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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.

"SUFFRAGE AND POLITICS."

It is not often necessary for The Standard to differ with the Globe in editorial opinions expressed by our esteemed contemporary, but an article in Tuesday evening's issue under the caption quoted above, was wide of the facts and was read with amazement by those familiar with the circumstances under which the motion seeking leave to introduce a bill to confer the provincial franchise on women was introduced in the Legislature on Monday evening by the leader of the Opposition and withdrawn upon the statement of the premier that the lieutenant-governor had promised the royal assent would be withheld from the bill even should it pass the House. The Globe declares that the introduction of the motion was a "trick of the Opposition" and that the premier's action in reply was "a political bluff." Possibly the Globe is right in its characterization of the premier's course. On that point this newspaper has no knowledge. But The Standard does know that Hon. J. A. Murray in introducing his motion did not seek for political advantage but merely implemented a promise made to a member of the Social Service Congress of St. John. Hon. Mr. Murray, it will be remembered, took up this question of suffrage for women early in the session, and seconded by Mr. Tilley, introduced a motion approving the principle. This was passed by the House without dissent and it was therefore most natural that having secured endorsement of the principle the leader of the Opposition should take steps to give effect to it by the introduction of a bill in which all the formalities had been complied with and which was expected would at least receive the consideration of the members.

It is also true that the government party was divided over the bill. Some of them had previously pledged themselves to the movement, while others were most strongly opposed. Consequently if there had been a division of the situation of the government and the premier might have been awkward. It was with this in mind that Mr. Foster sought the intervention of the lieutenant-governor and secured the pledge rendering it useless for Mr. Murray to proceed further.

When the Globe says that the government party members believe that the women of this province should have the ballot, but who, when the test came, lacked the moral courage to act according to their convictions, the statement is correct. It was purely a political move on the part of the premier which resulted in the temporary defeat of the suffrage proposal. But The Standard can say on the authority of the leader of the Opposition that a desire to make political capital did not impel him to introduce the motion and bill. Simply was he acting in accordance with his own belief in the justice of extending the franchise to women and in fulfillment of a promise he had previously made.

AN ACHIEVEMENT OF WAR.

A war achievement second only to that of victory over militarism is to be found in the cementing of the Anglo-Saxon nations of the British Empire and the United States. Upon these nations now devolves the task of defeating Prussianism and of sustaining the liberties of the world and they are being knit together in a spirit of brotherhood and understanding that indicates a future companionship rich with blessings to all the world.

After a considerable stay in the United States, the Archbishop of York has come to Canada, and he and Dr. Grenfell, the famous Labrador missionary and scientist, alike relate the realization that has come to the mind of the republic to the south of us of the closeness of interest and mutual dependence existing between Washington and London. Washington is relying upon the British and French to hold the lines on the western front and stem the tide of Hun aggression, and these nations in turn are depending upon the men of the United States to finally clinch the victory.

It is now clear that the war must end in a victorious peace, a peace that will be won by the sword no matter how long a time may be consumed in the winning and when that time comes Great Britain and the United States will exercise a benign domination over the world. It will be the domination of conscious strength coupled with good will to all nations, such strength to be put forth only for the preservation of world peace and the continued maintenance of liberty. The gigantic navy of Britain which has held the seas for the benefit of all will be joined in that work by the navies of the United States, Italy and France. The

armies of those great nations will be maintained, if not at war strength, at least in sufficient force to guarantee peace and fairplay on all sides. Instead of the arbitrament of force there will be international courts whose decisions will be respected and enforced.

Against such a bulwark of Anglo-Saxonism in both hemispheres the forces of militarism will beat in vain. It will not be possible to build Mittel Europa plans upon which to base a new peace and freedom. The enlightened public opinion will dethrone German kultur not alone in the countries outside of Germany but in the Central Empires themselves. Numbered are the days of the junker and the blood-lusting war-lord. But to no group of people will success in the war mean more than to the Anglo-Saxons and the fact that this great family will in future dwell together in undisputed confidence and good will is worth in itself all the blood and sacrifice the war has cost.

A LITTLE SIDE LINE.

Previous to the advent of Hon. Peter Veniot to the position of Minister of Public Works, automobile tags for the Province of New Brunswick were purchased from the McClary Manufacturing Company and were made of enamel baked on steel plates. Automobile owners in those halcyon days were in the habit of applying to the local dealers or to Frederickton direct for their license tags, paying ten dollars, and receiving these little metal plates without any trouble.

