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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.

### CANADA'S INTEREST IN THE WAR.

The Canadian Government yesterday authorized an increase in the number of men to be recruited in Canada for participation in this war. The authorization under which the Government has been working permits 150,000 men, and, to date, 173,000 have been raised. Under the new order Canada can raise 250,000 men for Empire service. This will mean additional battalions from New Brunswick, and if the interest continues at its present mark there is no doubt they will be speedily secured.

Recruiting speakers in their appeals to men have frequently stated that Canadians should be interested in this war from a standpoint of patriotism, for if Germany should be victorious there is no doubt she would demand concessions in Canada to repay her for the enormous losses she has sustained. While the prospect of German victory is very slight, yet after fifteen months of fighting she has not yet been definitely beaten. Whether she will be depends largely on the measure of response to the appeal for men.

There is every reason that Germany should want Canada. It is generally admitted that the greatest need of the German nation is land. Germany is an overpopulated country, and with her it is a question of expansion. She requires more room, and Canada is the only place she can get it. She cannot turn to India, with its unhealthy climate and its teeming millions of blacks; she would not go to Australia, separated from her by thousands of miles of ocean and isolated from other lands. On the contrary she would seek in Canada the room to grow and expand and develop.

Canada has material resources in its thousands of broad acres, its forests, mines, and fishery wealth. It has advantages of civilization and culture, and coupled with these, the brightest prospects of any of the daughter nations of the Empire. It cannot be denied that this country possesses the resources and opportunities the German people desire and also the added advantage of proximity to the United States where, already, there are 12,000,000 Germans.

Events of the war have shown that the German, though he goes to other lands in search of the broader chance, does not assimilate with the people of his adopted country. The Germans in the United States, though Americans by naturalization, have not lost their love and regard for the Fatherland, and if occasion arose would not hesitate to aid that Fatherland, even to the extent of participating in a movement to subjugate the Republic to the south of us. If Germany should acquire a foothold in Canada she would get the United States next and then would come the campaign for the development of the whole of the western hemisphere on German lines.

Can Canadians think of this possibility and yet remain composed? Should not the bare suggestion that defeat of Great Britain would mean German domination be sufficient to throng the recruiting offices with young men prepared to fight and die rather than exchange the great-hearted magnanimous and co-operative system of British freedom for an existence of serfdom under the tyrannical domination of Prussianism?

It is not to be thought that Britain will lose. But it is well to make certain that she will win. That certainty can best be secured by the speedy enrolment in the Canadian army of every able-bodied young man in this country. The need is great, the opportunity is at hand. Canada has already supplied 175,000 soldiers, and will supply at least 75,000 more. There should be no delay in filling the ranks for the men who today go to fight under the Empire flag on the battlefields of France and Flanders are, in reality, the wardens of the Canada of the future.

### CARVELL TALKING AGAIN.

Frank B. Carvell, of Carleton County, who, in his party-mad zeal, labelled Field Marshal Sir John French, and referred in slighting terms to the Canadian soldiers, has been talking

again. Carvell was one of the guests of the Canadian Northern Railway on the recent excursion to the Pacific coast. It was a genial party and the trip a most enjoyable one. It remained for the Chief of the Blockers Brigade to strike the only discordant note. While in the city of Vancouver he had himself interviewed by the Sun newspaper, and in that interview made gross and extravagant accusations of graft, corruption and unworthy motives against the Borden Administration.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser, edited by Mr. S. D. Scott, formerly of St. John, has this to say regarding Mr. Carvell's outburst:

