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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.

POLITICAL JUNKETERS.

Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Railways in the Laurier government, and one of the chief figures in the Trent Valley Canal scandal, has been on a political junket to the west accompanied by E. M. Macdonald, M. P. of Pictou, in the course of which they delivered several political speeches and took occasion to air their views through the medium of newspaper interviews.

Mr. Macdonald claims to be a patriot and, by some, is regarded as a possible successor to the office of Liberal leader. He was in his place in Parliament when Sir Wilfrid Laurier proposed that parliament should adjourn for two months to permit Sir Robert Borden to attend the War Conference of the Empire.

Mr. Macdonald did not object to the proposal; he did not then express his opinion that it was not necessary for the Canadian premier to be present at such an important gathering. But as soon as Sir Robert was safely out of the country he joined forces with Hon. Mr. Graham and journeyed west, there trying his feeble best to undermine the confidence of the people at a time when that Premier was in the heart of the Empire on a mission of Empire-wide importance.

It was while in Vancouver that Mr. Macdonald learned that Hon. P. E. Blundin, Postmaster-General, had tendered his resignation for the purpose of engaging in military service. Most men, whether Liberals or Conservatives would have been inclined to give Mr. Blundin some credit for his action. Most patriots might even have eulogized him for his bravery and expressed the hope that some of his critics would follow his example. But Mr. Macdonald—next to F. B. Carvell the windiest man in the Canadian Commons—had a brand of patriotism and a sense of fairness all his own. He expressed his opinion on Hon. Mr. Blundin's action and the Montreal Gazette deals with it in this fashion: first quoting Mr. Macdonald's speech as delivered in Vancouver: "Take another instance. Those of us who sit in Parliament with Mr. Blundin and have his record, are amazed at the effrontery of the announcement that he was going to raise a regiment."

"The Mr. Blundin to whom this refers, is the Postmaster-General of Canada, the member for Champlain. Mr. Blundin has offered himself for overseas service and is now engaged in Quebec in raising a battalion for the defence of Mr. E. M. Macdonald and others. He is giving practical proof of a practical patriotism. He might have chosen, as Mr. E. M. Macdonald has done, to go a long way west and talk politics. He has chosen the better part, that of raising a battalion and of leading it overseas in the Empire's service. Mr. Blundin is a younger man than I am, Mr. Macdonald, and the latter may secure refuge on the safe side of the military age limit. But there is no age limit to decency. There is no shelter of years behind which one Canadian who stays at home has the right to abuse another Canadian whose sense of duty and whose love of country are his guides. There should be some sacrifice sacred from attack even by the Macdonalds of Liberalism. There is one cause which even to the Pictou member should rank above the claims of party. Military regulation may protect even if it does not prevent the E. M. Macdonalds of Canada from seeking active service, but there is a sphere within which Liberal members, even those who hope to be minister of militia, may follow the example which Mr. Blundin has set. It would be better patriotism, better Canadianism, truer Liberalism, if Mr. Macdonald instead of censuring others, would 'go thou and do likewise.'"

"THE NEW BRUNSWICK MINISTRY."

The Vancouver News-Advertiser, the editor of which, Mr. S. D. Scott, is well known in St. John and New Brunswick, deals in this fashion with Mr. Foster's choice of associates in the provincial cabinet:

"Mr. W. E. Foster, the new premier of New Brunswick, has worked his way through the difficulty of organizing a ministry from a party elected by French-speaking voters. Personally defeated in St. John he had to find a seat for himself and five heads of departments. Victoria County has two seats and a considerable French vote. One of the members-elect resigns, the other, Mr. Tweeddale,

gets a portfolio. Mr. Foster will run as his colleague so that one contest will do for both. Gloucester is pure French, and Mr. Foster takes two ministers, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Venton, from that riding, again making one contest do for two. Northumberland and Westmorland are largely French, Westmorland nearly half, and the other two ministers, Mr. Murray and Mr. Smith, are taken from these counties. Thus Mr. Foster escapes the necessity of opening a single purely English-speaking riding, by forming the paid section of his cabinet entirely from the north and north shore sections. He will probably come safely through the by-elections."

