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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can to the front means one step nearer peace.

AND POWER COMPANY.

spirit of last night's meeting, to consider the MacIntyre report against the New Brunswick Power Co's application for rates for their services, should be taken into consideration. It was the meeting largely attended, but there was a general feeling of the feeling that there is in the evidence so far at hand, an application for increased rates for the services of the Power Co. The quality of service that is now rendering in return for the rates is quite evident. The Legislature will be met in the near future and the committee on the Power Co's application will be met and determined opposition to the rates of the Power Co. It must be remembered that, but one side of the question has been given to the public, and it is now the duty of the Legislature to see the wisdom in the members of the City of St. John.

It is true that the session in the court house brought forth statements touching on the treatment of inmates by those in charge, and that there may possibly be a financial question involved. These matters, however, were outside the sphere discussed by The Standard, though they may be deserving of more than passing attention later on. For the present the fact remains that, as stated by this paper, evidence has been given to show that the existing regulations are unnecessarily severe, that the punishment is harsher than should be permitted is imposed, that mail to and from inmates is censored, and that there is no freedom in the matter of religious attention. These were the points originally made. These have been proven. So much having been accomplished, the committee in charge of the enquiry now has a start on what is a sincerely hoped may be the path to a real reform.

BRITISH AVIATORS' GOOD WORK.

Rarely has there been any important battle since the war began that was not preceded by unusual aerial activity. The airman is called the eyes of the army, and for an army to attempt to advance until provided with all the information that the aerial observers are able to obtain would be to risk surprise and disaster. But the aerial observers on one side cannot perform their duties, cannot get the information that is absolutely necessary for their strategists, until they have first cleared the clouds of hostile aircraft. That is to say, a great advance is impossible until the army that is to advance has secured control of the air for the time being. Germany's successes have all been coincident with her temporary mastery of the air. When she lost command of the blue sky she lost the initiative. These reflections seem a reasonable basis for the Allies taking unusual satisfaction in the announcement that in recent air fighting on the Western front, the British have lost only nine machines while destroying or driving down twenty-four German machines, says the Toronto Mail and Empire. As long as there is any such proportion of aerial losses maintained it would seem to be impossible for Germany to launch her much-heralded offensive. She would surely not make her final supreme effort in ignorance of the disposition of the enemy that lies awaiting her.

But it seems equally certain that she would never have sustained such losses in aerial battles unless the most of them were fought over the Allies' lines, for the advantage of an aviator fighting over his own territory is even greater than the advantage of "home grounds" known in most fields of sport. It was in fighting well behind their own lines that such aviators as Immelman and Boelcke ran up their large scores. These men literally hid in the clouds and swooped down like thunderbolts upon enemy aviators questing far beneath them. They had also the protection of their own anti-aircraft guns, and every time one of them entered a battle with a British or French scout the odds were three or four to one in his favor. The Germans, therefore, have felt confident enough in their own aerial strength to fly over the British lines, their battleplanes undertaking to act as scouts for their scouts bent on photographing positions. That they have miscalculated their strength is indicated by the score of seventy-four to nine. The German loss is a serious one if it is true, as has been said, that at no time has either side on the Western front had more than 2,500 machines ready to take the air. The loss of machines is less serious, probably, than the loss of skilled pilots. It is not impossible that if the Allies have now control of the air in France and Flanders they will be able to hold up the big German drive. In fact, a score of aviators might do the work of an army corps.

It is better to refer the whole matter to a commission for settlement, a commission to make a thorough investigation of everything pertaining to the operation of these public utilities. In this case the commission is either just or it is not. If the capitalization of the company has been unduly increased and the application to the Legislature taken in the hope of forcing earnings to pay dividends on stock, then that application is a matter of this sort to be referred to the Legislature with the understanding that that body must refer for not adopting it. Reference of this sort to a committee was always done, and never more so than now, in New Brunswick, that considered from the point of view, is far inferior to all that have preceded it.

THE MUNICIPAL HOME.

Plans made by The Standard to go to the unnecessarily rigid under which the Municipal Home conducted, and the manner of operation of certain of these regulations more than borne out by presented last evening at the session of enquiry held by the Committee of the Municipal Home. Other phases of life at that home, not discussed by this paper, were taken up, and sufficient was confirmed the belief that an enquiry may not be at all out of the way.

