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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 WHY OF CARVELL.

The Times objects to the criticism of Frank B. Carvell by The Standard and other newspapers supporting the Provincial Government, and explains that the only reason for such a course is because the record of the Provincial Government cannot be successfully defended and The Standard, in criticizing Mr. Carvell, is merely seeking to distract the attention of the electors of Carleton County. Mr. Carvell is not an issue in the Carleton campaign, says the Times.

Our esteemed but somewhat ill-tempered contemporary is wrong. Frank B. Carvell is always an issue in any political contest in New Brunswick where decency and fair play are ranged on one side against brutality, cowardice and poisonous slander on the other. Frank B. Carvell is an issue in Carleton County because it was through his personal jealousy and deep-seated resentment against Hon. B. Frank Smith, the man whose federal seat Carvell stole, that the present contest was made necessary. Frank B. Carvell is an issue in Carleton County because the oppositionists are running their campaign in the way he directs it shall be run and he is responsible for the vituperation and abuse indulged in by himself, his associate wind-jammers and his reptile press. Frank B. Carvell is an issue in Carleton County because Carleton County has contributed nobly and well to the cause of the Empire, because the sons of Carleton County have not hesitated to go forth and fight and if need be for British institutions and British liberty, and the oppositionists appeal to the parents of those sons to support the mouthpieces of the man who—more grossly than any other public man in Canada—attempted to stigmatize the name and fame of the Canadian soldiers. Frank B. Carvell is an issue in Carleton County because it was his lips that framed the words "ALL YOU GET IN THE MILITIA OF CANADA IS THAT YOU TEACH ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT. OF THE YOUNG MEN OF CANADA HOW TO GET DRUNK." Yet it is these Carvell-styled DRUNKARDS who have contributed to write the name of Canada in a higher niche than ever before in the world's history. Frank B. Carvell is an issue in Carleton County because it is only in Carleton County that he can be got at and his removal from public life would be a boon to that life and to Canada generally. It is Carleton's duty to assist in that removal. Frank B. Carvell is an issue in Carleton County because the whole opposition campaign in that county is founded on lies and misrepresentations based on the activities of Carvell and his associated much-naked and in crushing a lie or refuting a slander it is necessary to pay some slight attention to the author. Yes, Frank B. Carvell is very much an issue in Carleton County and the slogan the decent and independent voters of that county will keep before them in the present campaign is BEAT THE MEN WHO STAND FOR CARVELL. TODAY AND CARVELL, HIMSELF, WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY OFFERS. Carleton has an opportunity now that should not only be a duty but a pleasure.

## VOTES FOR BRITISH WOMEN.

If Premier Asquith carries out his indicated intention of including "votes for women" in the franchise and registration reforms that must come with the end of the war, the electoral basis of British politics will be strangely altered. No one knows now how the new element will influence the national decisions in the great post-bellum problems. The war has brought the British woman strongly to the front as a force in the conduct of government. She has taken man's place in the shop and factory, in the counting-house and on the tram. Her patriotism and loyal support of war measures has earned a larger place in the counsels of the nation. No one expects that the extending of the franchise to her would double the number of ballot-casters, but there would be at least a large new voting power that would make its impression on candidates and their politics.

There are about a million more women than men, normally, in the United Kingdom, says an exchange. At the last census there were about 14,000,000 women over 21, and about

13,000,000 men. But the total number of male electors was stated a couple of years ago by a White Paper to be \$1,800,000 in the United Kingdom, England and Wales had 6,620,000, Scotland 662,900, and Ireland 698,000. Women, being more numerous than men normally, and after the war likely to far exceed them, would have a voting strength of considerably more than eight million. If half the women with the franchise went to the polls, four million votes, as against a greatly reduced polling by the men, would be decisive. The introduction of such a new force into British politics would be epoch-making. Whether such a franchise bill would pass the present British Commons is somewhat doubtful, though Premier Asquith's conversion after a period of determined opposition, might well be regarded as representing the collapse of practical ally opposition.

When the next British election takes place with the coming of peace conditions, old party lines and problems will have been pretty well obscured by the gigantic events of the war. Even the male vote will have been entirely changed by the casualty lists. The end of the war will mark a new era in which fresh groundings in nearly all British national and imperial affairs must be taken.

