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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 HUN MUST EMPTY THE CUP

President Wilson's reply to the latest communication from Germany should and the interchange of notes between Berlin and Washington. The President of the United States makes it abundantly clear that it never was his intention to attempt to play a lone hand in the consideration of the question of peace. Whether Germany felt better results would follow a note addressed to Washington alone than could be obtained by communicating with all the Allies simultaneously, or whatever the reason was, all the correspondence to date has been between Washington and Berlin. Now Washington states that the whole question will be laid before the other Allies and their decision will be final. That should end it, for the speech of Prince Maximilian, endorsed by the German Reichstag, shows beyond question that Germany still harbors a hope that the military decision may be favorable. So long as that thought is in the Hun mind it is but a waste of time to think of peace or attempt negotiations to bring it about.

Before material progress can be made in the direction of ending the war, Germany must realize that it is impossible for Teutonic representatives to sit in with the Allies at a peace council table and bear an equal part in the proceedings. Germany does not stand in the position of a defendant in a civil suit at law where it is possible to arrange a compromise between the opposing parties. Germany is a convicted criminal, upon whom the Allies will sit in judgment. The question is not decided in not of terms, but of punishment. Territorial concessions, war indemnities, the righting of the wrong done to France in the seizure of Alsace-Lorraine, will not pay the debt due from the Teuton to the world. There must be something more. Germany must be made to suffer as the Allies would be made to suffer at the pleasure of Berlin if conditions were reversed. There must be an end to the Kaiser and Kaiserism at one and the same time, and the ideal that has animated the Germany of the last decade must be utterly destroyed.

Maximilian himself pronounced the fate of Prussianism when he said Germany was prepared for "a peace of violence." It cannot be too violent to satisfy the world, or to square the debt Germany owes to the millions of men, women and children who, through this war, have been taught the meaning of anguish and suffering. The cup of defeat and disaster is now at the lips of the Hun. He must be compelled to drain it to its bitterest dregs.

## CONCERNING RESIGNATIONS

The article republished by The Standard from the Chatham World, in reply to the Times' suggestion that Hon. J. A. Murray, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Hon. B. F. Smith, Mr. George B. Jones and Hon. William Currie should all resign before the next session of the Legislature, has attracted some attention from local newspapers. The Times declares that the Opposition members mentioned should resign, but carefully evades making a definite statement of its attitude toward Hon. Mr. Currie. This is not surprising, for "everyone knows what is the matter with the Times," and with that knowledge it is obvious that Mr. Porter's evening organ would not dare to express an opinion upon provincial affairs, until he or his party managers had first given their instructions.

But isn't the Chatham World article true? Is it not justified by the evidence adduced in the potato and the Currie enquiries?

It is contended that the losses sustained in the potato transaction were made up from profits realized by Mr. Tennant on a contract which a company in which he was interested secured for the construction of a portion of the Valley Railway, that, before accepting the contract, Mr. Tennant intimated to the then leader of the Government that if his company were successful he would be willing to turn over to the Province the amount of the potato loss, and that because this loss was so made up, Messrs. Murray, Baxter, Smith and Jones should forfeit their seats in the Legislature.

The man with whom Mr. Tennant dealt on that occasion has since passed beyond the scope of Commissioner McQueen or any other Royal Commission in the appointment of which the Province government would have voted. Commissioner McQueen's duty is to report on the evidence as he finds it and there is no evidence to show that even if such a conversation took place

## MESSRS. MURRAY, BAXTER, SMITH OR JONES HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY

As far as Mr. Baxter is concerned his contribution to Mr. Daggett had nothing to do with any bargain. He loaned, or gave, the money for a purpose which Mr. Daggett freely and frankly explained when under oath, and he has not yet been repaid. Mr. Baxter took no money from the Provincial Treasury, and there is no reason why he should resign his seat. Mr. Smith was not a member of the Legislature or of the Government when he sold the potatoes in question. His business was to act as agent for the Government in purchasing potatoes from the growers and turning them over to be shipped to British, Belgium or Cuba. For this he received ten cents per barrel, a legitimate profit. He bought more potatoes than could be absorbed, but there is no evidence to show that he exceeded his instructions. As to the alleged overpayment on Mr. Smith's account, every atom of evidence adduced goes to show that he never lost an opportunity of disputing that account and claiming he did not owe it. He takes that position today, so at most it is but a question of a disputed account between the province and Mr. Smith, in which both parties have at least an equal right to fair treatment. There is no reason why Mr. Smith should resign his seat.

