg with a clean bill of health. What would Doctor Hutchison say of the modern cold storage egg? At present prices two eggs cost ten cents—and the egg is not a complete food! Something must be eaten with it to supply the needed carbohydrates. Two Shredded Wheat Biscuits, with cream or milk, make a complete, perfect meal at a cost of four or five cents. Made in Canada.

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