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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 CASE AGAINST CARVELL.

The Times appears to think that the case of the People vs. F. B. Carvell rests solely on the statements of Lt. Col. Bullock and the affidavits of C. S. Rogers and August Trost, and that when Mr. Carvell "attends" to Lt. Col. Bullock he will have wiped the slate clean. That is not correct. Col. Bullock has made certain statements alleging conversations with Rogers and Carvell. Rogers has made affidavits as to illegal operations undertaken by him in New York which, may or may not have been at Carvell's direction, but certainly not without Carvell's knowledge.

Let us briefly examine the testimony already in. Rogers claimed he could procure certain evidence in New York that could be used against the Shell Committee. Carvell admits that much, for it is known that he went to New York, either with Rogers or shortly after him, and Col. Bullock tells us the reason for the trip, as told by Carvell himself, was to see whether Rogers "could make good."

If Carvell believed the information that Rogers said he could get would be of value, he must also have known that it would not be freely given. How then was Rogers to obtain it? His own affidavit tells us that he attempted to steal it. Did Carvell know? Is there evidence to show that he did not? On the contrary will any man who knows F. B. Carvell and his political methods believe that he thought this material would be presented to Rogers as a free gift to be turned over to the fuse charge promoters for a price? Yet this is what the Times would have people believe. Can anything be more absurd?

Dropping the stealing end of the operation entirely and assuming that Rogers, by going to New York could have obtained the evidence desired, as a gift, what was the purpose for which it was to be used? To discredit the operations of the Shell Committee.

What was the Shell Committee, and of what nature were the operations Mr. Carvell was so eager to discredit and hamper? The Shell Committee was a small body of patriotic citizens, against whom Justice Duff says there is no evidence of dishonesty or corruption, and they were engaged in organizing and systematizing the production of munitions for use by the soldiers of the British Empire in the fight against the common enemy.

Was that a discreditable or an unworthy operation or one that should call forth the strenuous opposition of Mr. Muckraker Carvell? On the other hand was it not a very dangerous and unpatriotic enterprise in which Messrs. Carvell and Kite were engaged? Canada was at war. Could Canada's cause be improved or her prospects of victory increased by the spectacle of two men, supposed to be truly representative of Canadian thought and sentiment, devoting their undivided ability to the nasty task of proving one half of her citizens to be thieves and the other half grafters?

Let us suppose for a minute that every action of the Carleton county parliamentarian was within the letter and the spirit of the law, and could be defended in any court in the land, was it necessary? Was it decent? Was it the action of a patriot whose sole motive should be to assist in creating a feeling of confidence in the national ability to meet the problems Canada was called upon to face? Not for a minute. On the contrary, F. B. Carvell and George W. Kite have been guilty of most unpatriotic conduct, to call it by no worse name. And the Canadian people realize this fact despite all the efforts of the machine press to defend the operation.

Mr. Carvell is welcome to what comfort he can derive from the Times' assurance that he will "attend to the case of Lt. Col. Bullock," but that operation, even if performed as thoroughly as the Times appears to think it will be—will not remove the dirt stain—a stain that can only be eliminated when the people of Carleton county or the Parliament of Canada—whichever can first take the matter in hand—have "attended" to the case of F. B. Carvell and "attended" to it so thoroughly that it will never have to be done again.

MUZZLED GERMANY.

It is announced that Dr. Karl Leibknecht, the fearless, though often indiscreet, leader of the German Socialists, will be tried for treason by a military court. Dr. Leibknecht was arrested while speaking in the streets of Berlin during a May Day demonstration and for more than a month was kept in a German prison without trial.