Mr. Jones, acting on instructions from the late Premier Clarke, went to Mr. Tennant, secured certain money, even the amount of which was specified to him, and disposed of it as he had been instructed. Of this amount something more than \$33,000 went to wipe out a loss which the province had legitimately sustained. Mr. Jones actually put money in to the provincial treasury to which the province was not entitled. He took no money out. There is no reason why he should resign his seat.

Now how about Mr. Currie? That gentleman was not guilty of putting money in to the provincial treasury. Not he. On the contrary he permitted the company, of which he was manager, to wrongfully retain something more than \$4,000, the property of the Province, and when forced to admit it under oath attempted to excuse himself by the use of the peevish plea "it was not my business."

There is an obvious difference between the cases of Mr. Murray, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones, and the case of Mr. Currie. The first named gentlemen took no money from the Province, Mr. Currie did. In the last analysis the Province lost no money by the potato transaction, and that is the only transaction with which Commissioner McQueen is empowered to deal. His report, no matter how biased it may be, is not yet in hand, whereas the report of Commissioner Priel on the case of Mr. Currie has been before the Government for some weeks, and Premier Power has taken no action.

There is no similarity between the two cases. Mr. Currie should resign, and without further delay.

## WHERE YOUR DOLLARS WILL COUNT

Every Canadian, no matter what his position in the community, who can scrape together enough money to pay the initial deposit upon a Victory Bond, and who is reasonably sure that he can meet the balance of the payments, can make his dollars count in the Victory Loan campaign to start on Monday. Because of the restrictions necessary to combat the outbreak of Spanish influenza, there can be no public gatherings to boost the loan, and it is possible that by reason of this the campaign may be handicapped to some extent. But that handicap can be overcome if citizens make up their minds to purchase without being urged. After all, the only benefit to be derived from a public meeting is found in the opportunity it affords to present the case for the loan to those who attend. This case is now being presented by other mediums, through the newspapers, and by means of an aggressive advertising campaign. It is up to our people to read and think; at a public meeting they would be required to listen and think. That is the only difference and the success of the loan should not be affected by it.

The Canadian people have enjoyed rare prosperity since the outbreak of war. This prosperity cannot be sustained unless the money is forthcoming, and the Victory Loan offers the only medium of securing the amount required to keep the wheels turning for the next year. Even if the war should end tomorrow, money will still be required to provide food for our boys at the front, and to take care of the necessary expenses that must be

incurred. When the boys come home Canada must be in such a condition that they can be fitted in to civil life with no loss to themselves. If Canada is not prosperous the operation of re-establishment will present difficulties. Therefore the duty of our people is plain. Help the boys over there with your dollars over here.

In the earlier days of the war German commanders were accustomed to invite the world to look at the map and judge of the progress of the war by the position of the opposing armies. The Germans have stopped all that foolishness. Maps have ceased to interest them. Just now they are more concerned in consulting timetables to ascertain when the next trains leave for Berlin.

## A BIT OF VERSE

**SAVE US FROM A TALKFEST.**  
 (N. A. Jennings, in N. Y. Herald.)  
 God save us from a talkfest,  
 With those who speak at bay,  
 With base-degraded creatures  
 All honest men despise:

With sly, designing hypocrites  
 Who, now with terror thrilled,  
 Would seek to save the plunder  
 With which their land is filled.

God save us from a talkfest  
 With tricksters steeped in vice,  
 Who have no thought of honor,  
 Who pay with loaded dice.

God save us from a talkfest  
 With murderers at bay,  
 Who women captives wish  
 And helpless children slay.

God save us from a talkfest  
 When fighting's to be done,  
 Let rifles do our talking  
 Until the war is won.

Let bullets speed our message,  
 Let shells shriek our demands,  
 For that's the only language  
 A German understands.

## A BIT OF FUN

**A Saving Clause.**  
 "Doctor, do you approve of all those don't worry theories?"

"Well, I always like to have my patients indulge in a little healthy anxiety about paying my bills."—Boston Transcript.

**Won The Day.**  
 "My girl used to think a lot of her big dog, but I managed to get the rule on him since our marriage."

"How did you work it?"

"Fido wouldn't eat her cooking and I did."—Boston Evening Transcript.

**What He Could Do.**  
 "What?" snarled the rapid fire restaurant in a county of my disease double chins on the back of his neck. "Only one jump of sugar for my coffee? I want four lumps! Can't a man get what he wants in this dump if he pays for it?"

"He can want what he gets," coldly replied Heloise, the waitress, "or he can go out with a ketchup bottle busted on his head. See?"

**No Sunshine.**  
 "Hello, Sunshine."

"Where have you been all the time?" demanded his wife.

"Cloudy weather," he muttered, as he kept right on upstairs. —Louisville Courier-Journal.

**Otherwise O. K.**  
 "Mandelkow of a good family, doesn't he?"

"Yes, he is the only thing I know against it."

