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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 CARLETON COUNTY.

The Government campaign in Carleton county will open on Thursday next when a convention will be held in Woodstock to nominate a candidate to succeed Mr. Donald Munro who recently resigned, and to ratify the appointment of Hon. B. Frank Smith to the office of Minister of Public Works. In the evening a mass meeting will be held at which members of the Government and other speakers will discuss the issues of the day.

Convention and mass meeting should be thoroughly representative, for it is evident that the campaign of slander and misrepresentation which has been waged against the Provincial Government by E. S. Carter and his associates is to be continued, and that the opposition hope to make abuse take the place of argument in an effort to force the people of Carleton to reject the Minister of Public Works and his colleague. Despite the blatant and empty challenges of the opposition organizer the Government workers will probably be called upon to fight all sorts of dirty canvasses and nefarious processes. The organization against Hon. Mr. Smith will be the same organization that assisted Mr. Carvell to rob him of his election to the Federal Parliament in 1911, and the gang that then resorted to a dishonest returning officer's effort to elect Frank Carvell by eleven votes will stop at nothing to win the forthcoming fight. Consequently there is need of close organization and the utmost vigilance on the part of the Government forces.

It is a matter for regret that Mr. Carvell himself is not to head the opposition ticket, but at any rate he will be the dominating force behind the campaign. The decent people of Carleton, who believe in honesty and fair-play, who do not approve of the Carvell brand of brutality and slander, should remember that the opposition candidates in the coming campaign will be Carvell's representatives, and their defeat will be his defeat. The slogan should be Beat Carvell's man now and Carvell himself when the time comes. The period of campaign is brief and the end to be attained is worthy of hard work and determined effort. There should be record-breaking attendance and enthusiasm at next Thursday's meeting, and then concerted effort toward victory.

### KING GEORGE IN FRANCE.

It was not only a pleasant surprise which King George gave his troops in France early last week, but a surprise to the Empire at large. Without one word of intimation to the Empire, the King quietly left London, visited the front, passed through the danger zone, and by personal presence gave encouragement to his brave troops. He paid the Canadians the special compliment of a visit and was greeted with tremendous cheering. There was no glitter, no brass band, no formal procession or reception, and His Majesty was merely clothed as an officer of the higher rank, but he represented the sovereignty of the British peoples everywhere.

It was on a Sunday that the Canadians were paid the special compliment of a visit, and it was on a hill in the Canadian sector that His Majesty, with the Canadian troops, attended Divine service. On Monday the review of the troops behind the front took place, and the participants were representative of every part of the Empire. It was an inspiring sight, the record of which will live upon the pages of Canadian history. The French countryside nearby, was joyous, although devastation existed only a few miles away and the screech of the shells and the roar of the cannon disturbed the ordinary peaceful calm. The roads of the little village through which he passed on Sunday were crowded with the French women folk or those among the men who were through age or otherwise incapacitated for active service. The children threw roses and other flowers along the pathway which the King trod as an unheeded testimony of admiration for the King of their allied country, Great Britain.

An incident in connection with this visit is characteristic of the King. By the wayside there was a simple grave and over that grave a cross with the

simple inscription "Here lies the body of an unknown British soldier." An unknown British soldier. Yes, there are probably thousands of them who lie in similar graves. Unknown individually but in the mass such will live forever with memories cherished by those destined to tell and read the story of how bravely they fought and gave their lives for the well being of mankind. The King paused at the grave of this unknown hero of the British race, who had paid the great sacrifice, lifted his hat and with a silent prayer passed on to the sterner duty which faces those who live.

### THE DAYLIGHT TIME.

The daylight system of time has now been in operation in St. John for almost four months and experience has shown that it marks a distinct step in advance over former systems. No complaint can be found with the plan which gives an additional hour of daylight in the evening, on the contrary it has been responsible for more than a little extra enjoyment for all classes of citizens. There has been some inconvenience in connection with the system, particularly for those who have to go to work in the early morning and who, more especially during the past two weeks, have found the darkness of the morning hours a hardship. The experience of these men shows that the first of September is the latest date at which daylight time can be of value and there is apparently no good reason why the change to the former system, originally fixed for the last of September, should not go into effect a month earlier.

Next year this will probably be arranged when the system is adopted, for it is to be presumed that the benefits shown this summer will make its adoption for 1917 a certainty. With this in view there is need for a general campaign to make the daylight system at least province wide. The adoption of daylight time in all the centres of the province would have the effect of reducing any inconvenience at present felt locally while preserving all the advantages of the plan. In American cities where the plan of saving the daylight has been tried it has been found that it conduces to comfort, efficiency and economy, and is, for these reasons, most desirable. This year it was adopted as a local venture. The aim should be to make it at least province wide next summer.

