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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.

## CARVELL QUITS AGAIN.

For the past year F. B. Carvell, through the medium of his dirty little sheet, the Carleton Sentinel, has not ceased to slander and vilify Mr. B. Frank Smith in connection with Mr. Smith's lumbering operations on the Tobique Reserve. Mr. Smith, for a long time, ignored the attacks, probably considering that the slander and expressed enmity of a man like Carvell was a help rather than a hindrance to the success of most men. Since the issuance of the writ for the bye-election in Carleton, however, the Carvell slime factory has been working overtime and, as a result, Mr. Smith decided to give to the Dark Lantern Brigadier a chance to prove his insinuations in public or else force him to swallow them as untrue. Consequently, Mr. Smith issued a challenge to Carvell, offering to pay the expenses incidental to a public meeting to be held in the Hayden-Gibson theatre in Woodstock, on Wednesday evening next, at which meeting Carvell could give the public the facts upon which his insinuations are based.

In a characteristic reply Carvell repeats certain statements he originally made regarding Mr. Smith's operations on the Tobique but does not accept the Smith offer. On the contrary he proposes that he and Mr. Smith shall meet in the Hayden-Gibson theatre on Wednesday evening next and discuss, NOT MR. SMITH'S OPERATIONS ON THE TOBIQUE, AS ASKED BY THE CHALLENGER, BUT THE POLITICAL QUESTIONS AT ISSUE IN THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN. In other words, Carvell plainly seeks to dodge the opportunity to show what foundation he has for his campaign of falsification and scandal but, instead, DESIRES TO GET A HALL FOR A POLITICAL MEETING FOR WHICH MR. SMITH WILL PAY THE RENT. A cheap, petty device, but not cheaper than others in the Carvell repertoire.

Last evening, The Standard received from this man who, for many years, has misrepresented the County of Carleton, a lengthy telegram containing what purported to be a copy of the letter to Mr. Smith and requesting its publication. The portions of Mr. Carvell's letter referring to the meeting as he would like to arrange it, and the conditions which he desires to govern it, are published in this issue, although, in the light of his ignominious failure to accept the challenge as Mr. Smith made it, there is no obligation upon this newspaper to give publicity to anything more than the fact that Carvell evaded Mr. Smith's direct and unmistakable defiance.

Mr. Smith's proposal to Carvell was as follows: "I propose that Mr. Carvell meet me at the Hayden-Gibson theatre in Woodstock, on the night of the 6th of January next, and let him put before the public the FACTS AND FIGURES UPON WHICH HIS INSINUATIONS AND INVECTIVES ARE BASED. I WILL PAY THE EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH A MEETING, and will give him one hour in which to present his case and I will take the same time if I find it necessary for my reply."

Mr. Carvell's insinuations touched upon Mr. Smith's personal business reputation and it will be observed Mr. Smith has taken the many course in demanding satisfaction. The Carvell letter in reply contains these significant words: "Now Mr. Smith, you cannot draw me away from the issue in this bye-election contest. We are discussing the acts and policies of the government, which you support, which made this election necessary, and I will be delighted to meet you in the place mentioned in this town, next Wednesday evening, TO DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS AT ISSUE IN THE PRESENT CONTEST."

The truculent Carvell insinuated that Mr. Smith was dishonest, and when Mr. Smith defied his traducer to meet him on the public platform and give to the public any facts in support of the insinuation, Carvell replies in effect "No, Mr. Smith, we will not discuss your honesty, against which I cast aspersions, but I will meet you on the date and in the place you name, and discuss certain questions dealing with a government of which you were not a member, you to BEAR ALL EXPENSES OF SUCH AN UNDERTAKING." In this matter Carvell has shown conspicuous bravery of a class similar to that he displayed when he LEFT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS HURRIEDLY AND QUIETLY RATHER THAN RISK AN ENCOUNTER WITH DR. EDWARDS OF FRONTENAC, WHO WAS WAITING TO INFLICT PHYSICAL CHASTISEMENT UPON THE CARLETON

## COUNTY BLOCKADER FOR SCURRILOUS AND UNTRUE UTTERANCES MADE ON THE FLOORS OF THE HOUSE.

## THE WAR SITUATION

The loss of the British battleship Formidable, and the resultant death of several hundreds of her crew, adds another to the scores the British navy has chalked up against the Prussian power. There will come a day, and observers do not believe it will be much longer delayed, when all these adversities will be atoned for. In the meantime the destruction of the Formidable can be of little effect except to fan to fresh intensity the resentment against Germany. Even with yesterday's loss the British navy has had far the better of the encounters with the enemy. The loss of the Monmouth and Good Hope off the coast of Chile was speedily followed by the annihilation of Von Spee's squadron, the events which culminated in the sinking of the Cressy, Aboukir and Hogue were more than offset by the British exploits in the Battle of Heligoland, the raid on Scarborough and Harbottle was answered by the British raid to the mouth of the Elbe and the inflicting of great damage upon the German air vessels and stock of war supplies. So it may be expected that the destruction of the Formidable will not be allowed to remain an uncontested credit to Germany.

