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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.

THE NEW ELEVATOR.

The news that construction of the new grain elevator on the Water street site is to be proceeded with at once, and that the contract for the foundation has already been let to Engineers and Contractors Limited, the lowest tenderers, will be joyfully received by the thousands of citizens who feel that already, through no fault of the government, or of Hon. Mr. Hazen, the work has been too long delayed.

Elsewhere in this issue The Standard publishes the opinion of the head of the J. S. Metcalfe Company, builders of the C. P. R. elevator at West St. John, in which that gentleman deals frankly and freely with the suggestion of Hon. William Pugsley and others that the new structure should be built on the Exhibition grounds. The idea, says the authority referred to, would be "a preposterous proposition." This statement should settle the question of that particular site, for it will hardly be claimed that Mr. Pugsley or those who think as he does, have a closer knowledge of the requirements of an elevator site than the man who has selected hundreds of them and crowned them with first class elevator plants.

The decision to build the elevator on the Water street site is a wise one. Before reaching it engineers representing the Government Railways looked over the ground and selected that site because it was undoubtedly the best on the eastern side of the harbor. That the delay, due to local opposition, should prevent the construction of the building in time for this winter's business is most regrettable. It is advisable, however, that work should now be commenced as speedily as possible, for with the war costs steadily mounting it may be difficult next year to secure a re-vote of the appropriation which Hon. Mr. Hazen has already had placed in this year's estimates for this purpose.

Mr. Hazen is to be commended for his zeal in urging this matter to an issue. He realizes the necessity for the work which his plans not been wisely interfered with would have been completed in time for this winter's business. As it is nothing has been gained by the delay except clearer recognition of the fact that when the Government engineers first recommended the Water street site they did so with a full knowledge of the situation, the necessities and the requirements. Had their advice been accepted when given the work would have been under way before this. But the experience may prove a lesson to some citizens who have assumed the role of perpetual fault-finders of every attempt made by those in authority to improve facilities at this port.

THE CANADIAN WAR LOAN.

Subscriptions for the second Canadian war loan closed on Saturday night and advices from Ottawa convey the information that not only has the amount of \$100,000,000 been secured but that the over-subscriptions amount to at least \$50,000,000. This marks a distinct success for the Canadian Government and particularly for Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance. It is also particularly gratifying to know that, although the success of the loan was practically guaranteed in advance by those corporations which signified their willingness to subscribe for large blocks of the issue, the volume of private subscriptions was so great that the corporations will have to be satisfied with a partial allotment of the sums for which they applied. Under these circumstances the loan is distinctly a popular one as it represents a general investment from the savings of private citizens.

These facts are in bright contrast with the wave of financial pessimism which swept over the country immediately after the outbreak of the war. There was then something of a panic among leading men of affairs because of the sudden stoppage of the inflow of foreign capital. Canada had so long been accustomed to rely on foreign money lenders that she doubted her ability to stand alone in the hour of financial as well as national stress, and the country surprised her-

self when it was found that she possessed monetary resources of her own which up to that time had not been dreamed of. There was an increase in bank deposits, partly due to the fact that the collapse of the western real estate boom had brought its lesson of caution, and partly because the opportunities for profitable investment were greatly restricted. It was this reservoir of money which the Government wisely decided to tap.

The first war loan was a timely one and the response did much to restore public confidence and strengthen the whole financial fabric of the country. The success of that loan was also an assurance that Canada could meet her own war costs without adding to the burden upon the already over-burdened motherland and it helped to keep down the exchange rate against Great Britain.

The second loan makes it a certainty that the Government can find all the money it requires for war expenses but it may be advisable, even if not necessary, to change conditions of the next issue. In Britain millions of certificates of one pound sterling have been sold for war loans, while in Canada the lowest bond issued is \$100. Future loans may make it possible for the man or woman who wishes to have a smaller share in the undertaking to purchase \$50, \$20, or even \$10 certificates. Then, in very truth, will the popularity of Canadian war loans be absolutely established.