Perhaps the striking feature of the enquiry was the very wide scope of the enquiry. It had come to the fact that this affair was, in the opinion of at least of those in attendance, a very "interfering" last night's meeting, at which it was fully one hundred and fifty while others unable to attend went away—must have been the members of the committee as well as those on the board. There is a very wide interest in the well-being of the home, and it is fortunate enough to find

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TROUBLESOME FISH ISSUE ADJUSTED

American-Canadian Joint Commission Settles Vermont Grievance in Which Canadian Fishermen Destroyed U. S. Fish.

Burlington, Vt., Feb. 25.—Roy L. Patrick, president of the Vermont Fish and Game League, received notice from Federal Commissioner H. M. Smith today that the Canadian government had approved a regulation prohibiting net fishing through the ice in Missisquoi Bay, Lake Champlain, from March 1 to April 10. This ends a controversy of many years' standing and the decision is welcomed by Vermont fishermen.

Vermont laws have long prohibited net fishing during the spawning season but Canadian fishermen have established a lucrative business in making every winter large hauls of fish from that piece of the lake which extends into Quebec. The practice would have depopulated the lake of bass and pike long ago had not the Vermont protective laws and constant supplies from the government fish hatcheries prevented.

This has been settled by agreement one of the important questions under discussion by the American-Canadian joint fisheries commission.

LOBSTER REGULATION.

Further removal of sources of irritation between the United States and Canada by prohibiting importation into the United States of lobsters taken in the waters outside of and opposite to the territorial waters of Canada during the Canadian closed season, is proposed in a department of commerce bill introduced today by Chairman Alexander, of the house merchant marine committee. The bill is aimed to protect the catch off Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

LIKE ELECTRIC BUTTON ON TOES

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SIGNALLER McLENNAN DEAD.

Signaller Harry A. McLennan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McLennan, of Campbellton, has died in England. Signaller McLennan went overseas with the 56th Battalion. At the battle of Courcellette he was gassed and also buried by an explosion of a shell, and returned to England. Shortly after this he was taken ill with pneumonia. About three months ago a letter stated that he was pronounced fit for service again and that he expected to be sent to France at any time, but he was again laid up with a heavy cold which developed into bronchitis and he died on Wednesday, Feb. 20th, at Moore Barracks, Shorncliffe. He was 19 years of age.

THE UNITED MISSION.

The fourth and last week of the United Mission which has been conducted in the old Brussels St. Baptist church, was brought to a close last evening. The Rev. P. H. W. Thompson, of the chair and was heard by the largest congregation that has attended the services. Before the service a band of about one hundred men and women, with a banner at the head of the procession, paraded through the streets in the vicinity of the church, singing gospel hymns and inviting passers by to come and attend the services. The Rev. F. W. Thompson of Calvin Presbyterian church gave an inspiring sermon on the "Movies and Other Popular Amusements" good and bad works.

OBITUARY

William Callan. The death of William Callan took place last evening at his residence 238 City Road, after an illness lasting about a year. Mr. Callan had been employed in the G.G.R. paint shop for the past twenty years and before that time was with the Harris Car Works. He was a member of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, and also a member of the Uniform Rank. He is survived by two sons, Arthur and Charles, of this city; three daughters, Mrs. G. Fred Thompson of this city and Misses Hazel and May at home, and one brother, George, of this city.

The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon from his late residence. Service at 2.30.

ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.

The Assessment Commission will meet this morning to further consider the proposed assessment act.

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Act 1. Scene, Lazy Leo in bed. Lazy Leo. (waking up and shivering) Burr, burr! Gosh, maybe I ain't cold! O, no wonder, look at all the covers down around my feet! Burr. I better reach down and pull them up again after I sleep for about 2 more minutes.

Act 2. Same scene. Lazy Leo. (waking up again) Burr, burr! Everybody that sees I ain't cold is pritty ignorant. O, no wonder, I didn't pull the covers up yet. I better do it before I go to sleep again, it will only take a minute. (He goes to sleep again).

Act 3. Same scene. Lazy Leo. (waking up again) Gosh, burr, burr! This is the coldest I ever bin. I must be nearly zero. G, burr, burr! O, no wonder, look wate the covers still is! Gosh, Im so cold I can hardly think, on account of my thaws being all frozen. If I dont pull those covers up pritty soon Ill half take the consequences.