## CARDINAL BEGIN ENDORSES LOAN

Montreal, Oct. 21.—Endorsing the Victory Loan, Cardinal DuRoi has written the Quebec organization handling it as follows:

"The Victory Loan which you are organizing in a country of my disease offers, in my opinion, a splendid opportunity to our people of making a sound investment secured by the best possible guarantees. To participate in this loan is to follow the dictates of the roughest economy and far-seeing patriotism."

"I have therefore no hesitation in recommending your undertaking to all those able to co-operate. I particularly urge our parish priests to lend you, in their respective parishes, their authoritative support and the co-operation which in their judgment will further your endeavors."

**YOUR SICK CHILD IS CONSTIPATED! LOOK AT TONGUE**

If cross, feverish or bilious give "California Syrup of Figs."

No matter what ails your child, a gentle, thorough laxative should always be the first treatment given. If your little one is out-of-order, listless, irritable, fretful and acting naturally—look, Mother! see if tongue is coated. This is a sure sign that its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with waste. When cross, irritable, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad or has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, sore throat, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated poison, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

Mothers can rest easy after giving this harmless "fruit laxative," because it never fails to cleanse the little one's liver and bowels, and sweeten the stomach, and they dearly love its pleasant taste. Full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups printed on each bottle. Beware of counterfeit "fig syrups." Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

## Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE.  
 THE CAVE MAN.  
 A Play.

Scene, the Cave Man's Cave.  
 The Cave Man: Is, I'm in love with the cave lady to beat the band. I got a good mind to ask her to marry me and become my wife.  
 His Mother: There's your club behind that rock.  
 The Cave Man: I know, but I'm too much in love with her to hit her with that. Besides, she's too sensitive.  
 His Mother: Don't talk crazy.  
 The Cave Man: No, mother, she ain't like other cave ladies.

Act 2.

Scene. Outside the cave lady's cave.  
 The Cave Man: Yours so bewitchful you remind me of a flock of angels.

The Cave Lady: O mercy Pecos, pass the pickles.  
 The Cave Man: Your eyes and your nose and your remaining features are perfect, and when I dream of you at night, that's all I dream about.

The Cave Lady: Officer, has in area.  
 The Cave Man: Wait a minute.  
 (Runs home and gets his club.)  
 His Mother: Now you know beat me or you?  
 The Cave Man: You.

Act 3.

The same.  
 The Cave Man: O wizz, look up there at that shooting star.  
 The Cave Lady: (Looking up) I don't see any.  
 The Cave Man: (Looking up) I don't see any.  
 The Cave Man: (Looking up) I don't see any.

The Cave Lady: I see your husband or give me death.  
 The Cave Man: Ill give you another crack on the head.  
 (With he does, and then drags her to the ministers cave by the hair, on account of her not feeling like wawking.)  
 The end.

## A MAINE PRIEST UNDER ARREST

Fr. Casavant of Springvale Kept Church Open Against Order of Board of Health—Will Make Test Case.

Springvale, Me., Oct. 24.—Rev. Joseph O. Casavant, pastor of the Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church, is under arrest on a warrant sworn out by the Sanford Board of Health, alleging that he kept his church open for service on Sunday, Oct. 20, after having been ordered to close by the board because of the influenza epidemic.

Dr. C. F. Brigham, chairman of the board, stated that Fr. Casavant and Rev. John J. McGlinis, pastor of St. Ignace Church, of Sanford, on Saturday, Oct. 19, asked the board to lift the ban and permit such brief services as might be absolutely necessary to worship. After much discussion the members of the board voted not to grant the request.

Fr. Casavant then stated that it was his purpose to open his church Sunday morning for two masses, one at 8 o'clock and the other at 9:30. He claimed that the law in this connection is unconstitutional, inasmuch as it affects the freedom of religious worship.

As a result of the refusal of some of the local church to close during the influenza epidemic the Board of Health adopted a new by-law giving itself the power to close the churches. This act was approved by Associate Justice Scott Wilson of the Supreme Court of Maine. The sheriff's department was advised to enforce the closing order rigidly.

Rev. Fr. Casavant told a member of the board that in his decision not to close his church he did not want it understood that he was acting in this manner to defy the law but that he wanted simply to make a test case of it.

The news of the arrest of Fr. Casavant caused a mild sensation.

## FIRE RANGERS TO BE FOREST ASSISTANTS

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Oct. 21.—No meeting of the advisory board of the department of lands and mines was held this afternoon on account of lack of quorum. D. J. Buckley and G. H. Prince, both were prevented from attending by sickness in their families.

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**FUNERAL**  
 The funeral of John place yesterday morning residence, Little River church. Interment was new Catholic cemetery.