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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.

### WHY ARE THEY SILENT?

ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 24TH, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, WILLIAM PUGSEY MADE HIS CONTEMPTIBLE ATTEMPT TO ROB HUNDREDS OF SOLDIERS IN THE CANADIAN ARMY OF THEIR FRANCHISE.

SINCE THAT TIME THERE HAVE BEEN TWO ISSUES OF THE DAILY TELEGRAPH AND TWO ISSUES OF THE EVENING TIMES, PAPERS WHICH ORDINARILY SUPPORT MR. PUGSEY BUT NEITHER OF THOSE NEWSPAPERS HAVE DARED TO SAY ONE WORD IN HIS SUPPORT OR IN CRITICISM OF HIM. THAT FACT IS SIGNIFICANT. WHY ARE THEY SILENT?

### THE NEW SECRETARY OF STATE.

No better man than the Honorable Arthur Meighen could have been selected to fill the important portfolio of Secretary of State and Minister of Mines, formerly held by Hon. Mr. Pakenade, who resigned from the Borden Government because he could not follow his leader on the question of compulsory military service.

Hon. Mr. Meighen has served with striking success as Solicitor-General and his promotion to the more important portfolio comes naturally. He is generally conceded to be one of the greatest constitutional lawyers in Canada in that particular, ranking second only to Sir Robert Borden himself. A very large share of the legal work in connection with the important measures coming before Parliament has fallen to his hands and he has always discharged his duties in a manner that stamped his great ability. As a debater Hon. Mr. Meighen is a force to be reckoned with. His contribution to the conscription debate was one of the outstanding features of that noteworthy discussion, while men who have been in Parliament for years say that his reply to Hon. George P. Graham in the debate arising out of the report of the Gutelius-Lynch Staunton commission on the National Transcontinental Railway was one of the best examples of parliamentary dexterity in the history of the Canadian Parliament.

Hon. Mr. Meighen is a young man, having just passed his 41st birthday, undoubtedly Canadian public life holds for him honors much higher than those he has yet won. But to be Secretary of State of the greatest of British Dominions is in itself an honor which might well rank as the crowning achievement of a lifetime in public service. Mr. Meighen attains it at an age when most parliamentarians are making their debut.

### LET US HAVE THE FACTS.

In the course of a heated discussion with Dr. Edwards of Frontenac in the House of Commons on Friday, arising during the debate on the amendment moved by Mr. Pugsley and the purpose of which was to disfranchise hundreds of men now fighting for Canada, the gentleman who has misinterpreted and disgraced St. John summarized his war effort in these words:

"I am beyond the years when I could go and fight for my country, and the most those who are beyond the age limit can do is to contribute of their means towards assisting our country in the great struggle in which it is engaged. I have made no boast, Sir, of what I have done, but I am willing that my record as to the assistance which I have given, compared with the means that I have, be placed side by side with that of any other man in this House, or any other man in this country. I say that I have not boasted, from the public platform, or from my seat in this House; but those in my home city who know me know that, in respect of my relatives who have gone to the front and in respect of men who have been in my employ, I have done my part cheerfully and to the best of my ability."

In all humility The Standard begs to differ from the learned Doctor. There are many people in his home city who know him and who know him quite well who have yet to learn of any striking effort of his to assist in winning the war. Certainly he has never done anything in that direction which will offset the harm he has done by his continued attempts to hamper and destroy every measure introduced by the Government tending to improve the lot of the men at the front or to make it easier for them. If Mr. Pugsley has any such wonderful record of patriotic endeavor as he seems to think he has there is no better time to make it known than the present. Come now, Mr. Pugsley, take the people of your home city into your confidence and tell them plainly and truthfully what you have ever done to help

### THE TEACHERS' SALARIES.

It is unfortunate that the members of the School Board last evening could not see their way clear to increase the salaries of the teachers in the city schools but instead decided to vote them a bonus of \$50. Undoubtedly the bonus will be acceptable to the teachers but, as it is but a temporary arrangement, it does not in any way settle the question of salary, which will likely come up for consideration again next year.

There are no workers more justly entitled to all the remuneration it is possible to pay them than the teachers in the public schools. Despite the fact that the actual school day is shorter than the working day in most other spheres of endeavor the character of the work demands heavily of those engaged in it, while the qualities of character and mind required to make a successful school teacher would win much more generous recognition if applied in other directions. It has previously been pointed out that St. John's expenditure for education, per capita, is smaller than in most Canadian or American cities of similar size and importance. This may be a commendable showing, or it may not, according to the point of view. The Standard joins with the teachers in the hope that the next time they have occasion to fight for salary increases they will meet with better success.

### SUBMARINE WARFARE.

According to an official German statement, the number of submarines lost by them averages only three a month since February, and they are being turned out at a great deal faster than that. If so, it necessarily follows that the number of German submarines afloat is rapidly increasing and the sinking of merchant vessels should logically increase in corresponding ratio.

