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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 QUESTION FOR CANADA.

Those agitators who oppose compulsory military service by selective draft on the ground that the question should be submitted to the people by a referendum or that, because there is a Conservative Government at Ottawa, a general election should be held before any compulsory measure is passed, are not only working against the interest of the Empire but are also decidedly unwise.

They are working against the interest of the Empire because, wittingly or not, they are disseminating the opinion that Canada is not united in favor of sending more men to continue the fight against Prussian militarism and oppression. They are unwise because the need for men is urgent and either of the alternatives they propose would occupy valuable time.

The men are needed now and must be secured now. Let us suppose that any one of those who demand a referendum should receive an urgent call from his mother to the effect that a burglar was entering her home and she required the aid of her stalwart son to repel the intruder. What would he do? Would he muster all possible help and go to save his home, or would he sit down to take a poll of his neighbors to discover what they thought about it?

The Motherland has called for aid and Canada has been proud to respond. But the help given is in fair way to be overwhelmed by the enemy unless our ranks are replenished from the men available at home. The men on the western front are our own flesh and blood, our sons and our brothers; are we going to help them at once, as the Government proposes to do by compulsory service, or are we to take a poll of our friends to decide whether we shall send more men or allow those who have gone to perish if they cannot save themselves? That is the only question, and nothing else can be established by a referendum.

Now as to an election. Nothing can be said by enemies of the Borden Government except that it is Conservative in politics. If an election should be held and the Government defeated it would be replaced by an administration representative of another political party. Would that be an improvement, or would it render the new government less open to the charge of partisanship? Has the conduct of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his friends been such as to lead to any hope that if returned to power they would not be partisans. Insofar as partisanship means an adherence to a certain political party? Certainly not. Then the result of an election, even if the Liberals won, would simply be to replace one party government by another.

All the people of Canada may not support the Borden Government in all things. But that is a matter of their own concern. No one asks that all Canadians should be Conservatives, but the fact remains that the present Government is in power and has administered the war affairs of the nation wisely and well. For the things it has done, the essential things it has accomplished it merits the support of the people. No government could be chosen which would suit everyone in all things. But at this time Canadians should be prepared to overlook the little things, the minor matters on which one political party differs from another and think only of the greater questions on which all should be united.

This is a time for essentials, not for party bickerings and the compulsory military service measure is an essential movement in the interest of the Empire and of those thousands of brave Canadians who have already gone overseas and who have the right to expect and demand that Canada shall support them. The question is: Shall Canada do her duty or confess failure? It can be answered in two ways. One is to serve notice to the world that the men and women of this country are solidly behind the Government in all measures of Empire importance. The other is to spread broadcast the impression that there is a section of the Canadian people who, while our sons and brothers are fighting and dying, are still prepared to put political expediency ahead of a nation's welfare. That is the question for Canada today and it is the only question worth while.

CONCERNING CONSCRIPTION.

The esteemed Times charges that The Standard has endeavored to evade a direct statement of policy as regards conscription. The charge is not warranted. This newspaper favors compulsory military service by selective draft as outlined by the Premier of Canada in his address to the House

of Commons on Friday of last week. Some months ago The Standard said that it would be a more glorious thing if the Canadian armies could be filled to the required number by voluntary enlistment but, at the same time, we expressed the opinion that compulsory service was the fairer method. We have not changed our view in the least, but we submit that the voluntary system has exhausted its possibilities and the men required for the Canadian armies have not been secured.

What does the Times suggest in such a situation? Would that newspapers have the Canadian Government fall in its recognized duty of keeping our troops now at the front re-enforced as long as re-enforcements are necessary? Call it conscription, call it compulsory service by selective draft, call it the need of a nation to keep a nation's pledge, call it what you will, the facts are the same. The men must be secured and the voluntary system of enlistment has not secured them? There is no other method but that of conscription and this newspaper is prepared to advocate that as the proper step taken at the proper time.

Premier Borden is absolutely justified in introducing a compulsory military service measure. If the Quebec Liberals oppose it in the House of Commons, as it is expected they will, the Government is also justified in forcing it through on the strength of its majority. It is a measure of war necessity and every loyal man and loyal newspaper should be in favor of it.

