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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 WAR ELECTIONS ACT.

The esteemed Telegraph, which has never summoned courage to pronounce its opinion of Mr. Pugsley's opposition to the soldiers' vote measure, has been republished by the War Elections Act. Evidently orders have been issued from the "box office" to fight the measure which will give the franchise to female relatives of soldiers and take it from enemy aliens in Canada, for yesterday our Canterbury street contemporary so lustily denounced the Act that we look forward to considerable "pleasant bickering" on this question before the next elections have been fought and won. The Telegraph seems to forget that there is a war on, or that it is necessary not only for Canada to do her part in that war now, but also to make it certain that the measures passed today shall not be defeated by the votes of disloyalty at the polls. It declares that the new franchise bill is not a war measure but a "piece of election trickery."

The Telegraph claims that the Conservatives who want European military reservists and Austro-Germans of less than fifteen years' residence in Canada kept off the voting lists are actuated by party motives. What is the motive of the anti-conscriptionists who are fighting to have the vote given to those men? Is it a patriotic motive which would seek to enfranchise natives of countries with which Canada is at war?

If the conscriptionists have a party motive it is shaped by the knowledge that the votes of the enemy aliens will be against them, consequently, from that party-motive, they desire to keep enemy aliens away from the polls. The party motive that inspires the Laurier anti-conscriptionists is to oppose the Elections Act, springs from the knowledge that the votes of the enemy aliens will all be cast for the Laurierites and against the men who are determined to aid the Empire by assisting and reinforcing the Canadian troops at the front. Consequently they want enemy aliens at the polls.

The Telegraph has hardly contented itself with the conscriptionists are the only ones actuated by party motives and, therefore, must admit that there is a very generous sprinkling of politics in the opposition to the new franchise measure.

If that be true, and there are party motives on both sides of the house, then at least the conscriptionists have the satisfaction of knowing that their party motive is also the Imperial motive, that while they are trying to save their party they are also trying to win the war and save the Empire.

If the Telegraph is serious in its contention that the War Elections Act is inspired by political considerations and is a "piece of election trickery" at least it must admit that the men that act seek to keep away from the polls are the men most likely to vote against Canada's continued participation in the war. If it thinks that its campaign to gain votes for these men will find a responsive chord in the hearts of the loyal British-Canadians of New Brunswick—well, it is welcome to continue such an agitation. The conscriptionists can desire no better endorsement of their course than the fact that the Telegraph opposes it. The Telegraph, Mr. Pugsley's newspaper, and plays the game he plays. Those who know Mr. Pugsley are thoroughly acquainted with his tactics, and the fact that his newspaper opposes the War Elections Act is good evidence that the passage of that act will deprive the Pugsley party of political support. That is the real Ethiopian in the underbrush.

WHERE THE ACT WILL STRIKE.

A summary of the foreign population, naturalized in Canada during the past fifteen years shows that the War Elections measure, disfranchising Austrians and Germans, will strike the West but will have little or no effect in the Maritime Provinces.

According to the census volume the following figures show the German and Austrian born male population in the different provinces and the percentage of naturalization in each case. New Brunswick has fewer Germans and Austrians than any other province in Canada except Prince Edward Island, which has hardly any. In this province there are 81 Germans, with 65 per cent. naturalized, and 63 Austrians with 39 per cent. naturalized. The other provinces are as follows: Ontario—Germans, 7,851; naturalized 65 per cent. Austrians, 10,439; naturalized 9 per cent. British Columbia—Germans, 2,913; naturalized 36 per cent. Austrians, 4,605; naturalized 12 per cent. Manitoba—Germans, 1,864; naturalized, 67 per cent. Austrians, 15,287; naturalized 53 per cent. Nova Scotia—Germans, 280; naturalized 39 per cent. Austrians, 740; naturalized 9 per cent. Quebec—Germans, 969; naturalized, 50 per cent. Austrians, 1,906; naturalized 34 per cent. Alberta—Germans, 3,170; naturalized 53 per cent. Austrians, 9,996; naturalized 46 per cent. Saskatchewan—Germans, 4,258; naturalized 62 per cent. Austrians, 14,601; naturalized 59 per cent.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

A situation that may not be without its significance exists in the riding of West Kent, Ontario, where Mr. A. B. McColg, the sitting member, has been repudiated by the War Elections Act. Mr. McColg has always been a subversive follower of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He followed Sir Wilfrid in the conscription measure, in his opposition to the extension of the parliamentary term, the soldiers' vote bill, and his every speech and vote in the House of Commons has been actuated by partisanship rather than patriotism.

