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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.

MR. PUGSEY'S CHARGES

The Times appears to be impressed by the fact that the Montreal Star favors an investigation into the charges made by Mr. Pugsley of graft in connection with the manufacture of munitions of war in Canada. The Times quotes the Star as a Conservative newspaper. It would have been more correct had it said a paper which had been Liberal up to 1896, then Conservative, then Independent for a number of years, and which, finally, in the 1911 election campaign, came out solidly in opposition to the iniquitous reciprocity proposals of the Laurier government. The Star has also supported Sir Robert Borden on the naval issue and is now rendering general support to his Government. In fact the Montreal Star has seen almost as many political changes as the Times itself. However, the Star's political preferences are aside from the question as to whether there should be an investigation into the charges made by Mr. Pugsley, or whether the ex-Minister of Public Works in introducing his subject was actuated by patriotism or partisanship.

In the first place the orders for shells were placed very largely by agents of the British government who visited Canada for the purpose. The Canadian Shell Committee, which Mr. Pugsley criticizes, has paid attention chiefly to the organization of the industry with the idea of getting the largest and most satisfactory output. In this they have succeeded to such a degree as to win the approval of all except biased Liberal partisans of the Pugsley class.

It must also be remembered that no such investigation can be held by the Canadian government without obtaining the permission and authority of the British government. The supply of munitions of war for the British and other allied armies is a matter in which Imperial authorities must be consulted first of all. Mr. Pugsley, as a parliamentarian of years standing, should know this very well, and it is safe to say that he does.

In the second place it may very well be urged that if Mr. Pugsley had information to substantiate his charges, which have not progressed beyond the stage of one very gaseous speech, the proper course for him was to lay his information privately before the Government or the Shell Committee. It has not been the record of the Borden Government to refuse enquiries into any matter of public concern and since this war opened a number of instances, where it was charged exorbitant prices were being asked for war materials, have been investigated and the evil-doers punished.

It is probably unnecessary to remind the Liberals that in practically every case so investigated the chief offenders were found to be Liberal appointees in the civil service, as in the case of the binoculars, or dishonest Liberal contractors who did not hesitate to mulct the country. In one outstanding case, that of Garland, it was found that prices charged for materials, while regarded as too high, were still lower than prices for similar articles asked and paid by the Laurier government during the South African war. In the case of Garland the Borden Government enforced restitution; the Laurier administration did nothing of the kind. This one instance, not to cite numerous others, was sufficient to show Mr. Pugsley that if he had submitted anything at all resembling specific charges the Government would have seen to it that the interests of the Canadian people were entirely safeguarded.

Did he take such a course? Not at all; on the contrary, he waited until he arose in his place in the House and, with the air of a hero uncovering a great wrong, threw his charges broadcast without the slightest shadow of evidence to corroborate them. At once the partisan Liberal press from one coast to the other took them up and imputed all sorts of scandal and graft against the administration—a favorite but unsuccessful device of the party.

It is reasonable to expect the Borden Government to take every possible measure to safeguard the interests of the people of Canada and the Em-

pire. That they are prepared to do to the fullest possible extent. But are they to be blamed for refusing to permit a partisan politician as unscrupulous and as venomous as Mr. Pugsley to engage in a fishing expedition for party capital? Emphatically not.

IS THIS PARTISANSHIP?

The Moncton Transcript gleefully devotes an editorial to the fact that Mr. Ferdinand J. Robidoux, M. P. for Kent County, has been relieved from his position as secretary of that county. The Transcript says in part: "It was felt through the County that Mr. Robidoux could not do justice as a politician representing the County at Ottawa to the interests of the County as an impartial county secretary."

"The matter came before the Kent County Council at its recent meeting held on Thursday, January 13th, and by a vote of thirteen to nine Mr. Robidoux, M. P., was dismissed from the office of County Secretary and Mr. Louis Robichaud, barrister, elected in his stead. It was a straight party vote."

Apparently the Kent County Grits believe in carrying party politics into municipal affairs. Mr. Robidoux was a useful and competent official of the county as well as a particularly valuable member of the Dominion Parliament. It is well that party politics are not allowed to rule in "non-political" appointments in St. John, or that political partisanship is not regarded here as an offence to be punished by dismissal. If conditions were changed, for instance, and the Kent County rule applied by the Conservatives in the St. John Board of Trade, how long would Mr. Joseph A. L. likely continue to be president, or Mr. R. E. Arm strong secretary of that body?

ELECTION OR EXTENSION?