"EVERY LITTLE HELPS."

An Upper Canadian newspaper makes jest of the fact that Cuba and Panama have declared themselves in favor of war against Germany and intimates that the republics named are so small that it matters little which side of the war question they espouse. On the general principle that "every little helps" the jest is ill-timed. It is quite true that Cuba and Panama do not bring prospect of great military or naval weight to be thrown against the Hun, but, at least, they voice the repugnance with which all the nations of the new world regard the German government and the ambitions of the Hohenzollerns.

Aside from this they can be of practical value inasmuch as their harbors will no longer provide safe anchorage for German craft. In the case of Cuba prompt action was taken in the way of seizing German vessels in Cuban ports while Panama will probably follow suit.

This war has now reached a stage where every accession to the ranks of the Entente Allies will serve to deepen the impression on the German mind that the world would never permit the Teutonic cause to triumph. Cuba and Panama have simply placed themselves on record as subscribing to such a doctrine. Their assistance may not be of great military or naval importance but as an indication that they are in accord with the principles for which the Allies are contending their decision is of some value.

BEATING THE SUBMARINE.

The official report from London for the week ending April 8th shows that in that period seventeen British merchant vessels of more than 1,000 tons, were sunk, while of the smaller vessels two were sunk. In the same time 2,406 vessels of all sizes arrived at British ports and 2,367 sailed from those ports. The total arrivals and sailings were lost. This is less than one-half of one per cent, and illustrates fully how completely the German policy of unrestricted submarine warfare has failed to exercise any appreciable effect upon Britain's shipping.

Britain is beating the submarine, and beating it so rapidly and completely that its power as a factor in the war has passed. Germany has gained nothing by its use—or its abuse—for there can be no denial of the statement that legitimately used as an engine of war and against combatant ships the submarine has a place. The Hun feared to use their precious U-boats against the vessels of the British navy, but instead sent them forth like evil things to prey upon helpless merchant vessels and hospital ships. This policy proved her own undoing, for it alienated her from the sympathy of the neutral world and was the most powerful factor in arraying the United States and other American republics against her.

Not long ago an Amsterdam paper published the admission that if Germany failed in her submarine programme she was indeed ruined. She has failed. The inevitable result forecasted in Amsterdam has been hastened by that failure.

THE FRANCHISE IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Great Britain is to extend the franchise to women but is going about it in a hesitating, experimental way eminently characteristic of the people. The women are not to be put on an equality with the men. The new arrangement is that whereas practically all males twenty-one years of age are to be voters, the women are not to be accorded the privilege until they get to be thirty or thirty-five—which of these ages is to be adopted not having yet been decided.

The reason for this curiously illogical compromise is that there are more women than men in England and a fear therefore lingers in old-fashioned minds that the women would dom-

inate everything if they were all allowed to cast ballots the same as their fathers, brothers and husbands.

A little experience will convince the English people that this danger is entirely chimerical, says the Winnipeg Telegram. America has already discovered that there is no such thing as a sex vote but that both men and women are similarly influenced by various considerations, including sometimes the personal worth of the candidates and the soundness of the principles they profess. Norway has found out a more than one thing and has abolished a restriction similar to that which Great Britain now intends to introduce.

The British suffragists will take what is offered them but they regard it as only a half measure of justice and they will not cease their agitation until they are granted all they feel entitled to. That they will win a complete victory before many years, may be looked upon as quite certain.

THE CALL ISSUED FOR HOME DEFENCE FORCE

Dominion Government inaugurates Plan for Recruiting Men.

In the course of a week or two the last of the C. E. F. now in Canada will have left for England to continue their training, after which they will be sent to the firing line. In order when these men leave, for any emergency, the government has formulated plans for a Canadian defence force, and the working out of the plan for raising the 50,000 men desired for this purpose is now under way.

The militia regiments throughout the Dominion are asked to provide the men for the force. Already the staffs of good Canadians whose family obligations or other responsibilities have stood in the way of their going abroad, Major-General S. C. Mewburn, a well known and experienced soldier, has been chosen to direct the work.

