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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 DEMORALIZED OPPOSITION.

Each day as it comes adds to the evidence of the complete demoralization of the opposition campaign in Carleton county. The alleged leaders of that politically moribund aggression are fighting with an utter disregard of truth, ethics or decency. The wildest slanders, entirely unsupported by fact, are magnified into supposedly serious charges and flung broadcast in the slender hope that they may influence voters in one of the most intelligent constituencies in this province. The more responsible men of the party, disgusted at such tactics, have either openly announced their displeasure and their intention to support Hon. Mr. Smith, Mayor Sutton and the party of good government, or are quietly holding themselves aloof from the coterie of political hirelings into whose hands the direction of the campaign has drifted. The avidity with which Messrs. Carter, Veniot, Carvell and Blair have set in circulation slanders so absurd that their own common sense should have told them they would be speedily and effectively repudiated has amazed and disgusted Liberals of long standing who had followed Carvell through his various political battles and consequently have had considerable experience of reckless campaigning. Nothing like it has ever been known in New Brunswick and men who have felt that the Liberal party stood for something better than the lowest type of political gutter-fighting are now taking consolation from the fact that but three days of the campaign remain.

From the outset of the campaign it was apparent that the Carter, Veniot, Carvell clan did not purpose to discuss the issues of the day or the record of the Government in mainly fair fashion. These political huns discarded the usual weapons of warfare and, instead, went into battle with poison gas bombs as their sole equipment. First they engaged H. M. Blair, the dismissed and discredited secretary of the provincial public works department, to visit the county and attempt to blacken the reputation of members of the Government and of Government officials by a bombardment of the most noxious of verbal missiles. He, however, over-reached himself. His alleged "exposures" were speedily refuted by the facts and the official records of the province. Nothing more disgraceful than his unwarranted and vicious attack on Secretary Daggett has been known in the political history of this province, but it was exposed in its entirety almost as soon as uttered and the opposition cause has lost many friends by reason of it.

Next came the Carter-Carvell allegations in connection with patriotic potatoes. These were disproven, first by Inspector Leslie Slipp, then by the official record of Hon. J. A. Murray's replies to questions by Opposition Leader Dugal in the Legislature and, finally, by a certified copy of the Auditor-General's account with the firm of A. C. Smith and Company showing every statement made by the opposition speakers to be without foundation.

Then came the Arnill affidavit which was introduced by Mr. Veniot. It was the intention of the opposition to establish that Premier Clarke had some connection with the transaction between Mr. Arnill and J. H. Crocker. This was frustrated by the sworn statements of Messrs. Luther B. Smith and E. Lorne Merrithew while Premier Clarke also placed himself on record as repudiating the statement that he knew of the transaction. Beaten in that the opposition speakers and the Telegraph changed their ground. They attempted to insinuate that, despite the evidence of Messrs. Smith and Merrithew, the Government had some illicit connection with the settlement of that company's claim, as it had been settled by Irving R. Todd, president of the new St. John and Quebec Railway Company. Mr. Todd's statement, published elsewhere in this issue, shows that the ground occupied by the opposition in this matter is as untenable as on other occasions when the accuracy of their statements has been questioned.

Finally, the Telegraph, publishing

what is sent to it by Mr. Carter, who is directing the newspaper end of the campaign, states that a seizure of liquor has been made in Carleton county and that it was intended for use in the Government campaign. Last evening The Standard's Harland correspondent telegraphed to this newspaper that the seizure in question was made in the home of a prominent Liberal worker and Government party men were not concerned.

In short, every reckless allegation made by the opposition has been quickly traced to its source and proven untrue. The effect of these whole-sale exposures of opposition falsehood and slander has been to destroy any confidence the electors of Carleton might have had in their claims and this, coupled with the knowledge that the opposition party of today is composed solely of the remnants of the discredited government prior to 1908, is sufficient to stamp their cause as lost.

With the election but three days away the opinion in Carleton is running strongly in the direction of administering a merited rebuke to the Carter, Veniot, Carvell, Blair slander-bund. The people of that county are disgusted with the opposition tactics and realize that the reckless disregard of the truth displayed by their speakers and newspaper organs affords the strongest possible evidence of the weakness of their cause.

IF HUGHES WINS.

