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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 THIS EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

THE CARLETON ELECTION.

Judging from their latest efforts, Messrs. Carvell and Carter and their associated apostles of purity, who are running the opposition party in Carleton county, have decided to ignore political issues in the coming campaign and make it a personal fight against Hon. Mr. Smith. In dealing with public questions there is less scope for mud-slinging and misrepresentation than when the argument is of a personal nature, hence the choice of the Dark Lantern Brigadier and his twice-horsewhipped lieutenant.

Divested of abuse and slander, the only weapons in the use of which they are thoroughly schooled, Messrs. Carvell and Carter realize that they will be unable to put up any fight against Hon. Mr. Smith and his colleague. Consequently it is quite reasonable to expect that from now until the close of the campaign the opposition newspapers will team with all sorts of mis-statements and insinuations of a personal character similar to those which have already done duty for the oppositionists.

There is another reason why the opposition organizer should seek to avoid discussion of public questions in Carleton county. There was a by-election in January, 1915, and on that occasion Carvell and his friends were given a tangible demonstration of where they stand when it comes to a discussion of provincial political issues. In that election Mr. Smith stood—as he stands now—on the record of the government—and the result of the test was the endorsement of him and his platform by one of the largest majorities ever given to a candidate in that constituency.

In making the fight a personal one against Mr. Smith, rather than discussion of political issues, the oppositionists hope to be relieved of the necessity of making awkward explanations. The electors of the province have been told by Mr. Carter and those acting for him, that the opposition party of today has no connection whatever with the old gang which played the corruption game to the limit for years prior to 1908. Yet, in the face of these statements, the convention of yesterday deliberately selected as candidates George W. Upham and A. D. McCain, two men who have openly approved of every iniquitous transaction indulged in by the Pugsley-Tweedle-Robinson plunderbund, as well as standing for Carvell and supporting him in his policy of slander and unwarranted vilification of decent men and national heroes.

Let us, briefly, look at the achievements of this new-old opposition party since Mr. Carter launched his "purity campaign," and announced that the party stood for new men and a new deal. Three members of the old gang have already been chosen in Westmorland county, two have been chosen in Victoria. In Kings they came as near as possible to repeating the trick by the selection of three "almost-members" who supported the Pugsley-Tweedle-Robinson crowd through thick and thin and have never repudiated the shameful transactions carried on prior to 1908 with their full approval and co-operation. Now, Carleton arrives with two more birds from the same flock.

Yet, in spite of these things, the Carvell-Carter aggregation would have the people believe that the old corruptionists and grafters who played ducks and drakes with the provincial finances for many years, have been relegated to the discard and the men offering today are new and of spotless purity. It would be interesting if Mr. Carter were to explain how he reconciles that pledge with the adoption as candidates of Messrs. Robinson, Sweeney, Legere, Tweeddale, Burgess, and now Upham and McCain? Truly there is nothing new or politically pure about these gentlemen.

The opposition party is also aware that the outside issues which won support for their candidate in the Westmorland election will have no influence in Carleton. There is no railway vote in Carleton, as there was in Westmorland, and without which Mr. Smith would have been hopeless.

ly beaten. The opposition also realizes that it cannot assail the Clarke Government's record with any hope of success, hence the preference for a campaign of personal slander and abuse against Hon. Mr. Smith and his colleague.

The Minister of Public Works is, however, well able to take care of himself and one outcome of the campaign may be that he will be able to get from Carvell some satisfactory explanation as to why, when buying hay for the Liberal government at Ottawa a few years ago, he cheated the farmers of his own county out of thousands of dollars by compelling them to sell their hay to him for the paltry sum of eight dollars per ton. This is a matter in which the farmers of Carleton are deeply interested in view of the fact that when Hon. Mr. Smith had the buying of hay in that county he offered to pay \$13.00 per ton loose in the barn, or \$18.00 per ton pressed and delivered at St. John.

Carvell realizes that this campaign is his own and that the opposition candidates are but apologists for him and his colleagues of the Liberal party. He will use every effort and every artifice to win and to that end will probably throw much mud. As his own reputation is by no means bomb-proof the pastime may prove a dangerous one. For instance, if his opponents choose to retaliate in kind they could find plenty of missiles on the site on which the Woodstock armory is built, or they might throw portions of railway ties. Either weapon would probably be equally obnoxious to this blatant ex-military officer who quitted the Canadian militia because he found—so he says—that its leading tendency was "to teach young men to get drunk." Yes, indeed, if the opposition disposition to make the campaign a personal one is followed out, it should prove decidedly interesting for Mr. Carvell and his friends—not forgetting the twice-horsewhipped "would-be Provincial Secretary."