In the meantime the Finance Minister and Government merit the heartfelt congratulations for the unprecedented success of one of the greatest financial undertakings of the century. That a country as young as Canada should offer on the second occasion in eighteen months \$150,000,000 of the savings of the people as a guaranty that the expenses of participation in the Empire's war shall be met to the last cent is indeed a highly creditable showing.

A WINTER CAMPAIGN.

Lord Derby, Under Secretary of the War Office, is authority for the statement that the Allies intend to continue their offensive on the Western front all winter. The German masses have been led by the General Staff to believe that when the bad weather comes the British and French will dig themselves in on their present favorable positions, allowing the harassed armies under the Crown Prince of Bavaria and General von Gallwitz to construct defences similar to those already broken through. But the German wish is father to the thought. The initiative now possessed by the Allies cannot be suspended in the hope of regaining it later.

If Germany were allowed a Winter to recuperate from the staggering blows already dealt it, it would face the Allies in the Spring so strong it could last another Summer fighting on the present scale. Not only would German stocks of guns and munitions, beginning to run low according to an order by Falkenhayn, the deposed chief of staff, be replenished, but German troops would be rested, formations built up, and plans made for regaining the initiative. The Germans would be given leisure to concentrate troops in the Balkans, to make a drive at Roumania or Russia, and generally to recover their grip on military mastery.

That, says an exchange, would never do. The necessity of continuous and costly fighting over the Winter months will break down German strength and national morale by pushing home the fact to the German masses that the Allies are engaged in no spasmodic outburst of activity. The Germans' chief theory now is that the Allies' effort will wear out against determined resistance, and when they find out that there is no let-up even over bad weather their remaining confidence will be badly shaken.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

Sir Herbert Ames, yesterday, conveyed to a number of St. John citizens such a clear idea of the needs of the Canadian Patriotic Fund that there should be little reason why the deficit now existing in New Brunswick's apportionment of that worthy undertaking should not be wiped out before the close of the current year. In future the

fund will be assessed for in St. John and in other centres of the province. This is the proper solution of the case but until the necessary assessment has been collected and the money actually placed at the fund's disposal there is need for private generosity.

St. John and New Brunswick are steadily taking from the fund more money than supplied by the contributions from this district and this condition should not be allowed to continue. This city and province should not be satisfied to allow other portions of the Dominion to shoulder liabilities properly belonging here. Every man in the province faces a double duty. If of military age and fitness, without dependents who make it impossible for him to enlist, he should be in khaki playing his full part in the struggle in which the Empire is now engaged. If, for any reason, it is impossible for him to do the uniform he should contribute of his funds to assist the families of those who make the greater sacrifice. If every New Brunswicker realized his duty in this regard there would be little difficulty in filling the ranks of the New Brunswick regiments or the coffers of the Patriotic Fund. It is to be hoped Sir Herbert Ames' visit will have the desired effect.

GERMANS HAVE NO REGARD FOR BELGIANS

Self-sacrifice They Say To Permit Them To Live In Their Own Country.

We have given proof of a spirit of self-sacrifice in permitting the Belgians to live in their own country says a German newspaper, commenting on the condition of the people in that part of Belgium which is under German rule.

This statement is sufficient to tell the world, if it were not already known, of the lack of sympathy or humaneness on the part of these conquerors of the little nation. Any other enemy would today be generous but here is a nation that refuses to recognize the bravery of an enemy and would permit the people, whom they admit are non-combatants, to starve. On top of this they persecute them with fines and oppress them in every way possible.

Even if Canada were a generous nation that refuses to recognize the bravery of an enemy and would permit the people, whom they admit are non-combatants, to starve. On top of this they persecute them with fines and oppress them in every way possible.

MARRIAGES.

Fennell-O'Shaughnessy.

At the Cathedral, early yesterday morning, Mr. Louis J. Fennell and Miss Annie L. O'Shaughnessy were united in marriage with a happy ceremony. The bride was given away by her father, who was wearing a suit of brown broadcloth, with white hat and brown trimming. James Fennell, of Boston, performed the customary services for his brother.

After the ceremony the bride party went to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Shaughnessy, 246 Sydney street, where breakfast was served. Many beautiful presents were received by the bride, including a chest of silver and a purse of gold from Mr. and Mrs. George McGinnis-Kelly, with whom she had been employed. The happy couple left in the evening for a short trip through Maine. The groom is a popular employee of the Dominion Express Company.