## THE CARLETON CAMPAIGN.

The first week of the campaign in Carleton County finds the electors taking a deep interest in the questions before them; the Government meetings well attended and enthusiastic, and the opposition campaign of slander and misrepresentation ably met by the telling arguments of fact. The Government has sent, and will send, responsible speakers into the county to discuss the questions of administration with full knowledge of the facts, and the desire to give all the facts to the people. Opposed to this the Carter-Veniot party present a campaign of insinuation and abuse. The people of Carleton will judge the case on its merits. They will not vote to exchange a government which has increased the public revenues and given honest service in every particular for the representatives of the men who, when in power, plundered the treasury with an utter disregard of the public right, who brought the finances of the province into such a condition that one trusted official selected suicide as preferable to a measure of dishonor for which he would have been but partially responsible.

The day of these things has, happily, passed forever from this province, and the people of Carleton will not vote for its return. They will, however, embrace the opportunity to endorse the administration which has honestly expended every dollar of public money voted to the public services, and to show their appreciation of the work and record of Hon. B. Frank Smith and his colleague Mayor Sutton, who will be returned in the forthcoming by-election by a majority sufficiently large to show Mr. Carvell and his associates the measure of disrepute into which they have fallen.

## HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

Let us suppose for the sake of illustration that the "new-old" opposition party now contesting Carleton county against Hon. B. Frank Smith and Mayor Sutton should win that county and also achieve success in the next general election. How would a cabinet such as this appeal to the people of this province:

Premier—Hon. C. W. Robinson—producer of juggled surpluses.  
Minister of Lands and Mines—Hon. F. J. Sweeney, of depleted revenues and dishonest stumpage returns.  
Minister of Public Works—Hon. Peter J. Veniot, Grit organizer and machine politician.  
Provincial Secretary—Hon. Edward S. Carter, THE TWICE HORSEWHIPPED.

With the other offices to be filled by gentlemen of similar calibre still to be nominated.  
Isn't the mere mention of that array of talent sufficient to decide the issue in Carleton and every other county where the people still desire honest government?

## THROUGH GERMAN SPECTACLES

### "Banked Fires" of Rebellion—Alarm at the Russian Peril.

The "Leipziger Volkszeitung" has been suspended. The fact is really not at all surprising, for this democratic newspaper has been voicing the feelings of the German masses about the shortage of food in a manner which even the densest censorship could not fail to understand.

#### No Grumbling!

An article published in one of the last issues of the offending newspaper says plainly that the Government dare not take action against certain food profiteers, and adds an unmistakable hint of probable disturbances unless something is done to remedy the situation.

Nothing could well be worse than the disorder created by the Government measures in regard to the food supply. It is not that the Government is incapable of doing better; it has not wished, it has not dared to do better. The worst of the situation is that all public criticism is suffocated by the state of siege and by the censorship everything is discussed behind closed doors.

#### Files and the Elephant.

The "Munich Volkstümme," another democratic newspaper, appears to be dying to join its Leipzig contemporary in a martyrdom. It speaks of the Russian advance on the eastern front. It says little; it tells us nothing that is new; and yet it must cause a rude awakening among its German readers.

The Russian peril remains threatening as ever. An elephant will bear the stings of many flies. That is what we have to remember. Yonder in the east we are faced by a frightful enemy, frightful particularly because of his numbers, but also because of the reinforcements lately of those numbers by masses of men who are imbued with ideas of nationalism, and of very superior technical and military training.

It is always a good thing to get rid of illusions and to look facts in the face. Those facts are not at all reassuring for ourselves.

#### Bad News "Strategy."

Russia's advance is also the subject of an interesting article in the "Frankfurter Zeitung." It forewarns Germans of possible "bad news," and consoles them with the stock reference to "strategy."

It goes without saying that we have not voluntarily evacuated our old lines on the eastern front, nor without considerable losses either. Nevertheless, we have adequate room behind the front; that is the reason why our high command has acted as it did.

The retreat was a purely tactical one. Sufficient for us to know that Hindenburg is in the east, for he is the man who carefully prepares beforehand every step that is taken. Therefore, no tidings that may reach us shortly, be they even superficially alarming in character, should surprise us.