Mr. McColg had but a small majority in the election of 1911, and although there is a considerable French vote in his riding, it is expected he will be defeated this time. His opponent, who has been selected by the Win the War Liberals, is Mayor Kerr of Chatham, Ont. Mr. Kerr has been a Liberal from his youth. He was an active Laurier worker in the last election and gave Mr. McColg most valuable support. He has now broken with his leader and his party and will stand as the candidate of the Win the War party in the next election. In a statement Mr. Kerr says he has always been proud of his affiliations with the Liberal party, but that he can no longer follow a leader who puts the cause of Quebec racialists ahead of the welfare of Canada.

There are likely to be many West Kents before the next polling day arrives. The incident is but one of the signs of the times.

GERMAN HATRED OF CANADA.

In an article in The Saturday Evening Post, A. Curtis Roth, former United States vice-consul at Plauen, Saxony, says a friend of his of eight years' standing told him that the men in German flying organizations "become merciless savages by reason of the bloodlust of their work."

"He said that the men of these organizations seldom give quarter, but kill both enemy wounded and prisoners."

"He spoke of receiving orders to take no Canadian prisoners when his command was doing duty in Flanders."

The hatred which these Germans have for the Canadians will not be lessened by the quality of the fighting in and about Lens. But there is every reason for believing that the order to take no Canadian prisoners was long ago rescinded and for reasons that have nothing to do with those finer feelings that even in war obtain a place in the breast of any who are above the level of the savage. The vice-consul quotes the German Lieutenant as telling how Bavarian troops "split the heads of their prisoners with their keenly sharpened entrenching tools." "The prisoners let out just one roar," said the lieutenant, "and it was funny to see them sprawl around on the ground like crazy crabs." Mr. Roth says that notwithstanding that the German conception of war "is far from funny."

Certainly there seems no doubt that the Canadians have been revenged upon these fiends. They have taught the Germans that they must be treated as honorable foes or take the consequences, and these consequences have been such that the earlier German cruelties toward Canadians are not repeated.

A BOSTON OPINION.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier made the amazing statement in the House of Commons yesterday that the United States Congress did more in six months in preparing for war than the Canadian Parliament did perhaps in three years, a falsification which Premier Borden promptly resented.

In Tremont Temple, Boston, on Sunday the eminent divine who is pastor of that church said:

"Canada has suffered and sacrificed more than any other country or nation involved in this war. She has given her best and given it without being asked. So much has she given that I pray God help Canada in the coming years."

Frank H. Simonds, the noted war reviewer, is authority for the statement that the German capture of Riga was undertaken as a preliminary to a peace offer, rather than for material advantage to be gained. Mr. Simonds' opinion is that the Germans could have taken Riga at any minute for months past. That they did not attempt to do so shows that they could not spare the men for such a movement while there was hope of a favorable decision on any of the other fronts. That they have done it now, Mr. Simonds thinks, is evidence that a new peace proposal is on the way and the Germans want Riga for the moral effect its possession may have while peace conferences are under way. It is an interesting opinion from a man who has closely studied every movement in the greatest of all wars.

The recent Teuton success in Russia has caused the Kaiser to once more advertise his partnership with the Almighty. This is interesting, for on diverse occasions when things were going badly with the German army it almost looked as if Wilhelm in his rage might dissolve the firm his insane vanity created.

After all these machine Grits who oppose the War Elections Act and call it "a piece of political trickery" have themselves to blame for it. There would have been no War Elections Act if the country had not been forced into a election.

MALE SCHOOL TEACHERS WANT HIGHER SALARIES, THE MATTER IS LAID OVER

Board of Trustees in Session Last Evening—Janitor Appointed for King George School—Largest School Attendance on Record.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees held last evening a delegation of the male teachers of the King George School asked for an increase in salaries, to date from September 1, 1917. Trustee Day reported that a janitor had been appointed for the King George School. Trustee Smith reported that the soft coal had been removed from the Albert school and all danger of the building burning was past. Supt. Bridges reported that the formation of cadet corps in several of the city schools was under way, and that the attendance on the opening day of school this year was the largest since he had been connected with the schools; several matters of routine were disposed of.

Those present at the meeting were R. B. Emerson, chairman; Trustees Russell, Green, Smith, Day, Coll, Manning, Mrs. Dever, Supt. Bridges.

After the reading of the special meeting had been read Trustee Day said he had been thinking since that time that his motion for a bonus to the male teachers should be amended, and if it was in order, would like to move that it be amended to read, that the salaries be increased \$100 per year from January 1st next. The chairman ruled that such a motion would not be in order and the matter dropped.

The chairman announced that a delegation of the male teachers was present and desired to be heard re salary increase and on motion of Trustee Russell business was suspended to hear them.