Act 4. Same scene. Lazy Leo. (waking up again) Burr, burr, burr! G, I feel jess like a man freezing to death. I wonder why?

Act 5. Same scene. Lazy Leo's father, Leo! Leo! Leo! Its time to get up! Leo! Leo! Thats funny, theres no answer!

The end.

LOOKING FOR ST. JOHN SOLDIERS

Secretary Puddy of Veterans' Association Asked to Locate Thirteen Men Who Have Three Months' Pay Coming to Them.

E. J. Puddy, secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association, has been asked to try and locate the following St. John men for the officer in charge of post-discharge pay department. Three months' pay await these men, and it would be in their interest to get in communication with the officer in St. John. The list follows: 43962—Avery, Fred, 101 Main street. 439925—Bell, Heber, 11th Bata. Victoria Hotel. 22721—Clarke, Chris, 9th Bata. B. W. I. 43976—Coffee, R. J., 1st D. A. C. 0216—Courtney, Geo, 12th Bata. 43716—Farmer, F. John, 1st D. A. C. 22740—Gray, Frank, 12th Bata. 44012—Long, Bev., 1st D. A. C. and 3rd Bateria. 69845—Roberts, John, 26th Bata. 44780—Smith, Frank L., 55th. 69863—Sutherland, H. F., 26th Bata. 69926—Sterling, Walter, 105 British street. 70013—Van Buskirk, Walter, 463 Main street.

SOLDIERS FIRED ON IN QUEBEC

Row Near Riviere du Loup and Another Tumult at Mont Joli — Investigation Wanted.

Winnipeg, Feb. 25.—The Manitoba Free Press Bulletin Saturday, printed on account of an alleged attack on a troop train carrying soldiers from Winnipeg, Brandon and Port Arthur districts eastbound, while passing through Quebec. It stated that a rifle bullet struck the roof of the train a mile and a half east of Riviere du Loup and at the same time two pieces of iron piping crashed through the window of one of the cars. No one was hurt. It appears that there had been some trouble with a small crowd at Riviere du Loup station while the train was standing there and following the arrest by the soldiers of a man accused of boot-legging.

Quebec, Feb. 25.—Le Soleil publishes a despatch from Mont Joli, Rimouski, stating that Ontario soldiers on Sunday, February 17, last caused a tumult at Mont Joli about 11 p. m., when their troop train went by. The despatch stated the men, and even some of their officers, got off the train when it stopped and that they went to the restaurant of Coulombe & Thibault and there broke panes of glass bottles and glass about the place, which was refused them. Some of the men also went to Dr. Ross' drug store, hammering at the doors, asking for liquor, which was again refused. The despatch closes with a request to the federal authorities to have the matter enquired into and prevent such demonstrations in the future.

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JOHN PATRICK KIELY

Prominent Theatrical Manager One of Survivors of Steamship Florizel—Local Theatre Men Send Congratulations on His Escape.

John Patrick Kiely, first manager of Nickel theatre and Karm Hall, also Prince of Wales theatre, Montreal, is reported one of the twelve survivors of the Newfoundland steamer "Florizel" out of one hundred and forty-six on board. Letters received by film managers here stated that Kiely would visit St. John shortly en route to Montreal. Mr. Kiely is the owner of the Nickel and Casino theatres in St. John's, Nfld., where he has been successful. His wife was Miss Mary Brickley of Quebec city, and is thought to have remained in Newfoundland with the children. Local theatre men are sending wires of congratulations to Mr. Kiely on his escape.

HEART WAS BAD NERVES ALL GONE

Very important it is in this age to have a clear cool head, a strong heart and steady nerves. Too much rush and bustle, work and worry, fall to the lot of women attending to their household duties and social obligations. The constant strain under which they continue day in and day out will soon shatter the strongest system. Before long the heart gets weak, flutters and palpitates, the nerves become unstrung, you start at the least sound, the pulse becomes weak and irregular, then finally comes physical breakdown or nervous prostration. Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are the remedy you require to strengthen your heart and steady your nerves. Mrs. Jackson, 457 Holwar street, Peterboro, Ont., writes: "Fifteen years ago I was so bad with my heart I could not walk across the house, my nerves were literally all gone, and I was frightened at my shadow. I commenced to take Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and was soon able to do my own work. I have told dozens of people about them, some as bad as I was, and today they are also doing their own work. If more people would take them there would not be so many weak hearts." Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50c. per box at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

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