MR. PUGSLEY AND THE GRAIN ELEVATOR.

Mr. Pugsley, of sawdust wharf and "W. P. \$5,000" fame, is again in deep tribulation. He fears that through the agency of Hon. Mr. Hazen and the members of the Borden Government a million dollar grain elevator is to be built in this city and tearfully tells the Telegraph that he does not approve of the project as it has been outlined. Mr. Pugsley claims his chief objection is to the Water street site, and after he has unburdened himself of that also informs the Telegraph he felt so badly about it that he had interviewed Hon. Dr. Reid to see if some change could not be made.

As a matter of fact the question of a changed location did not originate with the gentle promoter of suspense accounts although when the railway officials first visited St. John and conferred with civic officials there was no objection of any sort. Since that time other sites have been under consideration and engineers are now engaged in obtaining necessary information concerning them.

The grain elevator is to be built and The Standard is in position to state that, eventually, it will be of the same size as the larger of the two C. P. R. elevators in West St. John. This should effectually dispose of the criticism from some quarters that it was proposed to build a one horse structure.

The Telegraph insists that the elevator question should be considered from the standpoint of the port's benefit without regard to politics and follows that declaration with a news article calculated to prove that Mr. Pugsley is on the ground with his angry eye peeled to prevent any happening which might bring some prestige to the government or to Mr. Hazen.

The Standard has no desire to insinuate the deadly virus of politics into what is so plainly a matter of business, neither is it our wish to deprive Mr. Pugsley of any credit his inspired gross campaign may bring to him. Members of Board of Trade and other citizens interested in this port require no suggestion that Mr. Pugsley's course in regard to the grain elevator is singularly like that pursued by him in connection with the extension of the breakwater to Partridge Island. That work had been asked for by the Board of Trade and the appropriation for it was under discussion in the House of Commons when Mr. Pugsley arose in his place and expressed the opinion that it could well be held over until another time. The necessity for saving money was the excuse put forward in that day. In the elevator case he finds an objection to the site. Yet the purpose is the same in both. His sole desire is to prevent the accomplishment by Hon. Mr. Hazen of work which will be beneficial to this port and which, when completed, will stand in striking contrast to the Pugsley product of promises.

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The grain elevator will be built in St. John and as a result of the Mr. Hazen's efforts. Mr. Pugsley's belated interest will be of little account politically or otherwise.

In Pozieres

Before us lay the dawn—and Pozieres! We could not speak, we dared not breathe, but there we stood and felt things never man could say. And not break down with tears he could not stay. And as we waited, dumb and stark and chill In the cold darkness not yet touched by day. Sudden a bird sang out from a bare hill. Soft feet came padding, padding down the way. Then rushed: a gasp, a shout, and—Pozieres!

"My God, we're there!" And some feet leaping and some feet lagging and lame— And some, God's mercy, left behind— ten skies. A curious, haggard company, to town; And in that eerie dawn—some grey and brown. Some grey and black—lean figures in the street. We looked, as each to each our wondering eyes Groped unfamiliarly; but as our feet Struck on the stones, the long-forgotten skies Grew grey and green and gold. And we stood there In Pozieres! —G. E. S.

TO PHYLLIS.

As He Dictated It. PHYLLIS, up in the morning, Spirit of love and Spring; Phyllis light as a willow Voice like the birds that sing, Phyllis full of sunshine, Sparkling like drops of dew; Phyllis, Phyllis, O Phyllis! This is a song for you.

Phyllis, why do you linger? Why do your feet remain? Phyllis we wait your coming Over the bloom-decked plain. Phyllis—a brimming beaker. Now your health we quaff. Setting our hearts a-leaping Lighter than wind-blown chaff. As The Stenographer Took It. Fill us up in the morning, Spirits of loving Spring! Fill us tight as a pillow— Boys like the birds that sing, Fill us full of moonshine, Sparkling like drops of dew— Fill us, fill us, fill us. This is too strong for you.

Fill us! Why do you linger? Why are your feet in pain, Fill us! We wait your cunning Over the bloom-decked plain. Fill us brimming beakers. Now to your healthy graft. Sending our hearts a-leaping Light as a ring-bone calf. —Scissored in the Postal Record.

VIENNESE PEOPLE MUST SURRENDER ALL METALS IN THEIR POSSESSION

Commissions to Receive Goods and None Exempted From Law which Calls on People to Turn in their Possessions.