### A CAUSE OF WRATH.

There will be wild wrath in "Le Devoir," organ of Mr. Bourassa, and in the breast of Armand Lavergne, over the military registration order. "One can easily see why it should be so," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser, which, continues "Mr. Lavergne, for example, would find himself registered somewhat in this wise: 'Armand Lavergne, ex-M. P., ex-M. P. P., age thirty-six. Occupation in time of peace, colonel in the militia; in time of war, occupation anti-imperialist and anti-militarist. Of no particular service to the state at home. Eligible for service abroad, but unwilling.'"

A falling off in the maximum output of shells in Canada is threatened through the fact that Canadian manufacturers find it more profitable to work for American contractors for the British Government than for the imperial munitions board at Ottawa. Canadian business men who have these contracts with American firms escape at least the innuendo that they are thieves and robbers.

Mr. Carter continues to tell the people that he is not afraid of the Standard. Really there is no occasion for such frequent protestations of courage on the part of this twice-whipped purist. The Standard has already outlined the course it would pursue if necessary and if Mr. Carter doubts our intention or ability to make good he can very easily obtain a demonstration.

War Bulletin—"The Russian forces have occupied Mush." No use in talking these Muscovites are finding it pretty soft.

## PIERRE POLU AND TOMMY ATKINS

### Impressions of a Russian War Correspondent

This appreciative comparison of Tommy Atkins and the typical French polu is from the pen of the distinguished Russian writer and veteran war correspondent, M. Nemirovitch Danchenko, and is translated from the "Russkoe Slovo."

I shall never forget the courageous, energetic, joyful faces of the Pierre Polus, actually shining with faith in their cause, their fighting spirit, these staunch fellows dying without a murmur and irresistible in the attack. The polu at this moment is a pet child of his country. Once in twenty months he gets leave, generally for five days or for a week, if he has gained a war decoration. Having read, shaved, seen all his near and dear ones, he takes the train as quietly and unperturbed and joyful as if it is going to carry him anywhere but to the front, where possibly a few days after he will fall a sacrifice on the altar of the battlefield. If he has no relations, he will still be welcomed home. A great number of Frenchwomen have now become the so-called "les marionettes." They correspond with the Pierre Polus in the trenches, send them presents, warm clothing, underwear, sundries, tobacco, and when such a polu gets leave he goes direct to his "marraine," knowing that he will be received with open arms, and near relative by a woman who is thus doing her bit for her country.

### Officers and Men.

The relations between Pierre Polu and his officer, as admirable as the officer also comes from the same people, he is also Pierre Polu only with salons on his sleeve, showing his grade. Pierre Polu meets his officer smilingly, and the officer usually gives him a friendly smile in return. If he is taken unawares and has no time, or simply forgets, to salute, that is of no importance. Both have fraternized in the battle, and the polu with salons knows there is no occasion for such "mon vieux" and "mon ami." Pierre Polu will not execute in the terrible combat, never flinching for a moment from sacrificing his life for their common cause. There are no pettinesses, no unnecessary formalities, no offending mockery, no despicable neglect. Pierre Polu is persuaded that the officer loves him as a friend, as a brother, and returns this with the same devotion. He will never forsake him or leave him in the battle alone, and will defend him with his own body. If both are saved they will exchange a joke which will make the whole fighting line roar with laughter. That is really the spirit of the Russian war; not the Pretorians of the Boches, but the whole of France.

Pierre Polu likes danger. It excites him. At the same time he is careful. He is not really a fool, as he has not, as for instance Russia, a big reserve of fighting units. The forces of France must be spared. Therefore Pierre Polu tries to keep in check his gallant instincts. His aim is to kill many Boches as possible, so that if ever he is killed his death will account for so many enemy soldiers, which gives Germany the undisputed advantage. Pierre Polu in the twilight of his "fabri" is the front trench, having rested and taken his meals is joyful as a bird. He sings and dances and plays. The more so amongst the rank and file there are opera singers, artists of Comedie Francaise, gymnasts, clowns and musical artists. Whole concerts are sometimes organized here. The subterranean world of the trenches is transformed into a musical hall with their varied programme. Here in the trenches first-class opera contraltos and sopranos come to sing to their polus, actors of the best Parisian theatres make declamations for them, and playwright produce their plays.

Sometimes, however, the polu has to bear great strain. But he knows that if it is difficult for him, it is still more difficult for his chiefs whose responsibilities are greater. Pierre Polu's life is every moment in danger, but his General is also in the same trench, at his side. Their staffs are behind, but they are with their soldiers.