The delegation composed of W. J. S. Myles, H. V. Hayes, W. A. Nelson and W. J. Shea, was then introduced and through their spokesman, W. J. S. Myles, presented the following petition:

We the undersigned male teachers, having learned from the press that at the meeting of the School Board held in August our petition for increased salaries was laid over until December, wish to express our disappointment at this action. We feel that our request, after having been deferred owing to an appreciation of the difficulties in the way was reasonable and fair, and its consideration should not be put off to August. Accordingly we respectfully ask your board at this meeting to reconsider its action of August last and grant to the male teachers this term the increase in salaries as requested in June. W. J. S. Myles, W. L. McDermid, J. F. Owens, E. J. Alexander, Grover C. Martin, W. A. Nelson, J. Harrington, M. D. Brown, Reverdy Stevens, W. J. Shea, A. G. Gunder, R. Cormier, H. V. Hayes, A. L. Dykeman.

The increase asked for was an advance of 25 per cent. on all salaries paid to male teachers in the city. This was referred to the teachers committee.

Willie E. Hunter, of Stickney, applied for position on the teaching staff. Referred to teachers committee.

Miss Elizabeth Adams wrote thanking the board for leave of absence.

Gertrude F. Fowler sent in her resignation from the teaching staff. Accepted.

Selma Sindstad wrote asking for extra pay for the cleaning of Newman street school. Referred to visitors committee.

Catherine C. Marr complained of the action of the boys of Centennial school who she claimed were destroying property of hers near that school. Dr. Manning explained that the building spoken of was old and unfit for use and he had called the attention of the commissioner of public safety to it. The communication was referred to the visitors of the school. The visitors of King George school reported having investigated the complaint of E. S. R. Murray re drainage and found same not justified.

The report of the police inspectors were received and referred to the visitors of the various schools. Trustee Coll reported that J. S. Gibbons had been asked to sell the additional 200 tons of coal at the contract price. No action was taken as it was felt it was not needed.

Trustee Day reported that it had been impossible to get a returned soldier to take the position of janitor of King George school, and a civilian had

Little Benny's Note Book

Yesterday I was around at my cousin Artie's, and I came home late for supper, with wife I was eating it as sed, Benny, you're hardly eating a thing, are you sure you feel quite well?
 Yes man, I sed. Which I did, and ma sed, Are you sure you haven't a pane anywhere?

Yes man, I sed, and pop sed, Don't put tawts in his bed, nobouye quite sure they haven't got a pane if you only ask them; awffen enuff Well, its very unusual of him not to eat, sed ma.
 Unusual is mild for it, its historic, sed pop.

And I kep on hardly eating, and after a while ma sed, Benny, you don't you put some of that gravy on your ternips, they're very nice that way.

I don't like either of them, so wat must they be together, I sed. There's sumthing in that, sed pop.

You don't seem to care weather your son eats or not, sed ma. Benny, wat do you mean by sitting down here and spoiling my supper by not eating? sed pop.

I had supper around at Artie's, I sed. Holey smokes, sed pop, and ma sed Then wy didnt you say re. insted of sitting down heer lile tawt?

I wanted to see if I cood eat 2, I sed. Well can you? sed pop.

No sir, I sed, but maybe I can eat dizzert if I try.

Well maybe you're not going to try, sed ma.

Yes man, I sed. And I got up and went out frunt, not caring particularly, on account of having had 3 helpings of dizzert at Artie's.

late Henry Dean of this city, and is survived by two sons, Herbert F., chief chemist of the Springfield water-works, Westfield, Mass., and Henry Ewing, Detroit, Michigan; also one sister, Mrs. Mary Clark, Dorchester, Mass. The deceased was 68 years of age. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock from St. Luke's church.

LATE STRAWBERRIES.

When G. M. Wilson, of Hampton, visited his garden yesterday morning he got quite a surprise, for on his strawberry vines he found a number of ripe berries. He picked them and the thanks of The Standard are due for some sent to this office and received in last night's mail. This is exceptionally late for this luscious fruit, and those sent to this newspaper were fine specimens.

Capt. Mooney Here.

Provost Marshal Captain Edward J. Mooney, of Halifax, was in the city yesterday on official business.

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FUNERALS

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The remains of Mrs. Pannine Dean, who died on the noon train yesterday from Westboro, Mass., where her death took place on the 8th instants. She was the daughter of the

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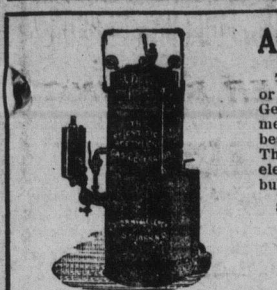
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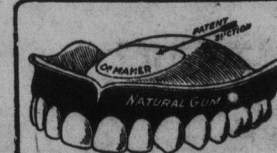
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