It is reported that the members of the Liberal party have left it to Sir Wilfrid Laurier to frame the policy to be adopted by the party in regard to the question of an extension of the parliamentary term. Western Liberals are in favor of an extension, while those from the Maritime Provinces and Quebec are said to oppose it. The general feeling of independent men is that an election in war time is to be avoided if at all possible, but the people of Canada are fully aware of the responsibility devolving upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers. If they choose, they can plunge the country into the tumult of a party fight, but if this course is decided upon the blame must rest on those Liberals who seek to subordinate peace and harmony in favor of political strife. The Conservatives all over Canada are prepared for any action the Liberals may take; an election now or later will find them ready to enter the conflict with full confidence of success.

MR. W. B. DICKSON

In the death of Mr. W. B. Dickson, Speaker of the Legislature of New Brunswick, the County of Albert loses a valued representative, the legislature a well qualified and absolutely impartial presiding officer, and the province a good citizen.

Mr. Dickson had been in failing health for some time, a fact which prevented him from giving close attention to his legislative duties for the past two years, but prior to that he had been prominent on the floor of the local House and, for years, had done good service as an organizer for the Conservative party.

A gentleman of the old school, courteous, affable and gentle-hearted, the late Mr. Dickson counted his friends by the hundreds and there will be sincere regret today at his passing.

Cruelty to Animals.

Philip Levine was before Magistrate Adams in the Brookville Court on Saturday and fined ten dollars for cruelty to animals. County Police man Saunders gave evidence of seeing Levine driving along the road with a cow on a sled. The animal was lying on the sled with its forefeet tied. Levine explained that the reason the cow was tied was because it was wild. The person who sold the animal to Levine gave evidence that it was not wild. County Police man Saunders reported the matter to S. M. Wetmore, secretary of the S. P. C. A., who prosecuted.

De Profundis

Tune No. 742.
(By Rev. Dr. R. D. Bambrick, Yarmouth, N. S.)
Out of the deep, out of the deep!
Where the baleful shadows sweep
Thick and more thick o'er the path
Way we tread;
Dark and more dark grow the wonder
And dread;
Out of the depths of this strange,
Dread night,
Father we plead for light.

Out of the deep, out of the deep!
Where our fallen comrades sleep
On ever-on, o'er the mangled and slain,
On toward their goal, while our
struggles seem vain,
Father, though humbled, and forced
to the dust
We plead for faith to trust.

Out of the deep, out of the deep!
Where the maddened maiden weep
When their bright boys go to suffer
and bleed,
Where rage the demons of passion
and greed,
Out of the depths of fierce distress
We pray Thee soothe and bless.

Out of this deep, out of this deep!
Out of this vileness this nation
keep—
Where men are cowards, or too sor-
did to fight,
Where men love life more than honor
or right,
God, that our land may be fit to
save,
Oh, make her children brave.

Out of the deep, out of the deep!
God, we see our nation reap
What she has sown by her aim and
her thought,
Worship of wealth, with her God for-
soot!
If so, in penance, then, 'neath Thy
sword
This nation pardon, Lord.

Out of the deep, out of the deep!
Purged of her callous, her curse, and
her sin,
Purged of the traitors who stab from
within,
Rid of the vipers that coiled in her
breast
Purified, pardoned, and blessed.

ALBERT COLEMAN ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Special to The Standard.
Elgin, Jan. 22.—William Sears Banister, a man of about 58 years of age, was arrested and brought before Magistrate E. E. Peck, last Thursday, charged with a very serious statutory offence. He was remanded until next Wednesday at 2 p. m. Depositions of three of his neighbors and of a near neighbor were taken, in consequence of which one of the daughters was taken to the jail. The depositions have been laid before the Attorney General and if true reveal a shocking state of affairs.

To Test Legality of Seizure.

It is possible that the matter of the recent seizure by Lieutenant Inspector Jones of a consignment of spirits taken over from the International Line of Steamships, as carriers of the liquor and consigned to a place in Eastport for re-shipment to the Scott Act district of St. Stephen may come before the court on the question of the legality of the seizure. This seizure was made under the provisions of the act which became effective last May and which requires that the full name and address of the vendor and consignee shall be placed on a label, easily read, on the goods consigned to any district of the province. It is said that this requirement was not fulfilled in the case in question. The consignee asked the carrier company to oppose the giving up of the liquor, but the seizure was made as stated.

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Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE

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Sisley notes. Mary Watkins cousin Stella visited her last Sunday and the 2 young ladies was observed setting on the front steps together, Miss Watkins wearing a blue dress with a sash around the middle and her cousin Stella wearing a white dress without any sash properly belted because the dress was good enough without a sash and not because she hasn't got any sashes.