"No member of Parliament can less afford to discuss the methods of parliamentary investigation than this member of the group known before the change of government as the 'Blockers' Brigade,' from their regular employment in obstructing and bucking investigations into doubtful government transactions. No such blocking has been permitted in the Parliament led by Sir Robert Borden, and Mr. Carvell is said to have admitted in the public accounts committee last session that he and his associates were supplied with all the information that the government had, and given the fullest opportunity to enquire into all government contracts. Investigations which they were unable to complete are continued by Sir Charles Davidson, who is carrying them on with the utmost rigor and severity without the least restraint by the government. In Canada, as in Great Britain, certain individuals have taken advantage of the opportunity to cheat the Militia Department as they would any private buyer. The discoveries of such swindles so far are not more than were found in the comparatively small purchases made during the South African war. Even the horse swindles in Nova Scotia were less heartless than the Emergency Rations fraud, which was whitewashed by a Liberal majority in the Commons, as we trust that no fraud of any kind will be by the present chamber. In that case there is no question that a swindle was perpetrated, that it was perpetrated through the Department of Militia, and to a certain extent within the knowledge of the Minister of Militia. Probably there are in the Conservative party persons capable of selling dog biscuits for emergency rations. It is conceivable that the Militia Department might again be exploited in that way, though we would hope not. But we believe that the Premier and the Cabinet and the Parliament of today would refuse to whitewash such a crime any more than they did the purchase of surgical dressings at an exorbitant price through the intervention of a member of Parliament or the purchase of infirm horses in Nova Scotia from certain swindlers with whom Mr. Carvell feasted and fraternized when they went to Ottawa to boast of their achievements. There is no guarantee in this country or any other, in the Conservative party or the other, of the universal unselfishness and honesty of the human race. The only protection is the vigilance and integrity of ministers and officials, and the severity of the officers and courts of justice, supported by the honest and patriotic spirit of the great body of the people. Our belief is that Sir Robert Borden and his ministry have acted and will act so as to fairly represent that public sentiment. Mr. Carvell has thought proper to make himself an exception from the representation of his own party on this non-political visit by indicting a whole government and a whole political party, and by claiming in advance a great Liberal victory at the next election. His accusations will be tested in due time and so will his predictions, which do not agree with those of a majority of his companions, though the others did not think this was the proper time and place to say so in the press."

### WAR COMMENT

The probability that Roumania will speedily ally herself with the Entente Powers is now admitted in Berlin and already the German war lords are preparing to meet her large and well trained forces. Austrian troops are being concentrated on the Roumanian borders in expectation of an attack, while the columns invading Serbia are taxing every effort to accelerate their progress along the road to Constantinople.

If Roumania comes to the decision it is now believed she will reach, the fate of the Teutonic-Bulgarian campaign in Serbia will be sealed. The enemy may still be able to carry on an offensive operation but the goal

of it all, the path to Constantinople, will be blocked.

The campaign in the west is developing satisfactorily. There have been no marked advances for the Allies, but already the Germans must realize that they can make no further progress in that area. In the east, too, the Germans are meeting the heaviest sort of resistance and what successes are being marked up there are to the credit of the Russians.

The actual fighting in Serbia is also turning to the advantage of the Allies. French forces have already advanced into Bulgarian territory and have captured Strumitsa. The Italian offensive against the Austrians is also working out well and, it is expected, will considerably develop in the next few weeks.

An interesting report is that Germany is already short of munitions in the eastern war zone. This is not unexpected. Similar shortages were, some few months ago, reported from the allied forces, and yet all letters from the fighting lines indicate that the Germans are far more prodigal than their enemies in the expenditure of ammunition. The allied resources for the supply of munitions are now much greater than those of Germany. Where the enemy had the initial advantage was by preparedness. That has been well overcome during the sixteen months the conflict has continued, and now there probably is much truth in the reports that the Germans, to a greater degree than ever before, are feeling the pinch of war. This war is to be one of endurance and resource of men and munitions. Judged from that standpoint there can no longer be doubt of the issue.

### "Toe Dumb Call"

Though dumb the call of our horses, the heart of man should feel Humanity's chord vibrating, touched by that mute appeal: The care they need must be given by love's unselfish hand. To the faithful friends who aid us to guard our native land.

Leaving the tranquil work of peace, on farm or city street, They go to a sterner duty, danger or death to meet: Taking part in conflict in which they have fought to gain; When seeking help shall we forget, and let them plead in vain?