Vienna, Aug. 30.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—By far the most comprehensive campaign for the collection of metal that Vienna has known since the beginning of the war has been ordered. Not only must individuals turn over to the government practically all the metal they possess, but manufacturers, dealers, innkeepers, restaurateurs, bakeries, sugar refineries, associations of all kinds, cloisters, hospitals, sanatoria and convalescent homes, bathing resorts, schools and educational institutions and countless similar organizations are going to have to surrender a large variety of materials. The list of things that have to be turned in, against payment as determined by the government some time ago, includes: 1—Cooking utensils of all kinds, pots, pans, casseroles, plates, cups, saucers, lamps and similar objects that are made of copper, or of metals of which copper is an important, alloy. Knives, forks and spoons are exempt. 2—Soup tureens, pots, sauce and dessert dishes, vegetable containers, etc., made of pure nickel. 3—Kitchen utensils of every sort,

Little Benny's Note Book

Us fellows are getting up a minstrel show, and me and Puds Simkins and Sam Craws was standing by the lamp post talking about it yesterday, and Puds sed, Hay, fellows, wat do you say if we dont let Reddy Merly in it, he thinks he has to get in and boss everything. Well lets keep him out, he aint going to boss this minstrel show, I sed.

He dont need to think hes everything, if he wants to get in it we can just tell him its all filled up, sed Sam.

I guess he thinks everybodys afraid of him, sed Puds.

Well he thinks rong if he does, I sed, jest because hes a pritty good fter that dont say he owns the world.

He better not try to get in this minstrel show, anyway, Ill show him if he starts anything, sed Sam. And we keps on talking about the minstrel show, and who was going to be the end men and weather to start it with the joke about the chicken crossing the road and different things, and Sid sed, O, heer comes Reddy now.

Which he was, and I sed, Lets talk about sumthing elts. And we started to talk about war, Puds saying pritty loud, I tell you a aeroplane can sink a battleship any day, me saying jest as loud, Well how about submarines? Wich jest then Reddy came up, saying, I heer you fellows are getting up a minstrel show, well put me down for end man.

Well wat if some of us uther fellows want to be the end men, sed Sam.

Yes, sed me and Puds.

Then theyll haff to wunt, sed Reddy. Im the funnest wun in the bunch, aint I?

Us not saying weather he was or not, me feeling like saying, Maybe, you think you are, but not saying it. Proving if you are known as a grate fter all you haff to do is say wat you want without even asking.

Irons, cups and lamps made of brass.

4—Wash boilers, water kettles, hearth adjuncts such as tongs, bath tubs and the like made of copper or metal of which copper is an alloy.

5—Vessels for boiling fruit made of copper or nickel.

6—Boilers or parts of stoves consisting of copper, brass, bronze or tombs.

7—Weights for scales weighing more than one pound.

8—Curtain rods and rug or carpet holders and such other rods used in the ordinary household as are easily removed and are made of brass.

Manufacturers of and dealers in any of the articles above enumerated are required for the time being to turn over only one-third of their supply on hand, reckoned by weight rather than value. All other possessors of metal are required to turn over everything they own, unless they can prove to a commission already in existence that this or that article is indispensable. Heavy penalties are provided for those who conceal anything.

No less than 91 commissions for receiving metal articles have been created to handle the arduous task of collecting all the available metal in Vienna. Up to the beginning of the compulsory surrender of metals, voluntary surrenders will be received as they are made. After that the city will specify days of surrender for all persons with names beginning with the letters A, B, etc. At the conclusion of the collection there will be granted a one-day leave during which delinquents can explain why they have not turned in their possessions.

In case the owners of metal utensils subject to surrender cannot afford to advance to purchase substitutes, they will be purchased for him and their price deducted from the amount allowed him for his copper or nickel things. If the latter is less than the cost of new material, the city will bear the difference unless the utensils he turns in are not in usable condition.

A GIRL'S HOTEL.

A building permit was recently issued in New York for a hotel for girls only, the rate for board and room to be from \$5 to \$8 a week, and the hotel to accommodate about 400 girls. But the hotel is by no means a philanthropic enterprise. The girls are to be housed in a building which will be purchased for him and their price deducted from the amount allowed him for his copper or nickel things. If the latter is less than the cost of new material, the city will bear the difference unless the utensils he turns in are not in usable condition.

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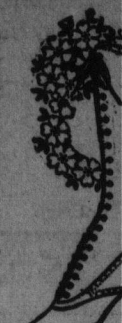
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