That is the view of The Standard; that is the principle The Standard is prepared to advocate. Now, where does the Times stand? Let that newspaper be equally frank and enlighten its readers whether it approves the action of Sir Robert in introducing conscription of men, whether it believed in the Government will be justified in forcing the measure through the House of Commons, or whether it is prepared to support those who cry for a general election, or whether it favors the loyal Liberals of Ontario, or, if necessary, are willing to stand out from their leader and support conscription? In other words is the Times prepared to advocate a policy of "Win-The-War," or is it to continue to be merely the mouthpiece of a small group of political partisans?

SMALL POLITICS.

Dr. Pugsley had very little to do to attempt to make political capital out of the fact that members of the Special Service Company at West St. John had not been paid since March, or that their quarters were disgracefully dirty, or that they were insufficiently supplied with underclothing. When he submitted his enquiry in the House of Commons yesterday he was not actuated by a desire to serve the soldiers, for their complaint had already been partly remedied and a complete remedy will be effected as soon as Halifax military authorities can be induced to act, but in the pettiness of his soul he thought he might be able to create prejudice against the Government, to spread an impression that the Minister of Militia and his officials at Ottawa were not caring for the soldiers as they should.

Sir Edward Kemp replied that he had no knowledge of the condition referred to. That reply is both true and logical for no sane man can expect the Minister of Militia, or his Ottawa aides, to personally inspect all military quarters in Canada. The responsibility for the West St. John quarters and the non-service of the men with proper clothing rests here in St. John. The Standard published its article in the morning, and before noon instructions had been given to have the quarters thoroughly cleaned, while the following day the men received the underwear they should have had long before. It was not necessary to communicate with Ottawa to bring about a speedy improvement in the condition, and Dr. Pugsley is sufficiently familiar with departmental procedure to know it. His attempt to create party capital out of a matter of purely local concern is simply another sample of typical Pugsley pettiness.

APOHAQUI

Apoahqui, May 25—Despite the unfavorable weather of the holiday, the usual influx of the disciples of Nimrod, came in from various directions, in pursuit of the lustrous trout, which are comparatively plentiful and brooks of this vicinity. Some were fairly successful, while others attributed their ill-luck to the excessive quantity of water in the streams caused by the recent rains and cold backward season.

G. Palmer Burgess, of Ottawa, is

spending a few days with relatives here.

G. E. Connelly left early this week for New York en-route for Spanish town, Jamaica, to resume his duties as manager of that branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Mr. Connelly has been spending a two month's vacation with his parents here, and has received a warm welcome from his numerous friends and relatives.

A telegram received this week, by Ivan Wright of this village, announced that his eldest son Corporal Harley L. Wright had been wounded. Corporal Wright is one of the few brave lads who are left of the "Famous 28th," and was wounded once before, but recovered very quickly from his injuries. His latest wounds are reported to be of a minor nature and his friends trust that his recovery may be as satisfactory as in his previous misfortune.

Paul Gilchrist, Great Salmon River, spent the week-end with friends in the village. W. T. Burgess spent Wednesday in Moncton, guest of Dr. and Mrs. Burgess. Miss Lena Fenwick arrived on Tuesday evening from Fredericton, and is visiting her summer home here. Miss Fenwick was accompanied by her uncle, Captain Owen, of St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamilton, of St. John, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Pearson, John B. Armstrong has accepted a position as chief foreman on the I. C. R. at Point du Lac, Monday to take over his new charge. Mrs. Murray Gilchrist has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. A. B. and Mrs. Chipman, Queens County. Mrs. Gilchrist also enjoyed a short visit with friends in St. John, during his absence from home.

SUSSEX.

Sussex, May 26—Miss Beatrice Lutz spent last Sunday at River Glade.

Mrs. Jack Ferguson left Thursday to visit her home in Grand Manan for a few weeks.

Miss Beatrice Sinnott went to St. John Wednesday to spend a few days with friends.

Miss Nettie Morrison was the guest of friends in St. John over last Sunday.

Mr. Garfield White left Tuesday for Montreal.

Mr. G. A. Dodge, Moncton, was in Sussex Wednesday.

Mrs. Clarke Elliott was hostess at a pleasant party Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. Stephen Elliott. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. M. A. MacLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Heber Polkins, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. Chipman, Mr. and Mrs. Will Jeffrey, Miss Nettie Campbell, Miss Ida Moore, and Miss Rebecca Elliott.

Miss Edna Price, of Moncton was the guest of her mother for the week-end.