McGinnis-Kelly.
Yesterday morning at 6 o'clock in the Cathedral Rev. Miles P. Howland united in marriage, with nuptial mass, Thomas Edward McGinnis and Miss Agnes Teresa Kelly, daughter of Mrs. Bridget and the late Michael Kelly. The bride wore a tailored suit of navy blue, with hat to match. Her sister, Miss Mary, who was bridesmaid, was attired in a suit of Copenhagen silk, with hat to correspond. The groom

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Little Benny's Note Book

Pop was taking a nap on the sitting room sofa, and I wanted a seat to get a ice cream sandwich with and I stood there looking at him a while, thinking, G. If I wake him up and ask him he wont give to me just for waking him up.

And I stood there looking at him a while longer, thinking, Maybe if he jest happens to wake up he wont be mad. And I went to the other end of the room and started to open and shut the windows pritty loud, and nothing happened.

I know wat, I thawt. And I went to the door and opened it and banged it shut agan about 5 times, and wat did pop do but start to snore as if he thawt he was heering a lullerby.

Good nite, I thawt. And I took a hold of the top of the big rocking chair and bent it all the way back and then left go of it and it fell over fruntwards and aild across the floor and bumped into the side of sofa with a farsee noise, and pop jumped up and set on the edge of the sofa rubbing one eye and saying, Wat, wat, wat in the name of Verdoon is going on erround heer.

Sir? I sed.

O, its you, is it, sed pop, I dreamed it was a million hippopotamists doing an Irish breakdown.

No, sir, I sed.

Wats this rocking chair doing on the small of its back? sed pop.

It fell over by itself, almost, I sed.

If you are not out of my site in 15 seconds I refuse to answer for the consequences, sed pop.

Yes, sir, I sed, And I quick went out, terning erround at the door and wondering whether to ask for the sent and deciding not to and keeping on going out.

had the assistance of his brother, Harry. The bridal party, after the ceremony, repaired to the home of the bride's mother, 34 St. Patrick street, where breakfast was served. The bride was the recipient of many presents in cut glass, silver, etc., besides a cheque from her brother, John, wireless operator on the S. S. Mozart, a transport plying between Montreal, England and France. The bride has also a brother, Charles M., who went with the first contingent. The groom is the popular president of the Freight Handlers' Union here, and that organization presented him with a substantial cheque. His gift to the bridesmaid was a cameo ring and to the best man an amethyst tie pin. The happy couple left last evening for Montreal on their honeymoon. On their return they will take up housekeeping at 335 City Line, Carleton.

OBITUARY.

James D. Weldon.

Shediac, Sept. 25.—Flags flying at half mast the closing days of last week and sincere mourning of the people of Shediac, indicated that one of our most worthy citizens had passed away. After an illness of only a few weeks J. D. Weldon, the well-known proprietor of the Weldon House for 40 years, died on Thursday afternoon and his death is learned with wide-spread regret. He was the son of the late Wm. Weldon, the former manager of the hotel.

Mr. Weldon's death not only comes as a blow to his family, but to all who knew him. He was daily seen on our streets previous to his illness, and by his affable disposition, kindness of heart, and his willingness to aid the needy, he had won hosts of friends who keenly feel his loss. The deceased was a member of the Anglican church, and of the order of Free Masons, being connected for many years with the Shediac Zetland Lodge. He was 66 years of age, and is survived by his widow, four daughters—Mrs. Reginald Ritchie, Winifred; Mrs. Parsons, wife of Major Parsons, at present in England, and the Misses Mary and Elsie, at home, and one son—Hal, of the Bank of Montreal, Mexico City. The latter reached home in time for the funeral. Other surviving relatives are two brothers, Edward, of New York, and Charles, of Moncton, present at the funeral, and one sister, Mrs. Gordon.

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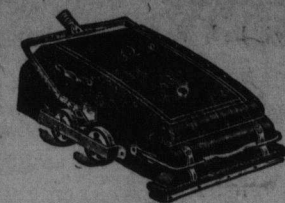
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