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ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1918.

"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.

LET THE TELEGRAPH SPEAK.

Even the Telegraph appears to be dissatisfied with the present local government. Of course it does not say so openly; that is not the way of the Telegraph. When that newspaper desires to knife its friends it pursues the method followed in Italy—or in the Spanish-America of other days. The stiletto and the insinuation are the favorite weapons of that villacious journal. Fair play and fair combat are not to its taste.

No one knows better than the Telegraph that the surest way to expose the weakness of the local government is to represent it as standing off imaginary endeavors to assail its virtue. The wily editor realizes that the public will soon see through the trick by which he attempts to make it appear that the Foster government is protecting the people against the public utility companies, "power groups," "sunshine clubs" and the other camouflage accessories of his editorial column.

In the present article it is not necessary to discuss the merits or demerits of the demands made by the New Brunswick Power Company, the Telephone Company or any other public utility. It is sufficiently obvious to the public that, under the law as it exists, these companies have simply made appeals to the Public Utilities Commission, a tribunal which was appointed by the people especially to deal with such matters. The hearings before the Public Utilities Commission are open and the evidence adduced free to the public through the instrumentality of the newspapers, unless this evidence is purposely distorted to meet some private end.

The public knows, and so does the Telegraph, that no public utility company in this province dare unite its forces either with a government or an opposition, and when the Telegraph raises the cry that what it calls "the power group" is attempting to promote a provincial coalition it is publishing a falsehood unjust as well to the company concerned as to men in public life.

The Telegraph knows also that the general public is well aware of the falsity of its accusations and realizes that they are only made in the hope that the public, recognizing their baselessness, will more fully realize that nothing can be said that will place the Foster administration in a favorable light before the electorate.

The object of the Telegraph's articles is obviously to induce the man in the street to say: "that stuff is printed to divert attention from the million dollar deficit," or "I suppose the Telegraph thinks it better to publish that rot than to tell the people that the Bank of Montreal has shut down on the credit of the province." It is the insidious way by which Mr. McCready attempts to destroy Mr. Foster, but the former gentleman knows that it is none the less effective. The Telegraph always moves like the Indian—scarcely stirring the underbrush, but with the tomahawk ever ready.

That interesting journal, in dealing with things that might have been facts if they were not uttered by an Ananias, parades a number of evasions as an answer to a clear-cut interrogatory by this newspaper. On the subject of the Telegraph's pretence that proposals for a provincial coalition have been made by responsible persons, it refers The Standard to Hon. Mr. Baxter for information. The Standard is in a position to say that that gentleman has neither made nor conveyed any proposal for the inclusion of any persons in the present local government or in any cabinet that may be formed.

If the Telegraph has the least regard for veracity let it do what it has been asked to do by stating simply and clearly what proposals have been made, to whom, by whom, and when. The Telegraph professes to have information on these subjects; it seems to expect that some people will believe its assertions yet, when asked to state what it knows, it answers by suggesting that almost any other person but itself be asked to respond. The obvious course for a newspaper which is not merely trying to carry out a programme of artfully prepared deceit, would be to answer the questions itself in plain language and without equivocation. It is up to the Telegraph.

THE CITY SCHOOLS.

The fact that the extremely cold weather of yesterday made it necessary to close most of the city schools, some shortly after the opening hour and others at noon, directs attention again to the suggestion of Supt. Bridges that the schools should close for a longer period than the Christmas holidays and that there should be a corresponding reduction in the length of the summer vacation.

Just now all Canada is trying to save fuel; and the weather indications do not promise any temperatures that will lessen the drains on the coal-bins. In Ontario and Quebec, factories and stores are closing for certain days in each week to conserve the fuel supply, and while the Maritime Provinces and the West are exempted from the operation of this order for the time being, it may yet be found necessary to apply the regulation to these provinces. In such a case why not shorten the school hours by allowing for the accommodation of more than one class in each room, giving the morning hours over to the scholars of one class and the afternoon to another?

It is a radical proposal but these are abnormal times and if the situation is sufficiently serious to call for the closing of industries and business houses why not close at least half of the school buildings? The pupils of the lower grades would not miss the time taken from their studies and the expedient need be but a temporary one.

The Standard believes it is well worth while for the School Board to consider some such plan for the remainder of the present month at least. February, usually, is one of the coldest of the winter months and by a rearrangement of school plans a considerable saving of fuel could be effected without disrupting the studies of the children to any serious extent.

