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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.

### TODAY'S ELECTION.

It has been said that the people of St. John do not take sufficient interest in civic affairs, that while they become wildly excited over a provincial or a federal election, the selection of civic administrators whose duty is to expend their money causes at best a mild flutter of interest, but usually, none at all outside of the candidates themselves and their immediate friends. Yet it is most important that every citizen should manifest the greatest concern over the choice of men to rule as members of the governing body at city hall.

Today the citizens will be asked to vote for or against the continuance of the commission system, and they should be in a far better position to pronounce intelligently upon it now than they were when it was voted into effect. Four years of commission rule have given a good idea of its strong and weak points, and it has both. In any event there should be no apathy on the part of voters. Those who believe that commission has produced the results claimed for it should support it, because they believe it to be good and not out of consideration for any man or men who may be affected by the day's decision. Those who feel that as good or better results can be obtained under the ward system of representation should carry the same principle into the election booth with them and permit it alone to guide them in marking their ballots.

The most important duty of the day, however, is the choice of the men who will administer civic affairs until the election of their successors. Two of the present commissioners are offering for reelection; in opposition to them are four other citizens, more or less well known to the public. Two of the four, Messrs. Fisher and Surges, have been before the people in a similar capacity on other occasions. One, Mr. Sharpe, has been a civic employee for many years. The other, Mr. Eagles, is a new man.

The list of candidates is large enough to allow for a fair choice and, one of the advantages of the commission system is that if a mistake should be made today in the selection of any candidate there will be an opportunity to rectify it two weeks hence.

The main duty of citizens today is to vote and vote conscientiously. Performance of that duty will alone give the right to criticize in the future. If every qualified citizen of St. John goes to the polls determined to do his duty by the city there need be no fear of the result.

### "PROFITEERS AND SLANDERERS"

Opposition newspapers have been pleased to devote more or less space to the alleged opinions of the Conservative press concerning the Kite charges and the method chosen by Sir Robert Borden for their investigation. In that direction, however, these newspapers have been very careful to select only opinions that suited their case. They have not been fair in the matter. For instance, the Toronto News, a few days ago, took occasion to reply to a statement in the Toronto Globe and under the words quoted as the heading of this article paid some attention not only to war profiteers but to political slanderers as well. The News' article so exactly fits the case that we produce it in its entirety as follows:

"The Globe says: 'Members of parliament, standing in their places in the House cannot be prosecuted for any statement made by them. By a long series of legal decisions the freedom of the press has been established, and a fair and accurate report published in a newspaper of any proceedings in the Senate or House of Commons is privileged.' This is the charter upon which ruthless oppositionists in parliament and their newspaper echoes have their attempts to slander the Government out of office. Ever since the present administration assumed power the Kites and the Pugsleys and Carvells have poured forth an unceasing stream of reckless charges against ministers. The slanderers cannot be got at through the courts, and their false statements are broadcasted by a confederate press wholly without regard to their lack of proof or to the fact that for the most part they have been disproved."

"The charge of over-payment and wholesale corruption in the purchase of the two Chilean submarines for the Pacific coast on the outbreak of the

is a case in point. Liberals in parliament and the Liberal press circulated and repeated the story in every part of Canada, and did everything they could to convict the Government in the minds of the people. There never has been any evidence to support the statement that too much was paid for the submarines. The charges have been proved to be without foundation, but those who made it have taken and will take no measures to undo the harm they have done to the Government and the country. Instead they will pass on to the manufacture and circulation of new canards for use against a war-time administration.

"At present the oppositionists, from Sir Wilfrid Laurier down, are engaged in a bitter partisan attempt to persuade the country that Sir Robert Borden has refused an inquiry into the shell charges. Did Sir Wilfrid Laurier ever grant a judicial investigation into any of the numerous and well-founded charges against his own administration? Did he ever place the reputation of his government in the hands of two eminent judges, one a life-long Liberal and the other a resolute foe of political wrongdoing? Was it ever in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's conception of statesmanship to suggest the appointment by his opponents of one of the two counsel to probe the charges against his own party? Did he ever permit any kind of an inquiry into the diversion of millions of dollars of public money during the regime to railways, contractors and party favorites? Did he not in fact systematically use a large and obedient parliamentary majority to suppress investigation and avert publicity regarding suspicious transactions? Neither the Liberals in parliament nor the Liberal press ever insisted that the lid should be removed as Conservative rivals in parliament from Sir Robert Borden down and the Conservative press have done.

