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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. CARTER'S ALLEGATIONS

Mr. E. S. Carter, Liberal organizer, appearing before Mr. Commissioner Chandler in Fredericton on Thursday, read a statement in which he alleged that while liquor legislation was under consideration in the legislature, liquor dealers in the city of St. John had paid sums of money to a man representing the local government party.

Mr. Carter said he was prepared to lay formal charges in support of his statements and asked that the Commissioner investigate them.

In order that Mr. Carter shall not have the opportunity of pleading that the Standard distorted his statement, we reprint it herewith, as it appeared in the Telegraph yesterday morning.

"Mr. Commissioner: In subpoenas to witnesses issued by you, I observe that your appointment as commissioner, under the great seal of the province, authorized you to inquire into the operations of any or all departments of government. These include that of the provincial secretary from which all liquor licenses are issued.

"Would it, therefore, be within your jurisdiction to inquire into the fact that many of the licensees under the provincial government in the city and county of St. John, including brewers, wholesalers, hotel and tavern keepers, during the spring of the present year, while the legislature was in session, and while prohibition and important changes in the liquor law were under consideration, were called upon to pay, and did pay, large sums of money.

"That these sums of money were not tendered voluntarily by those engaged in the liquor business, but were demanded by a man who is a well known Conservative and whom they understood represented the local government party.

"That these sums of money were requested in addition to the ordinary license fees which are paid into provincial revenues.

"That they were collected illegally and without warrant from licensees under government is, I think, the matter that should be inquired into by you, who are appointed a commissioner to investigate the operations of the government departments—as to why such moneys were demanded or requested, what disposition was made of them, and whether any part, or all of the amount, was used to influence liquor legislation.

"Should you decide, Mr. Commissioner, that these illegal payments, requested or demanded of government liquor licensees, are proper matters for investigation, I will lay charges before you formally, but before doing so I ask your assurance that in any investigation I or my counsel will be permitted to examine and cross-examine witnesses."

The Telegraph and Times, continuing the campaign of slander they have followed ever since the defeat of the Pugsley-Robinson plunderbund, seize upon the Carter statement and, while not daring to make charges themselves, endorse all of the allegations and demand that Commissioner Chandler shall investigate them.

A letter from Mr. T. H. Haley, published elsewhere in The Standard this morning, characterizes Mr. Carter's allegations as untrue and declares that the liquor dealers of St. John made no payments such as the Liberal organizer states. As Mr. Haley is president of the Liquor Dealers' Association, and as he writes in that capacity, his letter will at once be accepted as correct.

As far as concerns Commissioner Chandler's power to investigate Mr. Carter's allegations, Mr. Carter, the Telegraph and the Times know full well that the Commissioner was appointed to hold an investigation into matters affecting provincial departments. The allegations of Mr. Carter, even if they could be supported, are not a departmental matter and consequently cannot be investigated under the powers conferred upon the Commissioner.

Knowing this, the only explanation that can be made concerning Mr. Carter's latest effort to attract to himself some notoriety is that he is deliberately attempting to blacken public men by scandalous charges that he knows he cannot prove. Hitherto Mr. Carter has been engaged in making charges concerning expenditures for public works in Gloucester county. The picaresque character of those charges is be-

ing shown up every day the Fredericton hearing is continued and, doubtless, when the report of the Commissioner is presented it will be found that there is absolutely no evidence of any dishonest action on the part of any member or official of the Clarke Government.

In his latest achievement, Mr. Carter goes a step further; he asks for investigation of allegations, with which he knows full well Commissioner Chandler cannot deal, and in which there is not the slightest particle of truth. Mr. Haley's letter establishes the latter contention in the minds of men whose opinion is worth considering, and not only reveals Mr. Carter, as a petty partizan of a particularly venomous kind, but as a pitifully cheap public liar as well. The latter revelation will not come as a surprise to people of this province for in every community in which he is known the political and journalistic record of E. S. Carter is absolutely pure.

The Telegraph and Times, in their treatment of the Carter allegations, place themselves on the level of the maker of the allegations. They lack the spirit to make a direct charge against any man in the government or supporter of that government. Let them cease their slanders and insinuations and come out with a direct statement that any man in the public life of this province today illegally received from the liquor dealers of St. John one cent and then they can be dealt with as such scoundrels deserve to be dealt with—in the criminal courts of the country.

Premier Clarke is not a man who will tolerate anything savouring of corruption on the part of his Government or any of his supporters. Mr. Carter and the Telegraph and Times well know the character of the Premier of this province, so all they have to do is to place in his possession any facts they may possess with the full knowledge that he will at once take action.

The campaign being conducted by Mr. Carter and the Telegraph and Times is the most scandalous ever carried on in any province in Canada. Articles of a most scurrilous character, have been prepared in this city and sent to Fredericton for publication in the columns of the Fredericton Mail. Some of the productions have eventually found their way into the columns of the Telegraph, others not even suitable for the Times and Times can substantiate their allegations it is their duty to come out with plain statements and take the responsibility for them. Continuance of present methods places them in the same class with German users of poisoned gas.