What was at one time an involuntary retreat on our part has become a strategic operation. Hence we think we may conclude from this that the Entente Powers are very premature in thinking that the withdrawal of our lines to the rear is a decisive operation.

#### "Tu Quoque."

Germany's official reply to Mr. Asquith's statement that the British Government would not resume diplomatic relations with Germany until satisfaction had been given for the murder of Captain Fratt is to hand. Printed in the "Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," it takes a popular form of argument generally left in this country to school children:

The English Prime Minister appears to imagine that once peace is concluded people in Germany will be burning with impatience to see an English representative among them once more.

Mr. Asquith is mistaken. In Germany the idea is not entertained with enthusiasm of resuming diplomatic relations with a country whose statesmen and press vie with each other in insulting and slandering Germany, and who, in giving expression to their thoughts, manifest a lack of decency that is unparalleled since the world began.

English Cunning.

## Little Benny's Note Book

We was eating supper last nite, and ma sed, Benny, your not eating, dont you feel well?  
Not very, I sed. Wich I didnt, and ma sed, Have you a pane?  
Its not a pane, its just a feeling erround the stummick, I sed.  
Wich it was, and ma sed, Wat kind of a feeling, have you bin eating sumthing that didnt agree with you?  
I dont know weather it agreed with me or not, I sed.  
Wat was it? sed pop.  
Different things, I sed. I was erround at Puds Simknees house this afternoon and me and Puds tried to see if we cood eet different things without making us sick.  
Grate greet such as wat? sed pop.  
We started with strawberry shoartcake with mustard on it, I sed.  
Mercyfill hevins, sed ma.  
That was a good start, sed pop, and wat was the 2nd coorse?  
Strawberry shoartcake with ketchup on it, and then strawberry shoartcake with wistershoor sauce on it, and then teespoonfuls of butter and vinegar, I sed.  
Its a wonder your alive to tell the tale, sed ma, and pop sed, Was there anything else, you surely didnt stop there.  
No sir, we tried 2 more things, I sed.  
Ah, I thawt I cood trust you to be thorough, sed pop.  
I aint sick, I feel kind of funny, I sed.  
Well Im going to call up Simknees, sed pop, maybe the boy is dying and they think its meely acute typhoid or sumthing. And he called up on the telephone, saying, Hello, is that you, Simknees, this is Potts, is your boy very sick, O, tent he, O, is he, O, no reason, no reason, I just had an idea not be well with him good by. And he hung up, saying, O, to be a boy agen, jest for a meal. And we finished eating supper, all I cood eet beeing 3 peeces of fried tummayto and 2 char-litt rooses.

the war, to exercise this "punishment," in whatever form it be, that attempt would leave all Germans as cool as the threats themselves. Psychologically considered, this pastime in which the House of Lords has indulged is very instructive. It demonstrates not only the immeasurable English ignorance, but also the cunning but impotent desire to react by means of such menaces and insinuations on the German warfare in such a way, for instance, that the German conduct of the war at sea shall not again give Great Britain and her allies cause for disagreeable self-reproach.

#### Why Boast About It?

The Germans, or, rather, the Huns in the trenches, are the only Kultur race, according to the following outburst of the "Deutsche Tageszeitung." We are not sorry:—

The representative of a Berlin evening newspaper has made a remarkable discovery concerning the effect of sea water. After a careful observation of the Germans, Frenchmen, Russians, and English seafarers in the Dutch sea-bathing resort of Noordwijk, he arrives at the following conclusion: "Here we are on neutral soil, where the waves wash away national distinctions and warlike sentiments. We live only for our physical well-being. Germans, Frenchmen, and so forth, have so to speak ceased to exist; they have given place all of them to the civilised man (Kultur Mensch)."

Such could only be the case with persons whose "nationality" lies, like a foreign body, superficially on the outer skin. In the eyes of the real German, the Kultur Mensch, that is, the champion of culture, is to be found in the German trenches only. The same penny-a-liner considers the temporary oblivion of the "fearful world drama" as "perhaps the most salutary effect" of Dutch seaside life.

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