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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.

IN MANITOBA

Supporters of Manitoba's self-styled party of "purity," for which T. C. Norris, now premier of that province, professes to speak, will find little consolation in the developments of yesterday in Winnipeg before the commission appointed to probe the charges made by C. P. Fullerton on behalf of the Conservatives of Manitoba.

Hon. J. H. Howden, attorney-general in the late Roblin government, was the star witness and he testified to conversations with William Chambers, an agent for the Liberals. Such conversations referred to the deal by which the Norris government assumed office and to the arrangements for payment of \$50,000 to representatives of the Liberal party as the price for which they would agree to stifle the proceedings of the Royal Commission investigating the Winnipeg parliament buildings scandal, and substitute ordinary civil proceedings against Contractor Kelly.

The story has already been told in the press, but Liberal papers, on behalf of their party, have disclaimed all knowledge of the transaction, and vigorously contended that Premier Norris was in no way connected with it. The first contention is refuted by Chambers' statement as testified to by Hon. Mr. Howden under oath. Mr. Howden said:

"Newton and Chambers came to my office and saw me. There was considerable discussion and the sum of fifty thousand dollars was mentioned by Chambers, as the consideration wanted. It was a condition precedent that the money should be in sight before further negotiations could be continued. I said I did not know where the money would come from. Chambers said the LIBERALS WERE HARD UP, AND PRESUMABLY WANTED THE MONEY TO PAY ELECTION EXPENSES."

This remarkably frank statement plainly implicates not only the men charged, but the whole Liberal party of Manitoba. But Mr. Howden directly connects Premier T. C. Norris with the transaction, despite vigorous denials by that gentleman and by newspaper spokesmen for him. On this point the witness told of meeting with Mr. Norris about the middle of April and said of the conversation on that occasion:

"I told him (Norris) that Chambers had been to see me to discuss a proposition with reference to election expenses involving considerable money. I wanted to know if the party was behind it. NORRIS SAID THE PARTY, AS A PARTY, DID NOT DISCUSS MATTERS OF THAT KIND, BUT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS, HIMSELF INCLUDED—I won't name others—HAD MATTERS IN HAND AND WHATEVER ARRANGEMENT CHAMBERS MADE WITH MYSELF WOULD BE ALL RIGHT. CHAMBERS WAS TOO OLD A HAND TO MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT."

Here not only is the admission of the Premier of Manitoba that he was a party to the transaction, but also his intimation that the Liberal agent had had so much experience, presumably in similar deals, that he could be relied upon to make the right sort of arrangement.

It is a shameful revelation and particularly sickening in view of the fact that Premier Norris and his Liberal government went into office as the direct result of a deal in which for a price, to be paid in money and place, they agreed to stop the facts of an illegal transaction from coming to light, and prevent the accounting for public money, which, though voted for specific purpose was diverted and squandered. Norris' platform was "honest government." He accepted office pledged to carry that policy into effect, yet, according to Mr. Howden's evidence, he was prepared to sell out for a price. The idea is not a new one with Liberal party bosses, either in Manitoba, or elsewhere, but the incident illustrates, possibly more clearly than the editor of the Toronto Globe dreamed, the necessity for greater "public honesty." On this occasion, however, the illustration is furnished by a Liberal premier. Consequently, it is not to be expected that the Toronto Globe or the St. John Telegram will have much to say about it.

THE WAR SITUATION.

That the Germans intend to make a vigorous offensive in the western war zone is indicated by the report from Swiss sources that the frontier has been closed because of the massing of German troops preparatory to an attempt to drive the French out of Alsace. From the eastern theatre of war the despatches tell contradictory stories. Germany and Austria, of course, claim successes, but Russia contends that her retirement is being carried out well and without disorder. It is apparent that the Czar's troops are putting up a stiff resistance in their present positions, but that they are greatly handicapped by lack of munitions of war.

The munition problem seems to be attracting even more attention than the work of the armies in the field. The battles of the past few days have not been decisive although the losses were heavy. As long as the deficiency of munitions continues the Allies can hope to make little real progress. This condition is well told by a letter from a British officer to a friend in Boston, published in the Boston Transcript. The officer, whose letters were evidently uncensored, explained the great loss to British infantry by the fact that they were unable to be covered by their artillery, for the reason that the supply of ammunition was short. The statement is not particularly new, but emphasizes the fact that the result of the war may depend as much upon the work of British factories as on the heroic efforts of the men at the front.

It is not difficult for speakers, unversed in the details which must go to the organization of Canadian industry to meet the problem of supplying munitions, to declare that Canada has not done her part, or for newspaper editors, whose interest it is to criticize, to distort such utterances so as to produce partisan capital, but the record speaks for itself. When the war broke out Canada's shell making capacity was seventy-five shells per day. Now it is in the vicinity of 40,000 per day. This was the result of organization and the fact remains that the Canadian government has successfully grappled with a problem which proved too heavy for the Liberal government of Britain, where a coalition administration was formed and a special minister detailed to look after this work. Is there any person in Canada today, outside of a minority of partisan, hide-bound Grits, who will say that this country would be the better for a coalition government which might possibly contain such men as Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Pugsley or "Honest" Frank Oliver?