THE STRUGGLE IN THE EAST.
It is the opinion of close and well qualified observers like J. L. Marvin, editor of the Fall Mall Gazette, that Germany expects to win or lose the war in the next few weeks or months and looking to that end she is making a master effort in the east. Mr. Marvin points out that her hope and purpose is to entrap the Russians by a swift movement of three armies under the generalship of Von Hindenburg, Von Mackensen and Von Buelow. These armies are widely separated, on the north, northeast and southeast of Warsaw. Their purpose is plain enough. It is to effect a junction a hundred miles and more east of Warsaw. If the movement be successful it would compel the withdrawal of Russia from Warsaw and from Poland, or, failing this, would result in the capture of perhaps a major part of the Russian army, which would be compelled to surrender because of the cutting of its line of communication.

Grand Duke Nicholas is faced with a stupendous responsibility. He may elect to defend his lines, of which Warsaw is the salient. In this event he will have to fight desperately upon all sides, but with the advantage of having his troops in close touch with each other, being divided into

three separate armies, as are the Germans. He will have his communications more direct and shorter than at any time since the invasion of Galicia. Or he may choose to play the game that he followed with marked success in meeting the Austro-German drive to force him out of Galicia, that of withdrawing steadily and in good order as the need might demand rather than to risk a decisive battle at any point. As Mr. Marvin points out, the Russians can retreat for months, "steadily strengthening instead of weakening as they went backward, until they could turn with crushing strength when the Germans were farthest from their bases."

"It is reasonable to expect that the Russ will not take large chances. Lacking assurance that he can overcome his foes, the Bear will be content to wait a more convenient season. He has had sufficient warning to prevent any serious measure of envelopment, and with his railroads intact he will be able to move quickly to the rear once this appears to be desirable or necessary. The difficulties of the enemy will increase as they attempt to advance and meanwhile the summer is passing. It is a tremendous task that the Germans have set themselves, since they are attempting the risk that Grand Duke Nicholas will retreat as he did from Galicia. Unless they can accomplish something decisive before the era of bad roads and the approach of winter they will be confronted with the necessity of passing the winter in Russia, long distances from their own frontier. This of itself will be an exhausting process. The position will have to be maintained against an enemy who is closer than ever to his source of supplies, and who is able to employ the time in preparations that will bring him more nearly to even terms with the foe when the spring operations open. A feature of this situation will be the impossibility of Germany swinging large bodies of her troops over her strategic railways from the east to the west front and vice versa as the need arises. Germany's frontiers will have become dangerously wide apart, which should be to the great advantage of the allies."

In the meantime all eyes are on Russia. There is no need to lack confidence in the result of the mighty operations being carried out there. The people of Russia have been spurred by defeat to an awakened sense of the task ahead of them. The awakening is of great earnestness and must be a deciding factor in the struggle now being waged in the vicinity of Warsaw.

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Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE
The fellow was setting awn my fruit slope today tawking about how stuck up Sam Krawas has bin since hee bin wearing glasses. You might think hee made them himself, the way hee ackts about them, sed my cuzin Ardie.
You might think it was a grate thing to have week eyes, I sed.
Hee rhes comes now, sed Bid Hunt, Wich hee was, wawking up the street with his noo glasses awn and looking moat stuck up than ewir, and hee set down awn the botim step and aftir a wile he sed, I bet you fellos wish you had to ware glasses like me.
I brook my leg wunts and I had to ware a plastr thing awn it for 4 weeks, sed Sid Hunt.
G, theis nuthins, I haff to ware these glasses awl my life, sed Sam Krawas.
Wen I was littel I had to ware a big thing awn my teeth to make them strafe, sed Skirny Mandin.
Wais theis jumped to glasses, sed Sam Krawas.
Well wen I was littel I oodent see as good as I awt and I went er-round with a glass eye, sed Puds Simkins.
I goss you ipeckt me to bleave that, sed Sam Krawas.
Hey, Puds, dont let him call you a liar, sed Reddy Merfy.
You bettir not call him a liar, sed me and my cuzin Ardie.
I got to go a errand, sed Sam. And hee got up awt of the botim step and startid to wawk awn, and Reddy Merfy sed, Wy didden you make him ipeologias, Puds.
Bekase I never went er-round with a glass eye and I dont no weathir I can flick him, sed Puds. Beeing 2 pritty good reezons.

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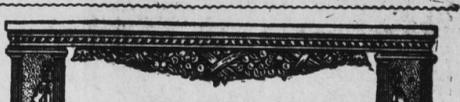
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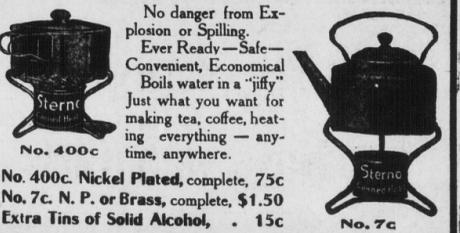
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