The New York Sun prints a story written by an actual witness of the arrest and who also heard the words which gave offence to the authorities and led to the apprehension of the Socialist leader. The Sun says that in his speech Dr. Leibknecht referred sarcastically to the enforced necessity of "holding one's tongue," and goes on to quote his utterance as follows:

"Keep your mouth shut tight when hungry, keep your mouth shut when your children are hungry. . . . keep your mouth shut and write no letters to the front. . . . The old proverb says, 'The mouth speaketh out of the fulness of the heart.' And if your children's stomachs are empty it is hard for the wife not to mention the fact to her far-away soldier husband. . . . It is difficult to provide his children with food while he is offering his life for his country. But if it is not found possible for your masters to prevail upon you to 'keep your mouths shut,' then they resort to a more practical means. They have a very simple means of stopping these annoying complaints. The Prussian censor is now supervising these letters of wives at home to their husbands at the front. They simply do not allow this objectionable correspondence to go through. Poor and unfortunate German soldier! He deserves pity! At the command of the militarist government he has gone into the enemy country, and at the command of the government he must steal from other nations. He is required to perform difficult services. The sufferings that he endures are past description. . . . He must hold on and 'suffer' because the capitalists, the hurrah patriots and the armor-plate kings have killed it so. Every one must keep his or her mouth shut, for the profiteers must make money out of the want and misery of the wives and their husband soldiers at the front. By a lie the German workingman was forced into the war, and by like lies they expect to induce him to go on with the war."

The same writer tells us, and it does not come as a surprise, that after Leibknecht's plain speaking there was a great commotion in the crowd of eager listeners, that the speaker was pulled from his improvised rostrum, that men fought and women screamed wildly through the crowd using their whips on the shoulders of those who dared to listen to such "reasonable mouthings." Yet, despite this harsh measure of repression, the Sun says that the same evening there was held in Berlin a secret meeting of Socialist leaders and lieutenants, including at least twenty-five soldiers in active service, the purpose of the meeting being to consider steps of effectually protesting against the continuance of the war.

It would have been particularly interesting if the Sun writer could have told the result of that meeting, but even though the information is not yet obtainable it is likely to make itself evident soon, for not forever—not even for long—can a nation, even the German nation, be scourged into silence. That, like many other German methods, is a custom of the middle ages and cannot always be tolerated even by those long used to it.

It has been said that Germany will be beaten as much by the action of her own people as by her enemies in arms. Incidents such as that leading to the arrest of Dr. Leibknecht go far to indicate the trend of thought of the German people. Guarded reports, unconfirmed but believed to be true, have appeared in the English papers telling of rioting and bloodshed in other German cities, of men and women shot down because they demanded more food than the government allowed, and rioting where they could not get it. This may well be the condition although official Germany takes good care to deny it. Germany, though officially muzzled, cannot long keep from the world the knowledge that her greatest menace does not come from the armed men facing her troops but from the starving people in her city streets. And a people hungry is a people dangerous.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION. It is freely predicted that President Woodrow Wilson will be the unanimous presidential choice of the Democratic party in convention in St. Louis today and that he will be selected on the first ballot. If this prediction is fulfilled the result will afford irrefutable evidence of the improved state of that party as compared with 1912, when Mr. Wilson made his presidential debut. On that occasion it required no less than forty-six ballots to reach a decision on the candidate and the winner had very serious opposition, chief of which was that led by Champ Clark.

The Democratic convention of 1912 was held in Baltimore with 1,086 delegates in attendance and, under the party constitution, it was necessary for a candidate to secure two-thirds of the total vote. On the first ballot Mr. Clark secured 440, while Mr. Wilson was in second place with 324, scarcely one-third of the total. After ten ballots Mr. Clark still led with 556 to Mr. Wilson's 350. The twenty-fifth ballot found Mr. Clark's strength represented by 469 against Wilson's 405. The forty-second ballot gave Wilson his first majority when the returns showed that he had 494 votes to 430 for Clark. The Clark supporters then recognized that their candidate had little chance of success and one by one the states came over to the Wilson banner until, on the forty-sixth ballot, he had secured 990 against 84 for Clark and 12 for Harmon of Ohio who had been a strong minor factor in the earlier voting.

At present Mr. Wilson dominates the Democratic party and it is recognized that no other candidate would have the slightest chance of success against Justice Hughes, the Republican nominee. If an election was held tomorrow it is regarded as certain that the President would be defeated but much may happen before polling day in November next and when that time arrives the war may not be the uppermost thought in the mind of the American people and the Wilson stock may have gained material strength. Certain it is that the Democrats will unite under Wilson as under no other living man.