Mr. Mullins, Moncton, spent the week-end in Sussex.

Miss Katharine White returned Tuesday from a trip to Baltimore, New York and Boston.

Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod was hostess at a delightful sewing party on Monday evening in honor of her mother, Mrs. McWha. The guests included Mrs. E. Keith, Mrs. Harry Reid, Mrs. Geo. Warren, Mrs. Walter Lutz, Mrs. H. Gould, Mrs. Burpee, Mrs. Percy Bolton, Mrs. Burpee, Mrs. Will Jeffrey, Mrs. Clarke Elliott, Mrs. Elizabeth Murray, Mrs. L. R. Murray, Mrs. Percy Wilbur, Mrs. Frank DeBoo, Mrs. George Sutfren, Mrs. W. B. McKay, Mrs. Charles Clarke, Mrs. Robert Morrison.

A very pleasant surprise was given Mrs. E. Gillespie by a bookkeeper for the New Brunswick Telephone Co. on Thursday afternoon, the 10th, when she was presented with a very handsome pendant set with amethyst and pearls, from the staff of the service exchange.

The presentation was made by the District Superintendent J. M. Morris.

Mrs. Gillespie has gone to St. Andrews where she has accepted a position.

Miss Marion Reid is home from Acadia College, Wolfville, to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Dufferin Harper and children spent the 24th in town with Mrs. Harper's mother, Mrs. Byrne.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross are receiving congratulations on the 25th anniversary of their marriage. In honor of the occasion they gave a small dinner party on Friday evening last.

On Saturday evening the Ladies' Club of which Mrs. Ross is a member, met at the home of Mrs. H. C. Rice and presented her with twenty-five carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lutz were at

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Little Benny's Note Book.

The Park Ave. News.

Weather. Unpleasant. Sports. Sid Hunt and Sam Cross both had their hair cut at the same time last Thursday, telling the barbers to race and see which one could get three hairs. Sam Cross's barber won by a minute and a half, but Sam's father made him go back to the barber again after supper and have it cut more straighter.

Society. A porch party for charity was held on Mrs. Maud Johnsons porch last Tuesday, among the members of society selling lemonade and cake and fancy articles being Miss Mary Watkins, Miss Elizabeth Green, Mr. Benny Potts and Mr. Charles (Puds) Stimpkins. 2 dollars and 34 cents was made. It has not yet bin decided what charity to give it to, some wanting to give it to a hospital and some thinking it would be a good idea to lend it to Franco.

Pome by Skinny Martin. No Wonder. There's more than 200 bones in your body. As in the fizzleology book it is rote, And yet most people get all excited If they only have one in their throat.

Intriguing Facts about Intriguing People. Leroy Shooter is a champion at drawing circles with his eyes shut, saying the reason he can do them so good is because he has to do so many with his eyes open.

Short Story. Something Like It. Ah, I saw a shooting star! He did like fun. Some lady jest throo a sear out of a window.

River Glade this week attending the funeral of Mr. Lutz's mother, Mrs. Chipman Lutz, whose death occurred on Tuesday, after a short illness. Mrs. Clarence Jewelling entertained a few friends at a sewing party on Saturday afternoon last.

The guests invited were Mrs. W. F. Parker, Mrs. Hattie Whit, Mrs. E. Keith, Mrs. Harry Reid, Mrs. Garfield White, Mrs. J. M. Kinnear, Mrs. S. A. McLeod and Miss M. Russell. Miss Gretchen Mills is visiting Mrs. A. Gray in St. John.

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Good news spreads rapidly and druggists here are kept busy dispensing freezone, the ether discovery of a Cincinnati man, which is said to loosen any corn so it lifts out with the fingers.

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PHARMACEUTICAL EXAMINATION
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Examiners of the New Brunswick Pharmaceutical Society will meet for the examination of candidates for registration in the city of St. John on Wednesday and Thursday, 6th and 7th June, 1917, at 9.30 a. m. Candidates must give notice to the registrar J. Benson Mahoney, at St. John (N. B.), in writing of their intention to present themselves for examination at least TEN DAYS BEFORE THE DAYS FIXED FOR EXAMINATION.

Such notice must be accompanied by the examination fee of \$5.00 and by certificate to the satisfaction of the council that the candidate possesses the qualifications required by the fifth section of the Pharmacy Act. Candidates for re-examination required to pay the fee of \$1.00.

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