### Soldier and Sportsman.

Tommy Atkins has much in common with Pierre Polu. However, there is also a great difference. Pierre Polu is in war soldier and worker—Tommy Atkins soldier and sportsman. Pierre Polu sometimes marches some enormous distances, but he is rather heavy and does not want at all to look smart. Tommy Atkins is slim and supple, and at the first opportunity he will brush himself all over and put on new things. Pierre Polu is marching and moving in the mass. Tommy Atkins, as a sportsman, is racing, trying to beat his neighbor by a head. Pierre Polu fights terribly. Tommy Atkins fights beautifully. Pierre Polu fights as a blow of a hammer on the anvil, fire splits all round. Tommy Atkins as an arrow sent from a bow. Pierre Polu, even in the most dangerous moments, when his life is at stake is laughing and joking. Tommy Atkins is serious, watchful, seemingly indifferent and unperturbed. Tommy Atkins, strong, with rosy cheeks, soft, his whole body like a steel spring, goes into the battle singing "Tipperary." In the trenches of Flanders and Artois Tommy Atkins is as staunch and dutiful as his namesake

## Little Benny's Note Book.

### THE PARK AVE. NEWS.

Sports. A juggling contest took place in Sid Hunt's back yard last Tuesday, the contestants juggling with a hole basketful of red apples, some of them trying to juggle 8 at a time without succeeding. The contest closed suddenly when Mrs. Hunt looked out the setting room window and saw all her red apples falling on the bricks.

### SHORT STORY.

#### The Story Teller.

#### Chapter I.

"Joseff, do you know it's a quarter after 8. Get up. Do you want to be late for school?"

#### Chapter II.

"Joseff, its 20 minits to 9. Aint you up yet? Are you crazy?"

"Teacher, I had to go to the dentist on account of my teeth being out of order. No mam, I aint got any ritten excuse."

#### The End.

How to make more soap at the expense of the city. Add waitir.

Stately Notes. The Willie boy in the end house was observed going out with his mother in a sailor hat and a red flower in his button hole.

The flower is thawt to be of bin artiffail.

LOST IN THE DEEP.

Poem by Skinny Martin.

10 little boys stood on a raft.

Thinking they was having fun.

5 word fish saved it full of holes.

And then there was none.

How to extract a sharks tooth without getting bit. Choose a ded shark.

For rent, reasonable. A dawg house till I find my dawg agen. See Ed Wernick.

at Lucknow. He is fighting like a lion, but in the intervals means to live as a human being and have everything to which he was accustomed at home.

He is not like Polu. He will begin by shaving himself so that his skin will look like satin. His nails are clean, his feet bathed. He must have roast beef, ale, bacon and eggs, and his five o'clock tea. At every opportunity he indulges in cricket or football.

He sleeps in a well-ventilated tent, the camp life does not make him forget the hygienic rules to which he has been accustomed from his childhood.

Tommy Atkins always finds time to take care of himself and to look every inch a gentleman. "His courage," said General Fier, "is rather of a physical than a moral nature. He needs movement, danger, struggle; and is kept fit by healthy and abundant food. Glory will not make them forget hunger or torn coats."

I have seen relatives saying the last good-by to Tommies in London at Victoria Station. There are no tears, no weeping, Tommy Atkins and his father, who sees him off, are both smiling. On the front at Ypres I saw such Tommies in their first-line trenches. They had not been dug deep enough, and security demanded that they should bow when passing along the line. No one did it. They walked straight without paying any attention to the whizzing of bullets which were raining round them.

Pierre Polu and Tommy Atkins are friends whenever they meet. They esteem and honor each other, they supplement each other. What is lacking in the one is in surplus in the other, and when together they constitute a formidable force. It is very good to have this force on our side and not against us!

### LUCKY PRIZE WINNERS.

The lucky winners in the drawings in connection with Tipperary Mary's for the trip to Boston and return, donated by the Eastern S.S. Co. and the C. P. R. to Digby and return by Steamer Empress were:

Boston and Return—2986, S. G. Olive; 351, J. A. Gregory; 255, G. A. Margrets; 2436 and 1650, no name on the stubs.

To Digby and Return—2015, John Kimball; 1588, W. W. Leonard; 2556,

Letter From Dr. G. G. Melvin.

Editor of The Standard:

Sir—Please permit me to say, in connection with your report, this morning, of measures taken to check vermin, etc., that I have not expressed an opinion that all danger from the disease mentioned has ceased.

Also, the communication I had with a member of the late Harvard commission related to methods of infection and the most efficient means of controlling the disease, not at all to diagnosis.

Your obedient servant,

GEO. G. MELVIN.

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