Maine has gone Republican so strongly that the weathercocks of the nation are already pointing to Hughes as the next president of the United States. If this turns out to be the case, it will show President Wilson to have been the victim of his own indecision and weakness, says an exchange. It is all very well for the administration to plead, "I kept you out of war." So he did. And a great many Americans are glad that their country has been kept out of war. They rejoice when they think that as for them there is no sacrifice, but only gain, through the world struggle. Yet even these citizens have the sneaking suspicion always with them that as a nation they are falling behind in manhood, in true citizenship, in occupation of the place of the big, strong fellow who matches the world in devotion to liberty and honor. And when they think in this vein they look around about them for the cause of their disquiet, and they discover that President Wilson is the man who "kept us out of war." There is also a demand likely to be manifested for a vigorous trade policy that will protect the nation's interests in the after-war days. There is, too, the pro-German vote, and the pro-British vote, neither of which is satisfied with Wilson. All in all, it looks like Hughes.

And if Hughes, what? Will the election of the ex-justice have a bearing upon the outcome of the war? It is improbable that to the belligerents there will be any difference consequent upon the decision reached in November. In any event President Wilson will continue in office until March. Before the new president could assume office and get into harness the war will have progressed to a decisive stage, where American action can have little effect one way or the other. If the Germans at that time are engaged in a ruthless submarine warfare, the then president may speak out freely; but unless the war is to go on for years the voice will be swallowed up in its own echo. President Wilson, in his retiring months, moreover, is not likely to show any more vigorous policy than heretofore. He may write some notes in the interval, but these will not be taken seriously if he is seen to be no longer holding office by the will of the American people.

The Telegraph displayed the affidavit of Mr. Arnill but refused to extend the courtesy of its columns to Messrs. Luther B. Smith and E. Lorne Merrithew, who, under oath, denied the allegations made by Arnill. The same newspaper imputed that Irving R. Todd knew of an alleged illicit deal between the Government and the Smith & Merrithew firm in connection with that firm's account. Mr. Todd has wired a denial to the Telegraph. Will that newspaper dare to publish it, or will it continue to circu-

late the lies and slanders of the opposition without publishing the truth in reply? That is the usual Telegraph course.

It is almost time for the Telegraph to again libel some member of the Clarke Government. It may be remembered that during the Westmorland campaign that newspaper libelled Hon. J. A. Murray, and so timed its slanderous attack that it was able to publish a crawling retraction the day after the election and thus avoid being called upon to make good its statements in court.

The opposition organizer and chief of the Telegraph's political fiction brigade is commencing to whine about the influence of "rum and money" in Carleton county. That is the first sign that the opposition party see sure defeat ahead and are already preparing an explanation for it. But the people of Carleton know differently. They know that if there is "rum and money" in that county it has been provided by the opposition. This is evidenced by the fact that the liquor seizure reported in yesterday's Telegraph was made in the home of a prominent and active Grit worker—although the Telegraph did not say so.

PICNIC FOR ORPHANS GREATLY ENJOYED

Children had Fine Time at Rockwood Park—J. D. O'Connell's Kindness Much Appreciated.

After no less than three postponements, because of unfavorable weather the picnic provided by J. D. O'Connell of Sussex, for the orphan children, was enjoyed yesterday afternoon at Rockwood Park. With a cloudless sky, a pleasing temperature and plenty of those things which no picnic could prove successful, the orphans and others present enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The young people were taken to the picnic grounds in automobiles and made it quite clear to everyone that they had no objections at all to this method of travelling. The Silver Falls contingent was looked after by the orphans and other sisters as were the orphans from St. Vincent's convent, Cliff street. Mrs. Fred Murray, Miss Grace W. Leavitt and Miss Alice Rainnie, members of the committee of the Protestant Orphans' Home, were busy attending to the wants of the little visitors from that institution. Willing assistants to Mr. O'Connell, particularly in the refreshment department, were Miss Kate Ward of Hillsboro, Mrs. Joshua Ward and Peter Lunney. His Honor Judge Armstrong also gave valuable help.

After all had received a package, Mr. O'Connell made a short speech in which he said that he thought all would welcome an opportunity to do good. "The opportunity is here now," he remarked, "to help one of the greatest causes before you. There has been no time in the world's history like the present. The Belgian Relief Fund, to my mind, is one of the greatest causes calling for aid, and if you see fit to help—you are not asked to do so. Collect for the Belgian orphans. Don't give any more than a nickel or a cent." The amount realized was about \$3.

Not only the orphans but other children present received packages, and everybody about the grounds was made happy. Ice cream, biscuits and other refreshments were provided throughout the afternoon, the proceedings towards the close taking the form of a series of races in which care was taken to properly grade the youngsters according to age. The prizes were numerous, some forty or so 25c. notes being handed to those showing superior speed. There was no hitch in the proceedings throughout; all seemed pleased, and it is safe to say that Mr. O'Connell's kindness will be remembered for many a day not only by the children but by those grown-ups present who saw the happy gathering.