Little Benny's Note Book

It looked like rain yesterday, and I was looking out the parlor window wondering why it didn't start if it was going to, and then I started to see which chair I could lift with one hand, while wife I was doing it pop came in, saying, Who are you supposed to be—Samsin?

No sir, Samsin, I sed.

Well, as long as you are hitching your pushcart to a star, I suppose you mite as well grab a big one, sed pop.

Do you want to feel my mussel? I sed.

Well, I can think of several things I'd rather do, but in the absence of the opportunity, I don't mind feeling your mussel, sed pop. And I made a mussel in my rite arm and pop felt it, saying, Well, well, I declare, we have quite a white hope in the house, I guess it'd better begin a course in financial torture before you get to big for me.

Feel my left one, I got a big mussel in my left one, to I sed.

I don't believe it, sed pop.

Feel, I sed. Which pop did, saying, Well so you have, there's some class to you, I was going to have a bergier alarm installed, but I guess we are safe with you around, let me see if you've got any mussels in your back.

And he felt my back and then he felt my stumminck and ribs and all over, saying, Well, well, well, remarkable.

In pritty strong, aint I, pop, I sed. And pop felt the mussels in my legs, saying, It seems to me you are strong enuff to do it.

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The Fly Once More

Every time flies settle on food they leave a few disease germs behind to endanger the health, and even the lives, of those who eat the germ-laden food. Thus the first step toward protecting the family health is to have the windows and doors well screened and every part of the house, especially where food is stored or used, kept scrupulously clean.

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MARRIAGES.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday at 5.30 a.m. at the bride's home, Seal Cove, Grand Manan, when Grace Rabebec, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Daiselle, was united in marriage to Mr. Harry Milton Akerey. The bride is one of Grand Manan's most popular young ladies and was formerly office assistant to Inspector of Fisheries, John F. Calder, at Campobello, in which capacity she made a host of friends.

The groom is employed as chief clerk for the Eastern S. S. Co., St. John. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Wright, pastor of the Baptist church, in the presence of immediate friends and relatives only. The bride was attended by Miss Mabel Morrison, of St. John; the groom was supported by the bride's brother, Vance Daiselle, of Moncton. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Milford Daiselle, a sister-in-law of the bride, of St. John. Following the ceremony, breakfast was served and the couple left by automobile to the boat on route to St. John, via St. Stephen.

The bride's travelling suit was navy blue with hat to match and ostrich ruff, and carried a bouquet of American blue satin. The presents were numerous and suitable, including a combination writing desk and bookcase from the office staff of the Eastern S. S. Co. In future they will reside at 139 Queen street, St. John, N. B.

Sharp-Young. A wedding of much interest was solemnized on Wednesday evening, June 7th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Young, Sr., Millstream, by the Rev. L. J. Tingley, when their youngest daughter, Mary Edith, became the bride of Marshall Newton Sharpe, of Collins, Kings county. The bride, who was given away by her father, entered the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, rendered by Mrs. Coy, and looked charming dressed in white silk, carrying a bouquet of apple blossoms. The house was tastefully decorated with apple blossoms and potted plants. After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the dining room where a sumptuous supper was served. Only immediate relatives of the bride and groom were present. The bride and groom left for their future home in Collins amidst a shower of rice and confetti. Their many friends wish them every happiness throughout their wedded life.

Downing-Hayward. A very pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis S. Hayward, Riverside, on Wednesday morning, when their youngest daughter, Miss Hazel Valentine, became the bride of Arthur Starratt Downing, of St. John, son of Conductor and Mrs. Archibald Downing, of Albert. The double ring ceremony was performed at 10 p.m. by the Rev. H. B. DeWolfe, in the presence of the immediate relatives and friends under an arch of white lilacs and other flowers. The young couple were unattended. The bride entered a pretty travelling suit of blue broadcloth with large white picture hat, and carrying a beautiful bouquet of bride's roses and fern. After the ceremony the dining room, which was beautifully decorated with flowers, an immense bowl of daffodils and narcissus formed the scene for the wedding breakfast.

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