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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 FOURTH MONTH OF WAR.

The Allies enter upon the fourth month of the war with their chances of success enhanced by the events of the past thirty days. Impartial observers of the trend of the campaign, both on the western and eastern sides of the war zone, cannot but be impressed with the fact that Germany has "shot her bolt." The ferocity of the German attack upon the French Channel ports, the Kaiser's huge force is feeling the slowly tightening noose of armed men which deliberate-ly, but certainly, is taking the life from it. The German army cannot retreat without inviting disaster, their lines are too greatly extended to permit of a concentration in force upon any one point, and to advance they must attack the Allies' direct and brave the sure defeat which awaits them.

The western campaign has been a clear case of too much Joffre, and too much French; to the wonderful ability of these two commanders was added, of course, the bravery and prowess of the men behind them, but the events of the past month directly prove that the German officers, supposedly masters of every part of the war game, have met their superiors in knowledge and cunning as well as in bravery. Not only have the Germans been out-fought, but they have, as well, been out-generalized and out-manoeuvred.

When the advance on Paris was first checked the German defeat commenced, since that time they have been slowly, but none the less surely, driven into their present positions. Checked at every point, where the checking was worth while, they were forced into the desperate expedient of an attack upon the French Channel ports. To attempt such a venture meant that the German line of battle must be drawn almost to the breaking point, but it was so drawn, and the pounding battle of weeks weakened it to a degree where it is now regarded as impossible to concentrate at any point without leaving unprotected areas where the Allied forces might get through with results smotheringly disastrous to the enemy. It must be remembered that while Germany has been subjected to this "stretching" process, the lines of the Allies have been largely increased by reinforcements until now they are superior in numbers as well as quality. With such advantage in their favor it remains to be seen how long they will be content to maintain their present defensive warfare. Apparently they have the strength to accept an offensive campaign at any time, but it may be the plan of the officers commanding to continue to husband their men and allow the Germans to "fight themselves out" in desperate but fruitless attacks.

It is impossible to overestimate the assistance Russia has contributed toward this plan, while, at the same time, maintaining such a vigorous offensive that she has already made very serious inroads into German and Austrian territory. While the Allies have held the Germans on the western front, the Russian generals utilizing their immense numerical superiority, have forced the fighting. Reports from everywhere, except official sources, tell of sweeping Russian victories. Officially Petrograd says nothing except the bare announcement that "events are progressing satisfactorily."

The officers in command of the German troops facing the Muscovite advance are seasoned and experienced strategists, but in Grand Duke Nicholas they have met a man who is as well versed as they in the game of war. He has manoeuvred and fought his men in a manner which has won the unstinted admiration of military experts the world over, while the spirit shown by his soldiers has been superb.

Summed up it may be said that on the western front Germany is in a serious condition, which does not improve as the days pass. On the eastern end she is desperately attempting to repel an invasion from a well equipped, well disciplined and splendidly organized fighting army, an army which is daily coming nearer to the accomplishment of the task to which it has devoted itself—the complete smashing of the Prussian force in that area of the war. Altogether the situation from the Allies' standpoint is brighter now than at any time since the outbreak of hostilities.

CARVELL THE COWARD.

The Times, last evening, made an interesting comment upon the fact that Hon. J. K. Flemming had participated in a patriotic meeting in Harland and, in concluding an editorial para-

graph, edited its readers with this remark: "New Brunswick is not exalted when the Hon. J. K. Flemming stands on the public platform and appeals to patriotism."

It is unfortunate that the editor of the Times permitted the poison of his purchaseable political venom to get into his head and obscure his memory. Otherwise he might have remembered that Ex-Captain Frank B. Carvell took part in the work of "deeply impressing" the young men of Carleton County at one or two recruiting meetings recently. It is not on record that he repeated the observations made by him on another historic occasion, when he referred to the Canadian militia as a "boozorium." Neither is it likely that he dwelt at any length upon the career or quality of Sir John French, but, if he spoke at all, he must have urged the young men of Carleton County to show more spirit than he has yet displayed.

So far, "Captain" Carvell, of the Blockers' Brigade, has shown no disposition to fight either at home or abroad. Mr. Flemming has challenged him to meet him in the political arena but the "mouthy" member for Carleton lacks the pluck to accept. It is not apparent that the tone of any meeting where courage and loyalty were the principal topics of discussion would be improved by an address from Frank B. Carvell, political coward, libeller of British military heroes, and defamer of a branch of the Canadian service of which every Canadian today feels justly proud.