MARRIAGES.

Macdonald-Fitzpatrick.
Chatham, Sept. 18.—The marriage of Edmund Macdonald, brother of P.

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Ma sent me to the store to get 2 pounds of cherries to make a cherry pie out of, and I tasted one on the way home and it was so good I tasted about 15, and while I was tasting them the bag slipped and I cawt it upside down so half the cherries rolled all over the pavement, and a lot of kids wanted to know if I wanted them to help me pick them up, and I sed No, only they helped me anyhow, putting more in there pockets than wat they put back in the bag, and then I kepp on wawking home, thinking, G, the bag feels lite, and I passed Mary Watkins house and she was setting on the front steps, saying, Hello, Benny, wat you got?

Cherries for a cherry pie, I sed. Wich she dident say anything, and I sed, wunt some?

I dont know, she sed.

Take some, I sed, And I held the bag out, and Mary Watkins sed, Thare for a pie.

Wat do I care, I sed. And I took a handfull out and put them in her lap, saying, Wat do I care.

Aint you afraid, she sed.

Afraid nothing, I sed. And I took another handfull and put them in her lap, and she said, my, you better be careful.

Wy better? I sed. And I put 2 more handfulls in her lap and kepp on going home, and while I was going up the front steps the bag felt so lite I looked in and counted the cherries, only being 17 of them left, and I thawt, G, it wont make mutch of a pie. And I took them back in the kitchen and nobody was back there, and I put them on the table and rote on the bag with a pencil, Dear ma, Im going erround to curzia Arties for suppr, please dont save me eny of the pie, as I have had my cherries. Your loving son Benny.

And I went erround to Arties for suppr and jest as I was going to eat it pop came erround after me and made me go home with him, the rest being to sad to rite about.

L. Macdonald, proprietor of the River-view Hotel, and Miss Annie Fitzpatrick, eldest daughter of Fire Chief Fitzpatrick, was solemnized this morning at 6.30 o'clock at the cathedral.

Rev. Father O'Keefe officiating, nuptial mass being celebrated. The bride looked very pretty in a travelling suit of navy blue with large hat of New York creation to match and was assisted by her sister, Miss Margaret Fitzpatrick, becomingly attired also in blue, while the groom was supported by Alex. J. Macdonald. After the ceremony, which was witnessed by immediate relatives and a few friends the happy couple sat down to an elaborate wedding breakfast at the Riverview Hotel to which besides relatives only a few outside guests were invited.

The young couple were driven to Newcastle by auto where they took the train for St. John and other maritime cities.

The bride, who is one of our popular trained nurses, received a large number of useful and costly presents.

The groom's present to the bride was in gold coin; to the bridesmaid he gave a handsome brooch and to the groomsmen cuff links. After their return Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald will take rooms at the Riverview. Their host of friends wish them much happiness in their new life.

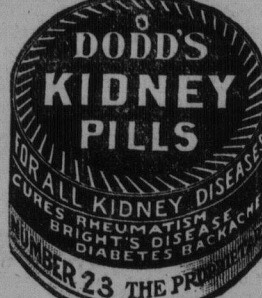
O'Leary-Lanigan.

Rexton, N. B., Sept. 18.—A quiet but interesting marriage took place in St. Aloysius church at 9 o'clock this morning, when Miss Nellie E. Lanigan, youngest daughter of Martin Lanigan of this town, was united in marriage to George O'Leary, son of the late Daniel A. and Mrs. O'Leary of Richibucto.

The bride looked pretty in her travelling suit of navy serge with hat to match. She was attended by Miss M. C. McInerney, who also wore a tailored suit of navy serge with picture hat. The groom's attendant was Herbert O'Neill of Richibucto. The bride is one of Rexton's most popular young ladies and a valued member of the Catholic church. The groom is also very popular in his home town. He is on the clerical staff of R. O'Leary's store. Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary took the 10 o'clock train on a tour to New England cities, after which they will reside in Richibucto. They received many beautiful presents. Rev. J. J. McLaughlin performed the ceremony and celebrated the nuptial mass.

These committees will all report at the regular meeting of the association on the first Friday in October.

Mrs. Wm. C. Good was added to the executive.



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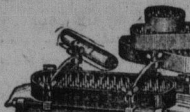
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