Racing batteries into line, mounted by Britain's sons, Facing the flying shrapnel hurled from a hundred guns, Silently doing their noblest to further their master's aim, Achieving deeds of glory untold on the scroll of fame.

Granted no cross for valor, the fruit of victory's hour, Reaping the bitter harvest of Germanic lust for power: Wounded, helpless, dying, as the battle claims its toll, Enduring nameless terrors unknown to the human soul.

The Blue Cross League is striving to comfort our gallant steeds, Easing their patient sufferings, tending their voiceless needs: The sacrifice they have offered, there on the blood-stained sod, Is honour's call to pay them—the debt that we owe to God.

—Sydney R. Gibson, in the London Chronicle.

### A Lesson Learned

(Philadelphia Bulletin.) Hamilton Fish, Jr., told a war story at a smoker at the officers' training camp in Plattsburg.

"Two brothers, Russians," he said, "were captured in the Carpathians and sent to a prison camp in Germany. Their mother heard nothing from them for a long while, and the poor woman was almost distracted. Then at last, she got a letter, a letter from the older brother, Piotr."

"Dear mother," he wrote, "here I am in the lovely German prison camp. I have a beautiful room with use of bath. The bed is comfortable, clean sheets every week. Good food and plenty of it. Beer to drink and cigars to smoke. I am very happy—Piotr."

"P. S.—Brother Terh was shot this morning for complaining."

### Why Tolerate Catarrh?

You have noticed, no doubt, that any cold aggravates nasal catarrh, and the flow of mucous amazes you that such objectionable matter could find lodgment in your head. To ignore this catarrh when the cold subsides is wrong because it continues to slowly injure the delicate linings of the nasal passages and clog them up.

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Rev. Richard W. Hopkins, of The Range, Queens county, N. B., and Rev. Ebenezer Robert McWilliam, of Wickham, Queens county, have been registered to solemnize marriages.

## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

A man was standing around in front of the drug store today playing toons and making noises with a funny looking tin thing, half of it going over his mouth and half over his nose, and he had a hole satchel full of whirwuns for 2 cents apiece, and evry wunta in a while he wood stop blowing it and yell, Heer you are, ladsy and gentlemen and small kids, step up and get a Wisselafone, the worlds most magnolious musical insterment, it immitates the cries of berds, beests and insects and plays grand opera and rag time with equal facility.

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Wich he sed awl rite and we eetch gave the man our sent and he gave us wun of the tin things and we took it around to the front steps and took make a noise, and the more we bloo in it the more no sound came out of it, and after a wile we was both awl out of breth.

Lets eetch try it 3 more times, and if we cant do it lets take it eround and see if the man will buy it back, sed Artie. And we both tried it 3 more times without being abel to, and thew we took it back ware the man was still standing blowing his as if it was eexy as anything, wich maybe it was for him, and Artie sed, Hay mister, we cant make it werk, will you by it back agan.

Serety not, verry unsanitary, verry unsanitary, if at ferst you dont succeed never give up the ship, sed the man, And me and Artie keep awn standing thare watching him blow his as if he was blowing him, and a little kid sed to him, Say mister, will you sell wun for a cent.

This aint bargain day, sed the man, and Artie went up to the little kid, saying, You can have this wun for a sent, kid, Im tired of it. And the little kid bawt it and me and Artie spent it awn jolly beens and went and sat awn my frunt steps to eetch them, and aftir a wile who turned eround the cornr but the little kid looking awl eround as if he was looking for sumbody, properly being Artie to get his sent back from him awn akkount of him not being abel to work it eetch, and me and Artie quick went in the house to keep out of a argewment.



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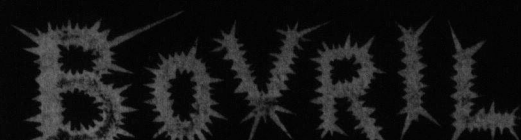
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