The Times is inclined to doubt that the National Transcontinental Railway, steel, fathered by the Laurier government, is responsible for the situation in which Canada finds herself today in regard to the railways. It was not expected that the Times would agree with the contention, but can that newspaper deny that in the building of the N. T. R. \$100,000,000 of the people's money was wasted or worse, if we accept the estimate of Mr. Fielding as to what the road should cost? Is the Times prepared to admit the fact or does it repudiate Mr. Fielding's judgment?

The complaint was publicly made yesterday that Canada had not done her part in supplying men for the Empire fight. Possibly there is ground for it, yet there is no record that the British government asked the Borden Government for men and the request was unheeded. They did ask for warships and the Government prepared to grant the appeal. But the Grit minority in the Canadian Senate strangled the proposal and humiliated the Dominion. Men who supported the Grit position on the Naval Aid Bill make but poor critics today.

The letter from Mr. McKay, published in this morning's issue, should be of particular interest as in it he tells of a visit to the camp of the Canadian Army Service Corps and of conversations with a number of New Brunswickers all of whom he describes as in the best health and spirits. The New Brunswick lads in the first Canadian contingent have already shown

the mettle of the men of this province. Their companions in the other brigades can be depended upon to live up to the good reputation already established for them.

Bulgaria is the neutral nation that at present is making most active preparations for war. There are good reasons for the belief that her sympathies are with the Allies. In fact she may align herself with them before Roumania does. Bulgaria's entry into the struggle should have important effects in the campaign in the Balkan states.

When this war broke out Germany was fighting for a place in the sun. She has abandoned that idea. In spite of minor successes the Germans have scored during the past few weeks, the conflict has now reached a stage where the Kaiser is fighting for an existence. The possibility of a greater Germany emerging from the smoke of battle no longer exists.

THE BAPTISTS IN CONVENTION

Sixth District Meeting in Haymarket Sq. Church Last Night—The Delegates.

The annual meeting of the Baptist sixth district convening with the Tabernacle United Baptist church in Haymarket Square opened their sessions in that church last evening with a very good attendance. Many of the provincial delegates have arrived for the meeting today which will be devoted to the greater part of the business and the election of officers.

At the first session held last evening a social service was led by Rev. F. P. Denison. The annual district sermon was preached by Rev. O. N. Chipman of Hampton. He spoke on "The Great Commission" involving the reason for the existence of the church and the evangelizing of the world for Christ.

He also referred to the authority for foreign missions and the responsibility which Christians had in supporting the missions in their never ceasing work of conversion. In India and Bolivia the Baptist church of Canada was responsible for the support of the missions which had under their charge six millions of souls. A large number of men and women have consecrated themselves for the work among these peoples, but the great need was the lack of money. Rev. Mr. Chipman reminded his listeners that it was their duty and privilege to aid in a cause for the enlightenment of the heathen.

The programme for today is as follows: Second session commencing at 9.30 a.m. Devotional service led by Rev. W. F. Parker, minutes of previous session, appointment of committees, reading of church letters and reports, business.

Third session commencing at two p.m. Devotional service led by Rev. W. F. Parker, minutes of last session, digest of letters and discussion led by Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, election of officers, obituary report by Rev. W. Camp, temperance address, Rev. F. P. Denison.

Fourth session commencing at 7.15 p.m. Song service led by Rev. F. P. Denison, devotional service led by Rev. W. F. Parker, minutes of third session, offering, home missions, Rev. J. B. Ganong, foreign missions, Rev. W. S. Ledford, Grand Ligne missions, Rev. Dr. McIntyre.

Among the delegates to the city are: Snider Mountain—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ganong with J. B. Ganong, Princess street; Lower Kingston—Mrs. Cosman, with Mrs. Stackhouse, City Road; Mrs. Redstone, with Mrs. Cook, 289 City Road; Hatfield Point—Mr. Nobles and Mr. Foster, with Mrs. Kierstead; Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Barras, with Dr. E. N. Davis, 45 Elliott Row; Lower Millstream—Mr. G. W. McLeod, Mr. H. Baird, with Mrs. G. Blair, 8 Coburg street; Greenwich Hill—Rev. and Mrs. J. Harvey, with Mrs. Owens, 10 Brindley street; Sussex—Mrs. C. Nisbet, with Mrs. R. McKay, 62 City Road; Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Phillips, with Mrs. Cook, 289 City Road; Hampton—Rev. O. N. Chipman and Mrs. Parlee, with Mrs. Parlee, 217 City Road; Dr. W. S. Masters, with Mrs. Smith, 126 Waterloo street; Penobscue—H. Second and H. Morey, with Mrs. Whitsonet; Appahquah—Mr. Cripps and Mr. McAtey, with Mrs. O. Black, 30 Marsh Road; Rev. J. T. Tingley and Rev. W. S. Ledford of Rayagadda, India, with Rev. F. P. Denison; Seth Jones, with Rev. Mr. Wentforth; Portage Vale—Rev. C. J. Steever, with Rev. and Mrs. W. Camp; St. Martins—Mrs. J. DeLong, with Mrs. Vaughan; Rev. W. A. Snelling with Mrs. Porter; Kierstead Mountains—Mr. Kelly and Mr. McParland, with Mr. C. Stackhouse. Other delegates will arrive in the city this morning for the sessions.