In any event it is certain that there was a considerable consumption of fuel in the city schools yesterday and at that the buildings were not sufficiently warm to permit the day's programme to be carried out. To all intents and purposes the fuel was wasted. And in these times waste is a serious matter.

A MERITED GRANT.

In granting $15,000 to a soldiers' home, to be paid after the Great War Veterans' Association has secured the remainder of the money necessary for the satisfactory completion of the undertaking, the City Council has acted wisely. It will not be necessary to make the payments for some time, while the council's action will no doubt assist the members of the Association in securing voluntary subscriptions. After this war is over this country will be dotted with soldiers' homes and soldiers' clubs from one end to the other, and while they may be melancholy memorials of the greatest tragedy the world has ever known, yet they will also stand as monuments to Canadian gallantry manifested when the Empire's need was greatest. The Standard is in hearty sympathy with the movement of the Veterans to erect a home or club building, and we congratulate the council upon their sympathetic action.

Those who have not been to France can gain from any street in St. John a fairly good idea of that country as transformed by military operations. Commissioner Fisher's failure to remove the snow has provided more than one area that can be used to advantage as a topographical map. We have the trenches, hills, rising country and all. And even Vimy Ridge can be reproduced in the snow banks that rule Prince William street.

The more we study this war the more do we agree with the gentlemen who say that it must be won or lost on the western front. The capture of Jerusalem, for instance, was a nice little victory, but what has it to do with the denting of the Hindenburg line—the line that must be dented and smashed before the war is won?

Like master like man. General Von Hindenburg boasts that he will be in Paris by April. The Kaiser was to eat a certain dinner in the French capital, but the viands have long since grown cold and Wilhelm is far from his objective. Hindenburg may come nearer the mark. He may be in Paris in April. But if so, it will be as a prisoner of war.

The Germans claim they are about to launch the greatest offensive of the war in an effort to break through the Allied lines and get to Paris. They may get there. But if they do it will be a whole lot easier to count the men in the German army than it appears to be today.

Secretary Baker's statement is verified. The United States can secure the transportation facilities necessary for the movement of their great armies to France. The "Yanks" are going over. And when they do the enemy will probably know it in rather unpleasant fashion.

COMMANDER WYATT NOW IN CUSTODY

Is Charged with Unlawfully Killing Pilot William Hayes on Steamship Imo on Dec. 6.

Halifax, N. S. Feb. 5—Commander Frederick F. Wyatt, who was chief examination officer here at the time of the Mont Blanc-Imo collision, which caused the Halifax disaster, was today arrested, charged with unlawfully killing or slaying Pilot William Hayes, who was killed on the Imo.

The commander appeared before Stipendiary McLeod and gave bail, himself in $3,000 and S.M. Brookfield in $3,000 for appearance on Monday for examination.

At Mr. Mellish's request, Commander Wyatt remained in court to hear the evidence given in the legal criminal proceedings against Captain Lemedec and Pilot Frank MacKay, of the Mont Blanc, who were arrested yesterday on a charge of manslaughter after the finding of the Drysdale commission had been read.

When Captain Lemedec and Pilot MacKay appeared today before the stipendiary on remand from yesterday there were quite a number of citizens in the court room.: Mr. Cluney, K. C., representing the Nova Scotia attorney-general acted as prosecuting officer, Mr. Mellish, K. C., appeared for Capt. Lemedec, and Mr. O'Hearn, K. C., for Pilot MacKay. Mr. Mellish represented also Commander Wyatt. French Consul Geboury was present watching the matter in the interest of the French government.

Mr. Cluncy announced he proposed to take the evidence today of one witness, Johann Johansen, who was leaving the city, and suggested that the same evidence be used in the Lemedec-MacKay and in the Wyatt cases. He would then ask an adjournment until Monday morning. He consented to $6,000 bail in the Wyatt case.

Johansen called to the stand, reviewed his evidence, given before the Drysdale commission.

CANADA FARM LAND IS WORTH MORE

Average Value in New Brunswick, $29.4 per Acre; in P. E. I., Nova Scotia, $33.6.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—For the whole of Canada the average value of farm land held for agricultural purposes, whether improved or unimproved and including the value of dwelling houses, stables and other farm buildings, was approximately $41 per acre in 1916, as compared with $40 in 1915. These are the latest figures issued by the census office, Ottawa.