Since the Honorable Peter came into power, licensees are forwarded only from the Public Works Office in Frederickton. And in order to obtain them, purchasers of automobiles, and owners applying for renewal licenses, are required to forward ten cents additional for postage. In return they receive something manufactured by a different concern from that formerly supplying the province—in the form of tags which are about as good for practical purposes as a sheet of blotting paper. They are made of tin or very thin sheet iron and look as though the numbers were painted on them. So fragile are these things that it is apparently impossible to bolt them to automobiles and make them stay for more than a few weeks. The bolts cut through the flimsy metal and the jarring of the car shakes the tags off in anywhere from ten minutes to a couple of months. Then it becomes necessary for the owner to send to Frederickton for another set. He cannot buy one tag, if one should be lost, but must get two, for which he pays one dollar, plus ten cents additional for postage. As these tags are worth about five cents there is a good profit on the transaction—in fact, practically all of the dollar is profit—and according to Mr. Veniot's plan the tags are expected to shake themselves to pieces three or four times a year. The prospects are very bright, with some five thousand automobile owners in New Brunswick, for a net revenue of five, ten or fifteen thousand dollars per year in tag day profits.

A BIT OF VERSE

1918.
Sure, I'm from the trenches,
And I'm shy a leg or so,
But hell, that doesn't matter,
For I just had to go.
I left my wife and kiddies
And I went to France to fight
For the flag and home and honor
And the things I knew were right.
And though I've got a timber leg—
Say, Partner, I expect
The loss ain't what it would've been
Had I lost my self-respect.
And here I am back home again,
I've done my little bit,
And the wife and kids are proud
Because I happened to get hit.
Yes, sir! They're proud of this old peg,
As proud as they can be,
For it's the finest part, they say,
Of my anatomy.
And when I hear them talk like this
It makes me pretty mad,
Because I've got an arm or two
My country could have had.

A BIT OF FUN

A Whistler Story.
Whistler once undertook to get a fellow artist's work into the autumn salon. He succeeded and the picture was hung. But the painter, going to see his masterpiece with Whistler on a vanishing day, uttered an exclamation of dismay.
"Good heavens!" he cried, "you're

exhibiting my picture upside down."
"Hush!" said Whistler. "The committee refused it the other way."
—Boston Transcript.

Magic Required.
Betty—Papa says I shall marry the man I wish to.
Alice (who has had experience)—What will he do—hypnotize the man?
—Boston Transcript.

It Made a Difference.
"Mr. Flint, I—er—ah! that is, can I—er—h'm!—will you—"
"Why, yes, my boy; you may have her."
"Er? Have whom?"
"My daughter, of course! You want to marry her, don't you?"
"No, sir, I came to see if you would endorse my note for \$100—"
"Certainly not! Why, I hardly know you!"—Puck.

NETHERINGTON OF QUEENS RAISES RELIGIOUS CRY

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N. S. Would Follow.

Hon. Mr. Smith (Carlton) said that the reasons which would lead Westmorland to oppose the change operated in its favor in the counties along the Maine border. Nova Scotia could not be expected to change before New Brunswick did, but he was satisfied that Nova Scotia would follow.

Mr. Jones said if the members wanted to satisfy people they would leave the rule as it is. It would cost each farmer from four to twenty dollars to change the shafts on their sleighs and sleds.

Mr. Tilley said this was a piece of progressive legislation which should be adopted.

Hon. Mr. Smith (minister of lands and mines) was very much against it. He believed it would be very unpopular among the farmers.

Hon. Mr. Foster said that there would be a continued increase in the use of motor vehicles, and it would be well to make the change as soon as possible.

Mr. Sutton said that living near the border of Maine he knew of the need for the change, and that it would be in the interests of public safety.

Mr. Sweeney hoped that the members would vote down the change.

Hon. Mr. Murray (provincial secretary) said that there were few counties in which the winter roads were broken for double teams, and that the change would be serious on this account. For himself he would change a pair of shafts before breakfast just for an appetizer.

The motion to adopt section 15 (relating to the rule for turning) put the chairman declared it lost. On a standing vote being demanded, he announced the result: Yeas, 19; Nays, 23. He declared the motion lost.

Hon. Mr. Veniot moved that section 15 be amended to provide for turning to the right. He said no section of the act would be put into effect until proclaimed, and this would apply to section 15.