"In persistently attacking nearly everything the present Government has done, especially since the war began, the Carvells and their kind have unearthed some small percentage of profiteering, but ninety-nine one-hundredths of their charges have no solid foundation. The Davidson Commission has cleared up many misstatements, and it yet remains to be seen what will be proved before the Meredith Commission. The commission's powers are wide and the guilty will suffer. The dismissal of Garland and De Witt Foster from the Prime Minister's following in parliament revealed Sir Robert Borden's attitude towards munition grating, and he has not altered his position. Neither the Conservative party nor the country can have patience with or consideration for people who at a time like the present have sought dishonorable advantage from the nation's need. But equal condemnation must be measured out to the partisan miscreants who have continually set false charges afloat with the deliberate object of crippling a Government which carries the heaviest responsibilities and the gravest burdens ever imposed upon any Canadian administration. It is a pity that the profiteers and the political slanderers cannot be hanged side by side as a warning to two classes of criminals."

### NO HALF-WAY MEASURES.

"If our adversaries want to continue the slaughter of human beings, and the devastation of Europe, theirs will be the guilt, and we shall have to stand it as men." These words from Von Bethmann-Hollweg's statement in the German Reichstag followed the outlining of a programme of strenuous resistance, but showed plainly the sentiment of a cornered nation, a desperately resisting power, seeking by every means at hand to delay the certain defeat to the latest possible day. The German Chancellor had gloried much over what he termed Germany's military successes, but said absolutely nothing as to what had made such success possible. But he knows, and as the world knows, that preparedness alone gave to the Kaiser's troops the gains they have attained in the first nineteen months of the war.

When this war opened, military experts predicted that Germany would have all the success at the outset, and that there would be month after month of weary fighting before our troops would be driven from positions they would probably win during the first half year of combat. The driving of the enemy would be slow work, but once under way would continue until the coming of the final collapse which would spell defeat and disaster for the Hun.

The war is working out just about as these experts predicted. First came the German rush through Belgium and in the direction of Paris. Then the Paris advance was checked, and now, the second stage of the war is concerned with the driving of the

enemy from the positions they gained practically before the winter of 1914. Next will come the collapse, and statements such as that of the German Chancellor lead to the belief that it may arrive more rapidly than many expect.

Germany now seeks to place upon her enemies the responsibility for the prolongation of the conflict. Beyond doubt a peace at this time would be very welcome to Berlin, if it could be arranged without loss of prestige, without the sacrifice of territory or the payment of war indemnities. If, in short, she could be left alone until her war scars had healed when she would again be in position to challenge the world. It is in such a case that there can be no peace and such responsibility as the German Chancellor seeks to place will be cheerfully accepted. Germany has had her day. Britain and the other powers fighting for the Entente Allies freely sacrificed blood and treasure for the attainment of a goal not yet reached. Until the journey is completed and Germany feels disposed to yield on terms to be laid down by London and Paris and Petrograd this conflict must go on. The Allies are prepared for it and the enemy, in the words of the Chancellor, "shall have to stand it as men." There can be no half way measures, and there will be none.

Critics of Col. Roosevelt are preparing to use against him all the in-famous things he has said during his term in public life and they, accordingly to an exchange, have already compiled a formidable list. It is not what Col. Roosevelt has said that has made him one of the most popular of Americans, but what he would be likely to do if he had the same opportunity as another gentleman whose name will readily suggest itself.

It was to be expected that Belgian Day would be a success. The undertaking was in most capable hands and the object, one of the most worthy that can be imagined, Canadians can not give too freely to ruined Belgium for our debt to the people of that heroic country is indeed great.

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### The Superman

He comes at last, the Superman, Brother to Ishmael and his clan, And Prussian is his name. Barbaric breezes round him blow And crimson waters round him flow On land as on the Main.

'Gainst every man his hand is raised. The mailed fist is duly raised / On ocean and on shore; By all let it be understood The sight of suffering does one good, Infliction of it more.

A myriad corpses round them lie, Whose voices to the heavens cry For vengeance on the crime. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," Said He, whose wrath will turn away In vengeance by the Rhine.

The culture of the Prussian creed / But stimulates the German greed / For world-power or downfall; The taste of blood is sweet to Hunns, Is sweeter when as deluge runs, The nations to appeal.

Against the kingdom that shall stand The Germans lift a weighty hand, But he shall not prevail. That Ancient Arm will hold him back, And all his wrathful fury check, With which he would assail.

Thou' now devoured by world-wide greed, The Superman shall not succeed To carry out his plan; But overthrown he soon shall be, Is what Jehovah's stern decree Declares to Superman.