Yet the fact is that the number of merchant vessels sunk remains practically the same from week to week. Sometimes it is eighteen and sometimes it is twenty, but the difference is never more than two or three from one week to another. What, then, are these new German submarines doing? The conclusion seems irresistible that Germany is simply telling lies about her losses.

Doubtless there are good military reasons for the profound secrecy maintained by Great Britain as to the results of submarine warfare. Hints do, nevertheless, get out from time to time as to what is doing. For instance, a negligent censor recently let the statement get past him that even if England did not build another submarine she had enough of them captured from Germany to fill all her needs during the war. Having the Germans build them and have them over to us looks like a positively ideal arrangement.

### CLOSURE AT OTTAWA.

While our Canadian boys are fighting and dying in France and Flanders it is the obvious duty of the man who occupies a seat in the Canadian Parliament to assist the Government in every way possible to get on with its necessary war legislation. This being the fact he is false to his duty who wilfully seeks to impede and hinder the progress of the House by unnecessary and trifling discussion.

In this respect William Pugsley has long occupied an unenviable position, but this session he appears to be worse than ever. On every occasion, often when there is no occasion, he is on his feet deluging the House with a veritable Niagara of words, for no other seeming purpose than to trifle and waste time. Yesterday it became necessary to apply closure during the debate on the Canadian Northern bill. In other words Pugsley was gagged and the business of the House proceeded with. A crafty politician but never approaching the plane of statesmanship William Pugsley is rapidly becoming a bore. If yesterday's gag could be made permanent the work of war winning in Ottawa would proceed with much more facility, but until the efforts of St. John have another opportunity of dealing with him it is possible that the gagging of William will become part of the daily routine at the capital during the remainder of the session.

The country's business must be proceeded with and representatives who have developed into irresponsible glibsters can find but little sympathy in a time when the demand is for more action and less valueless wind-jamming. One of the newest Billy Sunday

stories is that after a recent campaign the evangelist found one of John D. Rockefeller's shirts in his grip. It would be a striking tribute to Mr. Sunday's persuasive powers if it should develop that he talked the shirt off the oil king's back.

Many of the gentlemen who attended the Liberal convention in Winnipeg may have been the right men to discuss win-the-war problems but, unfortunately, they seem to have been in the wrong place.

The veterans of the war and the soldiers in the trenches will never spare for Sir Wilfrid Laurier or his peculiar ideas as to Canada's duty in this hour of crisis.

They have decided for a coalition government in South Australia. Evidently there is no Quebec and no Laurier in that country.

### THE MUNITIONS PLANT WILL NOT REMAIN IDLE

Messrs. James Fleming Firm Plan to Manufacture Ship Machinery When Munitions Cease—McAvity and Fleming Plants Are Still Turning Out Shells.

At least one of the plants which has been manufacturing munitions in St. John does not expect to be idle when the time comes to cease that work, for already they have plans matured to go into another line.

Messrs. James Fleming's firm have their plans already prepared to start in the manufacture of machinery for ships just as soon as the manufacturing of munitions ceases, as there is a big demand for such, and they do not expect to lose a day's time in their plant.

This firm have been manufacturing munitions for some time, and it will take them about another month to fill present contracts, when, if no more are ordered, they will start at once on the manufacture of ship machinery. The statement made by George Fleming to The Standard last night, he said they had not yet had time at night for some time, and in looking around for something to take the place of munitions when that would cease, had decided to manufacture ship machinery, as there was a big demand for that, and most of the plant installed for the making of shells could be used in the new line. George McAvity, of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., said the order cutting out night work in munitions plants did not affect their plant, in which the large shells were manufactured, and that it would still operate day and night, but the night work had been cut out in the plant where the small shells were made.

He said they had not as yet considered what would be done when the manufacture of munitions ceased, as they had orders for some time yet. The plant where the small shells were made would probably be dismantled but the large plant would be made use of in some other way.

### DEATH OF AN INDIAN RECALLS A TRAGEDY

Captain Thomas Francis Who Years Ago Killed Joseph Sopi Met Tragic Death—Was Buried at Pleasant Point Yesterday.

The recent death of Capt. Thomas Francis, at the Pleasant Point Indian reservation on the St. Croix, recalls a tragedy which occurred at the village over a score of years ago, when in a fit of jealous rage, Capt. Francis, stabbed and instantly killed Joseph Sopi, a handsome young Beau Brummel of the Passamaquoddy tribe, as he was dancing with the captain's wife in the village hall.

Francis immediately made his escape in a canoe, coming first to St. Andrews, across the bay, and then to St. John. From this city Capt. Francis made his way well into the interior of the province, mingling with a tribe of New Brunswick Indians, who did a little hunting, fishing, basket and axe handle making, blueberry picking, etc., for a livelihood. Although the captain was traced to this province he could not be found, and as the Maine authorities apparently took little interest in the tragedy little interest was made to find him.

About two years ago he made his way back to Pleasant Point, broken in health and lived quietly at the home of a relative, rarely venturing out at night. He was never molested, however, by the law or by the relatives or friends of the murdered Sopi.