The average values by provinces are as follows:—P. E. I., $39; Nova Scotia, $33.6; New Brunswick, $29.4; Quebec, $52; Ontario, $52.5; Manitoba, $32; Saskatchewan, $23; Alberta, $22; British Columbia, $118.5. In the last named province the higher average is due to orcharding and fruit growing.

TWO ASPHYXIATED IN HAMILTON, ONT.

Woman and Fourteen-Year-Old Son Found Dead in Home.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 5—Mrs. Margaret Griffin and her fourteen year old son were found dead yesterday in a room they occupied on Walnut street. They were asphyxiated when the gas which had been left burning, suddenly died down and later came on full force.

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Little Benny's Note Book

Miss Kitty made the class rite a comperstition on Cleniiniss today, this being mine.

Cleniiniss.

The cheef diffrents between civilized people and barbariums is that civilized people take more baths. If barbarium boys mother told him he had to take a bath every Satidday nite he wood jest laff and think it was a joak, wich it proberly was. Wen a barbarium sees a lot of watter in one place, sutch as a river or a bathtub, he jest looks at it and wonders wat its for.

Civilized people start to get baths as soon as they are babies, wich gearelly cry wile they are getting a bath, proving a baby wood proberly jest as soon be a barbarium and needs all the education it can get. Most dogs also haff to have baths forced on them, proving dogs are more intelligent than wat they are civilized.

One of the most difficult things for a boy to wash is his face. Wen washing your face there is 2 important things to remember, as follows:

1. Your neck is part of it.
2. So is your ears.

It is everybodys dooty to keep as cleen as possible for 4 reasons, as follows:

1. Because it looks better, and sumbody is neerly always looking.
2. Because it uses up the soap, giving thousinds of peeple imployment making it.
3. Because if you are perfeckly cleen, germs cant hert you, not having enything to get a hold of.
4. Because wen you get used to it it feels better.

STEAMER ASHORE MAY BREAK UP

As Vessel Lies She is Exposed to Westerly and Southwesterly Winds—Crew Safe.

An Atlantic Port, Feb5—Efforts by three goverrnment vessels to float an American steamer which ran ashore off the New England coast failed, and the ship's position was reported as less favorable. The heavy ice which had forced her ashore worked her bow further in toward land and she took a list to starboard. As she lies now she is exposed to westerly and southwesterly winds with the ice floes forcing her higher up on the shoal. She is so close in shore that her crew today carried on a conversation with the coast guard by megaphone. Her captain reported that the vessel was not leaking.

BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOT AND KILLED

Glace Bay Youth Shot in Head by Brother and Dies Later.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 5—McAskill Ferguson was accidentally shot by his older brother at Glace Bay on Sunday afternoon and as a result of the wound received in the head died later. The boy was a son of John A. Ferguson, chief engineer of No. 9 colliery. He and his older brother were playing in a room in the house, the parents being to church. The older boy picked up a 22-calibre rifle, which was lying in a corner, and thinking it was unloaded pointed it at his brother and fired. The bullet penetrated the head behind the ear and lodged in the brain.

BENSON TO LEAVE

Halifax, Feb. 4.—It is understood that General Thomas A. Benson, O.C., Military District No. 6, is soon to leave Halifax.

He has made a most important position to fill in such a military city as Halifax during the present war.

IF KIDNEYS ACT BAD TAKE SALTS

Says Backache is sign you have been eating too much meat.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

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14,120 KILLED BY SUBMARINES

Number Includes Only Non-Combatant British Subjects.

London, Feb. 5—German U-boats, according to a reply given by Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in the House of Commons today, have done to death 14,120 non-combatant British men, women and children.

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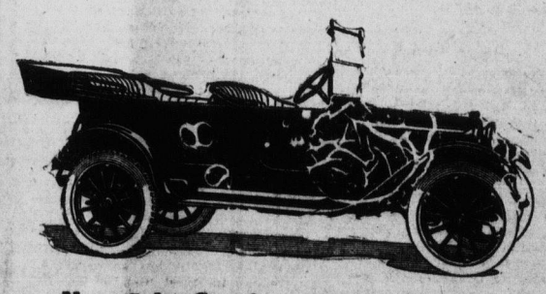

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