The fifth month of the war finds the German forces fighting at high pressure on both fronts, making no appreciable progress and slowly but none the less surely wearing themselves out. The grip is tightening which must eventually crush Germany the last vestige of her military and naval power. Last evening's despatches bore timely references to the increasing strength of the British army. Despite the great losses Britain today has more men under arms than made up her whole available fighting force a month after the outbreak of war. Germany can make no such showing. Already it is evident that she is straining her last resources. Her cities, once guarded by the flower of European soldiery are now filled with old men and boys, every man of available fighting age, and many beyond it being already under arms. And from the standpoint of the Allies the war has hardly commenced. In all the war news, even regarded from the most pronounced pro-German angle, there is nothing which should cause pessimism on the part of the Allies but, on the contrary, every cause for assurance that the end of the present month will find the Allies well advanced on their march to Berlin faced by a daily weakening enemy.

## JAPAN IN EUROPE.

(From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.)  
 Of Japanese participation in the war in Europe there are persistent rumors. It is said that an expeditionary force of 250,000 soldiers is to be despatched by the Mikado to help settle the issue. The rumors are probably without foundation, but they are less amazing than some of the conditions which have been suggested.

It has been claimed that Japan would demand, as the price of her participation, permanent possession of the city of Hamburg and its port. Such a concession would be almost precisely similar to the concessions which the European Powers—including Germany—have taken in the Far East. Kiauchau, Wei-Hai-Wei, Port Arthur and the French holdings in southern China are instances. For Japan to take possession of a little holding anywhere in Europe would amount practically to an admission of Japan's superiority to the European races. This is, of course, absolutely unthinkable, and the Hamburg story is ludicrous.

It is, however, difficult to understand the opposition of such a statesman as Hanau to Japanese participation. The French have already called in their black Senegalese and their brown Turcos, and have welcomed the Indian soldiers of Great Britain on French soil. The Japanese approach more nearly the European standard than any of these. The fear that Japan would obtain a foothold in Europe is purely, and other objection is illogical.

It is extremely improbable that a single Japanese regiment will be sent to Europe, but if the Japs do come they will in all likelihood go to the aid of the Russians, instead of helping the French. It would be comparatively simple matter to transport Japanese troops over the Trans-Siberian railway to Russia and thence to Poland or Prussia. Japanese and Russians, opponents in one of the deadliest wars fighting side by side would present an amazing spectacle—far more amazing than the fraternizing of the traditional enemies, France and England.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN FINE RALLIES

## Methodist in Centenary and Presbyterian and Congregational in St. John's Church.

The annual New Year's rallies of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Sunday schools took place yesterday morning, the Methodists meeting in Centenary church, and the Congregationalists and Presbyterians uniting at St. John's church. Both gatherings were well attended and the meetings showed that the Sunday school movement in St. John is making progress.

After the meetings the Methodists started from Centenary church and marched to King street east where they were joined by those who attended the other meeting and all paraded to Market Square.

## In St. John Church

The fifth annual New Year's rally of the Presbyterian and Congregational Sunday schools of St. John and environs was held yesterday in St. John Presbyterian church. The day was fine and the spirits of the large number in attendance were well toned up for the occasion. The church was filled to its capacity with scholars, teachers and officers of the various Sunday schools concerned, with a considerable sprinkling of interested friends who came to lend their sympathy and enthusiasm to the occasion.

Dr. J. H. MacVicar of St. Andrew's church presided, and with him on the platform were ministers of the other churches and Commissioner J. V. Russell and Col. H. H. McLean who participated in the programme of the day.

The choir of St. John church, reinforced by a junior orchestra from St. David's church, led in the musical part of the service. The service was opened with a prayer of invocation by Rev. W. M. Townsend, after which all joined heartily in the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers." The chairman led in the responsive scripture reading which was followed with prayer by Rev. F. W. Thompson. "Dare to Be a Daniel," "From Ocean Unto Ocean," "Brightly Gleams Our Banner," and the national anthem were all sung throughout the service with unusual heartiness and uplift. Rev. J. H. A. Anderson gave a short address.

Commissioner Russell in fitting terms tendered to the gathering the greetings and New Year goodwill of the City Commission. Rev. R. J. Hamilton and John B. Magee conveyed the greetings of the Presbyterian Congregational rally to the Methodist rally meeting at the same hour in Centenary church, while return greetings were tendered in the name of the Methodist schools by Rev. H. R. Thomas and Rev. J. B. Champion. A feature of the rally which added no small interest, and which contributed no small part to the size of the gathering was the awarding of a prize banner to the school which had the largest percentage of enrolled membership present at the rally. The Congregational Sunday school was awarded the banner a year ago on this basis and has held the trophy throughout the year. While nearly every school had a good representation in attendance, and several making a good percentage, the Sunday school in connection with the Courtney Bay Presbyterian Mission, the "baby of the family," as Robert Reid, the chairman of committee arrangements, termed it, was represented by eighty-four per cent of its enrollment. The grown up schools were glad to lend this encouragement to the junior, and Courtney Bay holds the banner for the next year.