Like his victim, Captain Francis met a tragic death. While walking along the railway track a few nights ago he lost his footing and fell to his death to the beach below, a short distance from the place where he stabbed his tribesman. He was buried yesterday in the little cemetery at Pleasant Point. Captain Francis was the descendant of an old time war chief of the famous Passamaquoddy who figured in Maine and New Brunswick fighting in the early French and colonial days. Sopi, the murdered man, was a favorite son of old Molly Mitchell, who for many years retained the title of the queen of the tribe, until her death a few years ago at the age of one hundred years. She never ceased to mourn over the tragic death of her young son and lived for years in hope that Francis might be brought back and punished for his crime.

### Little Benny's Note Book.

My cousin Artie was around yesterday, and me and him was setting on the front steps when pop came home, saying, Well, prominent members of the younger generation, what have you bin doing with yourselves all day?

This afternoon we was having a contest to see who could draw the best scribble with our eyes shut, I sed.

A very ingenious and instructive pastime, sed pop, it teaches you to overcome obstacles and makes the hand steady for the battles of life in future years, such as on the occasions when you will have to rite a 15 dollar check with a bank ballent of only 15 dollars and 85 cents.

Yes sir, my scribbles was rounder than Artie's scribbles, I sed.

Good, every self respecting scribble is round, and awfina positively plump, sed pop.

Yes, but the ends of my scribbles came together, and Benny's scribbles had spaces, sed Artie.

Spaces, that's bad, sed pop, no modest scribble would ever admit having any ends, much less show them.

Well, if we show you the scribbles will you judge whose is the best, pop? I sed.

Wy, yes, lets have a look at them, sed pop.

Come on up stairs, they're on the bathroom wall paper, I sed.

Artie, did you intend to eat suppr beer? sed pop.

Yes sir, sed Artie, and pop sed, Well, change your mind. Benny, did you intend to go out and play atfir suppr?

Yes sir, I sed, and pop sed, A famous well heated heith resort is paved with perfectly good intentions. And Artie went home and atfir suppr I went in the bathroom with a rubber and rubbed all the scribbles out, lissening to the fellows wisseling for me outside wile I was rubbing.

### TORONTO EXHIBITION.

The Canadian Pacific Railway offers special rates and inducements in connection with the Toronto Exhibition, August 25th to September 10th.

Visitors to Toronto from the Maritime Provinces should travel via the Direct Short Route, which is "Canadian Pacific." Between Montreal and Toronto is operated that splendid and up-to-date train, "The Canadian," leaving Montreal at 8:15 a. m. due Toronto 6:20 p. m. The C. P. R. is the only line operating compartment cars between Montreal and Toronto. The Canadian Pacific dining car service is unsurpassed.

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Tickets at single fare for the round trip will be issued August 30th and September 4th, good until September 6th and 11th, respectively. Persons contemplating a visit to the Canadian National Exhibition—this year bigger and better than ever—should make their plans early with the local Canadian Pacific agent, who will look well to their interests in the matter of supplying all information and arranging what reservations may be required. Patrons via this route are assured the best of attention and service throughout.

### Sea Captain Drowned.

Peter McIntyre of the North End received word yesterday that Captain George Olsen of the schooner Mary A. Hall had been drowned in New York harbor. No particulars how the accident occurred were received. Captain Olsen was in Mr. McIntyre's employ for the last six years and was recognized as one of the best navigators on the coast. His wife and child are at present in the city. The body has been recovered and will be taken to his home in Hildeford, Maine, for interment.

### Do It Now.

The secretary of the School Board wishes to call the attention of parents to the necessity of procuring permits for children who will be attending school for the first time this term. School will open on Tuesday next and as yet very few parents have attended to this duty, and the secretary would deem it a favor if parents would attend to this important matter before the last couple of days. He also calls attention to the fact that no permit would be issued without proof of successful vaccination.

### County Schools Reopen.

The public schools in the county reopened yesterday morning after eight weeks of holidays. The city schools do not open until Tuesday, September 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. McCloskey arrived in the city last evening having motored from New York, and are visiting Mr. McCloskey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McCloskey, Douglas avenue.

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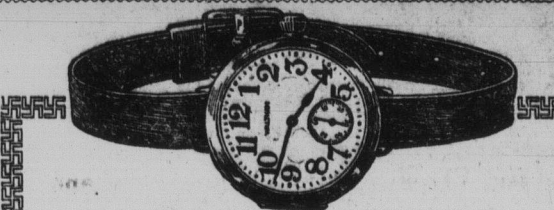
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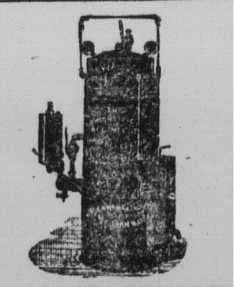
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The entire session of the Council yesterday morning was up with an examination of the engineer respecting his data re the of No. 5 shed. No decision was at and the meeting adjourned to this morning to further consider matter. The report of the city engineer received and his estimate total \$60.00 for the work. This in \$24,000 for the substructure; \$4,