### MILLTOWN, ME. YOUNG

### WOMAN BADLY BURNED

Special to The Standard.  
St. Stephen, April 10—Miss Josephine Johnson of Milltown, Me., was severely burned about the arms on Saturday night while preparing supper for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adoniram Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are invalids, and while the daughter was absent at her work during the day a neighbor who kindly looked after them left a bottle of kerosene oil on the kitchen stove in which she supposed the fire had gone out. When Miss Johnson lifted the bottle the heated oil exploded and started a fire. She pluckily fought and succeeded in putting it out before much damage was done to the room, but was so severely burned in doing so that the skin peeled from her finger tips to her shoulders.

The funeral of Henry C. Laughlin was held yesterday. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Wylie, pastor of the Presbyterian church and

## Little Benny's Note Book

Me and pop was in a movie place looking at a movie, being a exciting movie about a lady not liking her husband and sticking him with a knife, and just as she was going to stick him with it the usher brought a big fat man down and sat, Theres a seat in this row, and the big fat man started to push in and got stuck rite in front of pop.  
Well, move on, move on, I cant see the picture throo you, sed pop.  
Im stuck, sed the fat man.  
Well you didnt you find that out before you started to push in, sed pop.  
If you move your neez a little I think Ill be able to get past, sed the man.  
If you get past I think Ill be able to move my neez a little, after a week or 2, sed pop.  
And the fat man kept on pushing till he got past, and pop sed, Alone at last, and Ive missed the hole stabbing scene, and if theres anything that warms my hart, its a well done stabbing scene.  
Lets wait and see the picture over agen, pop, I sed.  
Thats a thing that reflects great credit on your hereditary intelligence, sed pop. And we sat there till the stabbing picture started agen, wich it did after a lot of bum pictures of scenery, and just as the lady got out her knife agen wat did the big fat man do but start to go out and get stuck rite in front of pop agen.  
In the name of a square deal, is this a free country or is it not, sed pop.

Im stuck agen, sed the fat man.  
How intrisling, tell me sumthing I dont no, sed pop.  
I saw this part of the picture as I was coming in, sed the fat man. And I saw the back of your sercumferents, the same as Im seeing now, sed pop. And the fat man pushed till he got out agen and by that time the lady in the picture was all throo sticking her husband with the knife agen, and me and pop went home.

four of the elders acted as pallbearers: they were George D. Dinamore, Edward McWha, Thomas Humphrey and Thomas R. Speedy. The large number present bore eloquent testimony to the esteem in which the deceased had been held.

## OVER \$550 RAISED IN FREDERICTON FOR BELGIAN RELIEF

Special to The Standard.  
Fredericton, April 9.—More than \$550 was made in Fredericton on Saturday by King Albert's Day tag day for Belgian Relief Fund carried on by Volunteer Reserve Corps No. 5, which was organized here last summer by Mrs. Brown of Montreal. As high as \$5 each was paid for pictures of King Albert, while photographic buttons brought as much as \$1 and \$2 from people on the streets. The whole corps turned out in skald to do tagging.

UPHAM.  
Upham, April 8.—Mrs. Fred Bradshaw and children, of St. Martins, are visiting Mrs. Jack Kilpatrick. Private Frank Cummings is here for a few days the guest of Mrs. DeMille. Mrs. Vera Bradshaw is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Henry Goddard. Miss Delcie Parlee spent Sunday at Poodiac the guest of her mother. A party consisting of the young folks of the place, chaperoned by Mrs. L. H. Reid, had a very pleasant sleigh drive on Tuesday evening. Mr. Hugh Smith has returned to

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whose decision must be considered as final.

**CAN YOU FIND THE NAMES**

This competition is similar to the recent each paragraph the name of a flower will be caption the name is spelt backwards; that is as in this example: "Well, sir, I think all ab list." Here you will find that the words "sawards, make the word 'Iris,' which, of course, Try and find the names of the other flowers in 1. He was one of the first to don khaki dear no!  
2. After she had taken the lid off, a del to view.  
3. "I know it is hard to bear, but do not her companion, kindly.  
4. The tale was one concerning great the war could be more interesting.  
5. A bleak, slipping wind was blowing tra  
6. "Bring the paraffin oil, Edna dear, lamps," she said.  
7. Directly she left the farm her health remained at home she would probably not be 8. The team won the match by good or snappy play.  
The contest is open to any boy or girl age, and each entry must be accompanied by pons correctly filled in. To the senders of n neatly written out list of flowers, I shall aw All attempts must reach this office by April

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**STANDARD COMPETITION**  
For Boys and Girls

Full Name.....  
Address.....  
Age..... Birthday .....

**OBITUARY.**

Mrs. Timothy O'Connell (Barry).  
The death of Mrs. Timothy O'Connell occurred yesterday at her home, 14 Moore street. She leaves her husband, who has been employed for a

number of steamers I ses Nora one brother Belleisle, will be h 8.30 from

The de Martin, de Martin of twentieth Saranus I She leaves mother, f ters, all a

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