A special feature of yesterday's programme was the presentation of flags of the empire to every person in attendance, young and old. This was a signal token of the generosity of Col. McLean who donated the flags for the occasion and who made the presentation in a most interesting speech. "Three cheers and a tiger" from more than half a thousand lusty voices was the response which the good Colonel received for his kindness.

Dudley March sang "O Canada" with all the voices joining in the chorus. The flag salute was conducted by Col. McLean, with George McDaid holding the flag. After the service was dismissed, the members of the rally met and joined forces with the Methodist rally and marched with waving flags and banners down King street where around the fountain the marching hymn of the Christian church was sung, three cheers given for the respective rallies, three cheers for the King and three cheers for the Canadian soldiers, after which the singing of the national anthem ended a most enjoyable and inspiring day for the many in attendance.

Rev. Mr. Anderson said that Rev. Mr. MacKelgan had intended to be present but was unavoidably absent.

## In Centenary

In Centenary church the big auditorium was crowded to capacity with children and others interested in Sunday school work. His Honor Lieutenant Governor Wood was to have presided but was unable to be present. He sent greetings to the rally. Greetings were also received from similar rallies in Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

The address of the morning was presented by Rev. W. G. Lane. Rev. M. E. Connor and Rev. H. Johnston also took part in the service. Silver Falls, Brookville, Marsh Bridge Mission and Fairville besides the schools in the city were represented.

This was the seventh annual rally of the Methodist Sunday schools and the large number present showed that the idea was helping to extend the Sunday school work to a greater extent than ever before.

R. T. Hayes is chairman, Alfred Burley secretary, and R. D. Smith treasurer of the united Sabbath schools of this district.

## Little Benny's Note Book.

BY LEE PAPE.

"We was awl in the setting room last nite, and I thawt of sumthing I fownd, and I pulled it out of my pocket, saying, G, pop, G, ma, look at what I fownd this afternoon. I bet it's a reel diamond.  
 By George, it's not a reel shine to it, let's have a look, sed pop.  
 That boys forever finding things, I dont no how he dur it, my gray-shins, wat if it shoold reely be a jenuine diamond, sed ma.  
 Darn if it dunt look like wun, sed pop. And he held it up to the lile, saying, Yes sir, I no a littel bit about diamonds, and I bet this is the jenuine ardekil, look at the way the lile hite it, look at that bloo re-heckshin, yes sir, I shoould be surprized if the boy hasent gone and fownd sumthing regulir.  
 Goodniss, wat do you think of that, sed ma.  
 And jest look at the size of it, sed my sistir Gladdis.  
 I neverly noo that boys best at finding things, sed ma.  
 Im a grate finder awl rite, aint I, ma, I sed.  
 Jest look at that bloo reheckshin, will you, sed pop. Benny, run out and find me a cuppl of milliyin dollirs, will you.  
 Do you think its a regulir reel diamond, pop, I sed.  
 Looks that way, awl rite, sed pop, ware awn arth did you pick it up.  
 Yes ware, sed ma.  
 Ware Benny, sed Gladdis.  
 It was in a old brookin hare comb up in the store room, I sed.  
 Good nite and neverly seen, sed pop.  
 Place yestaday morning, I want you say that at first, sed ma.  
 Benny, yure, not rite in yure hed, sed Gladdis, hear I was awl reddy to have it set in a ring for myself.  
 Well jest because it was in a old comb dont say its not a reel diamond, aint it, I sed.  
 Well take it and vamoose before yure injured, sed pop.  
 Wich I did, swapping it with Sid Hunt for half a pease of chewing gum.

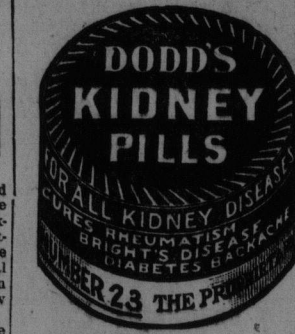
## A JOYLESS NEW YEAR'S EVE IN BERLIN

Berlin, Jan. 1 (Via The Hague), and London—Berlin last night, at the passing of the old year, showed strikingly, for the first time since the outbreak of the war, that the life of the city is not proceeding in its normal channels. The customary celebration to welcome the advent of the new year were almost entirely lacking.

A fact that struck observers of the night's doings was the comparatively few men were present. Formerly the police were very busy on New Year's eve, but last night they virtually had nothing to do.

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