THE WAR AND THE GRITS

Happenings of the present war have convinced the Grit newspapers throughout Canada that Germany long ago had planned for just such an encounter with Great Britain if not with France, Russia and the other allied nations. This feeling is also noticeable in the comment of the same newspapers upon General Von Bernhardi's book "Germany and the Next War." Most of the larger papers supporting the cause of Laurierism and Gritism have commented upon, or published extracts from the writings of the German general and all agree that he furnishes conclusive and positive evidence that for years Germany had been preparing to conquer the British Empire and dominate the world.

Von Bernhardi's book was published two years ago. It was translated into English a few months later and widely distributed all over the world. Those men in Great Britain who stood for naval supremacy and national security pointed time and time again to the Bernhardi book as the best justification of their position. The Navy League published the book in pamphlet form that all Britain might learn of the menace, and it was reproduced in the National Review for the same purpose.

Yet we learn that when W. F. Cockshutt, Conservative member for Brantford, read sections from the book in the House of Commons to prove the existence of the emergency on which Mr. Borden based his proposed gift to Great Britain of which such eminent patriots as William Pugsley and Frank B. Carvell joined. It is strange that this book which was translated into English for the purpose of warning the people of England, was accepted by the best minds in Britain as mirroring a very real menace, a menace which today has sprung into actual being, was discussed in the British House of Commons and in the British press should have for so long escaped the attention of such keen-sighted statesmen as Mr. Pugsley or Mr. Carvell, or the vigilant eyes of the Canadian Grit press. Or is it possible that it was read by the Grit politicians, or at least by the Grit editors and passed by because it reflected the existence of a condition which for partisan reasons they refused to admit? Yet those same newspapers today tell us that Germany had for years planned the war. Then those plans must have been well advanced when the Bernhardi book was written and still further advanced when the Grits in Canada were denying to the Empire the reasonable and effective assistance the Borden Government was prepared to furnish. On every hand evidence accumulates to prove the direct charge that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his partisan followers were deliberately disloyal when they placed party advantage before the Empire's need.

DARE HE REPEAT IT NOW?

Frank B. Carvell, M. P. for Carleton county, in one of his customary diatribes against the Canadian militia made the following attack upon General Sir John French, who, today, is the hero of the British army in France and whose name is destined to go down in the annals of British history as one of the greatest soldiers the Empire has ever known. On June 1st of this year, in the House of Commons, Carvell referred to General French as follows:

"THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE WITH THE MINISTER AND HIS TOP-HEAVY MILITIA IS THE REPORT OF A GENERAL BY THE NAME OF FRENCH WHO CAME TO THIS COUNTRY SOME YEARS AGO AND IN MY JUDGMENT HIS VISIT WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST MISFORTUNES THAT HAS BEFALLEN CANADA. I TOLD THE MINISTER PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY THAT IN ADOPTING THE RIDICULOUS AND UNREASONABLE REPORT MADE BY THIS GENTLEMAN (GENERAL FRENCH) HE HAD COMMITTED A GREAT MISTAKE. HIS (GENERAL FRENCH'S) IDEAS ARE RIDICULOUS."

Mr. Carvell and all his opinions are endorsed by the St. John Telegraph and the St. John Times.

British Bayonets.

(Air: "When We Were Marching Through Georgia.")

Square-faced Tommy Atkinson's a husky fightin' man, He has eaten up the bullets since the Kaiser's war began. He hasn't often flunked it, and he didn't often run. But he hasn't a big appetite for bayonets.

Chorus:— Hurrah! Hurrah! We're headed for Rhine, Hurrah! Hurrah! We'll hit the Forward! Let the Prussians see the British bayonets shine, For they hate like hell to face the British bayonets.

King Albert was a-sittin' at home quite peaceful-like, When three hundred thousand Prussians came goose-steppin' down his pike. Says they: "We're only doin' a little friendly hike; Do you happen to have seen the British bayonets?"

Chorus:— Hurrah! Hurrah! We're headed for Rhine, Hurrah! Hurrah! We'll hit the Prussian line, etc.

King Albert of the Belgians was feelin' rather sore, He reaches for the cudgel behind his kitchen door, He lays it on them Prussians, and he says it on some more, Says he: "The British bayonets is a-comin'!"