There was a little fire in Pude Simkinses seller last night. It was in the heater Joak.

It is thawing by many of the folks that school should start a half an hour later than what it does, thus giving them time to eat their breakfasts slowly instead of having to hurry throo them the way they have to; thus greatly endangering their digestions. It is also thawing that in case school starts a half an hour later, it should still keep on leaving out at the same time, as it is thawing that the time it leaves out is all right.—Editorial.

Sporting news. Last Tuesday Skinny Martin jumped the post in front of the church, a feat often attempted but never before did.

Big accident. Sam Krawas fell on his nose while attempting to jump the post in front of the church after Skinny Martin had did it, spilling mud blood but no broken bones.

Why is a camel like a week wen it dont rane. 7 days without wattr.

A man went around ringing doorbells and giving out little samples of chocklit last Thursday, and wen peopl didnt come to the door he just dropped the chocklit in the vestibule and rang more doorbells. It is estimated that the samples dropped in vestibules were equally divided between Reddy Morry, Sid Hunt and Ed Vernick.

The Weather. Fare if it dont rane.

PERSONAL

Lieut. Leon Melanson, of Shediac, acting paymaster of the 16th battalion is at the Victoria.

E. C. Phalen, of Amherst, has been removed to St. John to become assistant manager at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s dry goods house. Mr. and Mrs. Phalen were presented with an address by their friends in Amherst, where both were very popular, just before they left.

Miss Hazel Edgett, of this city, is visiting friends in Moncton.

Miss Grace Anderson, of Moncton, is visiting friends in St. John.

H. E. Lodge, F. W. Winter and H. H. Morehouse, of Moncton, were at the Dufferin Saturday.

W. H. Semper and O. J. Kilham, of Truro, were guests of the Dufferin yesterday.

G. F. Burt, of Hartland, was at the Victoria Saturday.

R. P. Gorham, F. A. Coburn, H. Gibson and C. A. Jewett, of Fredericton, were at the Victoria Saturday.

Lieut. R. J. Maxwell, of Woodstock, was at the Victoria Saturday.

James G. Robichaud, of Portage River, was at the Royal yesterday.

J. H. Stewart, of Bathurst, was at the Royal yesterday.

L. Shannon, of Moncton, was also a guest of the Royal Sunday.

A very interesting family reunion occurred at Havelock recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alward when all but one of their children returned to their old home. They and their families were: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Alward, and three children, of Chicago; Dr. Walter Alward, of Prince George, B. C.; Miss Jennie, of Lethbridge, Alta.; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley

Barker, and two children, of Bath, N. B.; Mr. and Mrs. Claude McCain, of Florenceville, and the Misses Amy and Villa Alward, of Acadia College. Miss Blanche Alward, of Victoria, B. C., was unable to be present.

Mrs. Roy Ring left on the noon train on Saturday for Halifax, N. S., to join her husband, Captain Ring.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Beattie, of St. Patrick street, observed Saturday, the fifty-first anniversary of their wedding. Owing to a slight illness from which Mr. Beattie is suffering, the occasion was quietly observed.

Senator Daniel arrived in the city on Saturday from Ottawa.

Captain and Mrs. R. A. Cameron announce the engagement of their daughter, Iola Beattie, to Dr. H. D. Gorman of Providence, R. I.

F. P. Gutelius, general manager of the I. C. R., accompanied by Chief Engineer C. B. Brown and General Traffic Manager E. M. Hayes, arrived in the city on Saturday morning en route from Boston to Moncton.

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and Ale of Gulliver, tomorrow.

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James A. McMahon, aged 62 years, died in Moncton Thursday of pneumonia. He came from Charlottetown three years ago, and leaves his wife, five daughters and three sons. A brother in Charlottetown also survives.

Fred A. Belyea.
The body of Fred B. Belyea was taken to Brown's Flats on Saturday morning, and the funeral was held yesterday morning from the residence of LeBaron Worden. Mr. Belyea was killed by accident while in the discharge of his duties as conductor on the National Transcontinental, 200 miles west of Port William, when the caboose was overturned and went down an embankment. He was a native of Central Greenwich, Kings County. He was a son of the late Murray Belyea, and was 32 years of age. He leaves a cheerful disposition and will be much missed. Besides her father and mother, she leaves five brothers and three sisters. The funeral will take place tomorrow, not today as previously stated. Service will be held at 3 o'clock.

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