Canada must not be left unprepared to meet any emergency which may arise. The Canadian expeditionary force has already depleted the militia units of the able-bodied men who could be of service to defend Canada in case of an attack from any quarter. No one who is capable of doing his share of the work in the Dominion imposes upon them. Men are needed and men will be found. "I voice the feeling at the front," says Sir Robert Borden in regard to this plan. "When I appeal to Canada to support the proposals to partially mobilize the active militia of Canada."

The term of enlistment, training, clothing, equipment and subsistence are the same as for the overseas service. Separation allowances for married men are allowed in addition to pay.

In order to bring before the men of Canada the need of the country the federal government is conducting an advertising campaign in the press. The first of the advertisements appears in the current issue of this newspaper.

CHINESE IN ONTARIO ENTHUSE FOR ALLIES

Windsor, Ont., April 11.—Nearly one hundred delegates from all over Ontario are attending a convention of the Chinese Republic. Citizens are being urged to "Give us a chance to show the world that the citizens of the Chinese Republic, free men now, are different from those of the kingdom of China, who were oppressed," pleaded one of the speakers this morning.

King Lee, a prominent Windsor merchant, said: "China is heart and soul with the Allies in this war, and our young men want a chance to fight the common enemy at any place where they may be assigned."

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Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE.

Kumpley B had a drill in his back yard yesterday, which after it was over Kernel Simkins said, G. Captain Potts, we are to dig trenches out here, every army awt to know how to dig trenches.

Sure they awt, sed Genrel Martin, if we dont have trenches to jump into wen the enemy comes, wy they mite as well not come.

Thats rite, we awt to have trenches, a army needs trenches to use their periscopes in, sed Looenant Wernick.

Wy dont you ask your father, Captn Potts? sed Sargent Hunt.

Which wen he came home I did, saying, Pop, us fellows is setting up a army, do you think we awt to practice digging trenches?

I most assurantly do, no modern soldier has eny blinies wawking around without a trench, sed pop.

Yes sir, thats wat we thawt, we thawt we woodent be much of a army without trenches, I sed.

You woodent be anything of a army, if I may use your own military frashology, sed pop.

And we thawt we awt to begin digging some rite away, I sed.

The sooner the quicker, as Genrel Joffe always remarks to the French soldiers, sed pop.

Well dont you think it will spoil the yard eny? I sed.

Wat yard sed pop.

Our yard, I sed.

O sed pop, no, I dont think it will becase if I catch enybody digging trenches in my nootral back yard, their cries of anguish will fill the air for hours.

Meaning he woodent leave us do it.

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday Henry and Charlotte Hubbard were charged with keeping a disorderly house, while Ernestus Musa, George Golding, Fred Suthers, James Senars, and Jennie Golding were charged with being inmates of the house, in the rear of 10 Brunswick street. After hearing the evidence of Detective Barrett and the testimony of the police officers, the prisoners were remanded to jail. Five children found in the house were handed into the care of the Children's Aid Society.

Donaldson Parks was fined \$8 for drunkenness and \$50 for supplying liquor to a soldier in uniform.

Seven men charged with drunkenness were fined \$8 each.

The preliminary hearing in the case of Charles Cobham, charged with the theft of rope, and Hyman Jacobson, with receiving same, which were to have been resumed, was postponed until Tuesday at 2 p. m.

In the case where Harry Miller was charged with speeding his automobile on Mill street, also making a wrong turn, G. A. McLennan testified that he had the car out on the day in question.

John Robinson, H. Wishart, John Riley and John Smith, were charged with assaulting James White on board a steamship at Sand Point. The complainant testified that he was asleep in his berth when a number of men entered and assaulted him, that Henry Wishart was the ringleader. The complainant said his eye was so badly injured he had to be treated by a doctor. The prisoners all pleaded not guilty to the charge but claimed that one of the defendants, Wishart, had been beaten and cut by the second cook.

A horseman on the ship named Morgan, testified that he had been attacked on the ship by several men. They took him from his bunk by force and

WAKING UP WELL

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