Chorus:— Hurrah! Hurrah! We're headed, etc. "Allons, mes braves," the Frenchman says, The Irish says: "Whur-roo!" The Scotch says: "Let 'em ha' the unc'le's bare steel the noo." The English says: "Don't wait for us, for we're a-comin' too." With a line of fine, old-fashioned British bayonets.

Chorus:— Hurrah! Hurrah! We're headed, etc.

HARBOR NOISE WAS CAUSED BY DREDGE

"Impatience" of Don Frederico Made Many Law Abiding Citizens Think the Germans Were Coming.

Last night the offices along the harbor front, those in East St. John, "information" in the Central Telephone Office, and last but not least, the newspaper office were besieged with calls asking what was the trouble in the harbor as the result of a succession of blasts from a steamer whistle. The prolonged whistles caused a great deal of alarm and when the real cause was found it proved to be the Norton Griffiths dredge Don Frederico. The dredge was engaged off Courtney Bay and desired the services of a steam hopper to take away some material. The hopper piper was disabled for a short time owing to a broken chain on one of her dumping doors but she could not respond to the summons and the dredge kept up a noise which caused all who heard it to think something terrible had happened. It took quite a while for a hopper to call at the Don Frederico and obtain a cargo of mud when was peace and quietness in the harbor. The hopper No. 47 sprung a leak on one side during the night and steamed into Kennedy's slip for repairs.

HER HAIR WORRIED HER MORE THAN HER ARREST

With the pulling of hair and in a flow of tears Juditha Boccato was taken to the central police station last evening by Detective Killen and Patrolman Ross on a warrant charging her with aiding and assisting her husband to defraud his creditors. It appears that Juditha is the wife of Gualco Boccato, an Italian, who was arrested in this city on the 24th inst. on a warrant from A. Clat Marx, High Constable of Montreal, who charged the man with having defrauded his creditors. On the 27th inst. Gualco was handed over at headquarters to Constable C. L. Desautels of Montreal who took him away on the Pacific Express that night. While officers were searching the city for "Mister" Boccato, they

Little Benny's Note Book.

By Lee Page SLEEP

When you see a person with their eyes closed and no expression awn there face, you say they are asleep. If you see them with their eyes closed and their mouth closed and no expression awn there face, you also say they are asleep, only moan so.

Sleep is wan of the most necessary things we do, because if we never sleep we wouldn't be able to stay awake. Owls and cats sleep in the day time and peep sleep in the nite time. This proves that the nite time is the best time to sleep, because owls and cats are 2 of the dumbest animals there is.

When you are asleep you imagine things are happening to you with only crazy peepil imagine are happening to them when they are awake. This proves that evrybody is krazy when there asleep, wch if the reel krazy peepil noo that, it mite be sum consolashin to them.

Even if you imagine you are fallwing out of the 50th story window of a pritty high blding wen you are asleep, it dont worry you much, but if you imagined it wile you was awake it would prably worry you so much you woodent be able to sleep. Proving that nature is wonderfull and in must be fearse to be krazy awl the time.

If a person is asleep you cood go rite up to them and make faces in there face and stick yure fingers up to yure nose or anything yun wantid to, and they woodent no it. If you have a enemy you are afraied of, that wood be a pritty good way to take revenge aw nhim, only you wood haft to rite him a lettir attwwards to tell him that you did it. It is a grate thing to get enuff sleep, but to much sleep makes you dum like cats and owls. Proberly if baby's wasent allowd to sleep awl day like they do, they mite have moar sents.

Pop ses erly to bed and erly to rise makes a man heilty and welthy but lonesome.

heard that it was also necessary to get his wife, but she could not be located and it is said she left the city and paid a visit to Halifax. It was also expected that she had considerable money that her husband was charged with obtaining by fraud.

Mrs. Boccato made much trouble when she found she had to go to a cell last evening, but a couple of hours later she had calmed down and was taking her position as a matter of course and might have been seen using a side comb fixing her hair. It is expected that an officer will arrive tomorrow from Montreal to escort Mrs. Boccato to that city.

Winter Steamers in Port

With the C. P. R. steamship Montfort discharging at Sand Point, she will be enabled in a few days to commence taking in general cargo for Liverpool. While this steamship is the first of the passenger and general freight class to come to this port in the regular winter port trade, it must be remembered that the Donaldson Line steamship Lakonia was in port a short time ago, and while she was not here for general cargo and took on board a cargo of horses, she was the first of the regular liners to come in the winter port trade.

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