Blueberry Picnic. The Blueberry Picnic will be held at Welsford this year, somewhat earlier than customary. The indications now are that this event will take place on July 17.

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

Me and my cuzzin Artie went in my setting room today, and pop was neerly asleep in the morris chair by the bay window with his feet up awn the window sill and the top of his head with a bald spot in the middil showing ovr the top of the chare, and Artie and me looked at it a wile, and then I sed, I no ware sum rubber bands is.

Get them, sed Artie.

Wich I did, getting 12 rubbr bands for Artie and me to portend to be membris of Robin Hoods merry men with me beeing Littell John and Artie beeing Friar Tuck.

You shoot first, Littell John, hes yure fathir, Friar Tuck whispered. And I shot wun of my arrows, beeing wat the rubbr bands was slipped to be, and it skimmed rite by pops eer and pop put wun hand up as if he thawt he was brushing sumthing away.

Shoot, old trusty Friar Tuck, I sed. Wich Artie did, aiming for the bald spot but jest hitting the edge of pops uthir eer.

Owtch, sed pop. And he hlt his eer with his fingrs as if he was still half asleep, saying, Countdown sutch vicious files.

He dont no we are in the forest, Friar Tuck, I whispered.

Ho, ho, let us make merry with him, shoot agen, Littell John, Artie whispered back. And I shot agen and Artie shot agen and then I shot agen, aiming for the bald spot each time and each of us skimming awl around it without beeing abel to hit, a bald spot beeing a pritty hard thing to hit from across a setting room, and each time a rubbr band arrow wood come close to pop he wood put up his hand and make sum kind of a noise as if he wundred ware awl the flies was coming from, and aftir a wile me and Artie each ony had wun arrow left.

Let's shoot them togethr, Friar Tuck, I whispered.

Rite, lad, Artie whispered back. And we shot the last 2 arrows togethr and they both hit pop at the same time rite in the middil of the bald spot, wich we cood heer the sound of them landing there, and pop yelled as if they had bin reel arrows and smacked himself awn top of the hed and jumped up and sed very lowd, Benny, Artie, come heer.

Only we didnt heer him, beeing half way down stares awn the way to the front door, and enyway, he wasnt talking to us, enyway, our nams beeing Littell John and Friar Tuck.

STRAWBERRIES ON RIVER STEAMERS

Good Freights and Many Passengers Came to In-diantown Yesterday.

The first large shipment of cultivated strawberries came down river yesterday on the river boats. Forty crates were brought by the Majestic from the Washdenook district and twenty crates by the Champlain from the Belleisle. The merchants around In-diantown are looking forward to a good season and berries will be plentiful this year. Prices yesterday ranged from 18 to 22 cents.

Many passengers arrived in the Viotrio yesterday afternoon. Among those coming to the city were S. L. Peters, A. W. Baird and Miss H. Scott. The cargo was chiefly made up of hay, potatoes and a few crates of strawberries. The Oceanic carried many passengers and a large cargo of freight on her trip to Wickham yesterday afternoon. Many of the passengers were on their way to the Sealah Camp meetings at Brown's Flats.

PERSONAL.

Judge W. W. Wells arrived in the city yesterday and left last evening for St. Andrews.

Clarence Jameson, M. P. of Digby, N. S., was a visitor in the city yesterday.

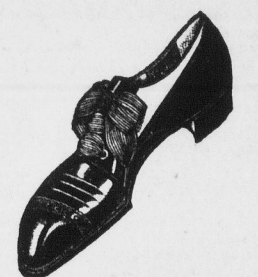
J. R. Copp and family, 109 Carmarthen street, left on Saturday for Charlottetown, P. E. I., where they will spend several months.

F. del. Clements recently gazetted a Lieutenant, left for Halifax where he will take a military course.

L. N. Price has returned to the city after a two months stay in Toronto.

Rev. Dean Neales of Fredericton and Rev. Canon Cowie are in the city attending the diocesan quarterly meetings.

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