Mr. Dickson—"What is the rule when a team meets a motor vehicle?"
Hon. Mr. Veniot—"The team has the right of way on its side of the road. The automobile should hold up and slow down or stop on a signal from the driver."

Mr. Dickson—"Has the team a right to cut across the road?"
Hon. Mr. Veniot—"Yes."

The motion to adopt section 15 as amended to change the rule from left to right was adopted by a vote of 23 to 19.

Mr. Macree submitted to the committee a substitution which he asked to have added to section 17. It provided that the proclamation to bring the act into force be not issued until concurrent legislation had been adopted by Nova Scotia and arrangements had been made to bring the change in the rule into effect in the both provinces on the same day.

After a brief discussion a motion to adopt the substitution was declared lost by a vote of 16 to 24.

Hon. Mr. Veniot said that the change in the rule of the road would not go into effect until a proclamation was issued by the government in council, and that proclamation would not be issued until the people had a chance to become accustomed to the new rule.

Mr. Guphill asked if it would be possible to exempt the Island of Grand Manan.

Hon. Mr. Veniot said it might be possible to do so, but that the law should be made applicable to the entire province.

Hon. Mr. Veniot submitted a new sub-section to section 17. It provided that the proclamation to bring the act into force be not issued until concurrent legislation had been adopted by Nova Scotia and arrangements had been made to bring the change in the rule into effect in the both provinces on the same day.

The House again went into committee, and after agreeing to a number of bills adjourned at 11.30.

With the Fingers!
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This announcement will interest many women here, for it is said that the present high-heeled footwear is putting corns on practically every woman's feet.

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Us fellows was setting on my front steps hoping a runaway horse would go by or something, and Sam Cross started to come up the street taking something out of his pocket and looking at it and putting it back in his pocket again, and I seed, G. fellows, Sam Cross has got that watch he's bragging he was going to get.

Les nobody dont perntend they notice it, seed Pude Simkins. And Sam Cross came up and set down and the first thing he did was pull his watch out of his pocket and look at it and put it back again, saying, it's half past 4 already, wat do you know about that?

Which none of us fellow didnt say anything, and pritty soon Sam Cross pulled his watch out again, saying, it's of 5, gosh, time sartiesy does go fast.

Has anybody saw Ed Wernick lately? seed Sid Hunt. And nobody let on they had saw the watch, and pritty soon Sam Cross pulled it out again, holding it away out and looking at it as if he thawt he was far sighted, saying, I wonder if this watch is slow, no, I half bleeve its fast.

And he put it back in his pocket again, and nobody seed anything and he pulled it rite out again and started to look at the back of it, saying, S. C., that's rite, gosh, im glad they didnt get the initials rong.

I wish a airoplane wood go past, I seed looking up in the air. And the fellows all started to talk about different things, and after a while Sam Cross seed, O, by the way, fellows, did you know I had a new watch?

And he pulled it out again, and us fellows all ackted surprized and stuck our heds over his shoulders to see it, saying, Have you, Sam? gosh, wat do you know about that, Sam got a new watch, G wizz, lets see it, Sam, lets see it.

And Sam showed it to us and told us the time by it about every 10 minits.

and the Central Empires should open the eyes of the most blind and obstinate. Lenin and Trotsky know that Germany has no intention of treating with them on the basis of the Socialist programme, the liberty of nations called for by the Soviets is not the affair of William or his government. The Teuton programme is only that all people shall come under the general rule of their authority, and become docile slaves of militarism—races made to obey without a murmur."

SHE DARKENED HER GRAY HAIR

Well Known Lady Tells How She Darkened Her Gray Hair By a Simple Home Made Remedy.

Mrs. E. H. Boots, a well known resident of Buchanan County, Ia., who darkened her gray hair by a simple home-made remedy made the following statement:

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CASUALTIES

Ottawa, April 16—Casualties: INFANTRY.

Killed in Action: H. C. Sullivan, Halifax. Died of wounds: J. G. W. Coe, address not stated. D. H. Kelcher, St. John; L. F. J. Lawlor, Newcastle, N. B. Wounded: Lieut. E. Croft, Pictou, P. E. I. J. Bernon, Sydney Mines, N. S. C. E. Freeze, Sussex. G. A. Laprak, Campbellton. F. O. Schaefer, Halifax. A. Poole, Florenceville, N. B. III. I. Martin, Burnt Church, N. B. E. E. Thibadeau, Annapolis Royal. W. B. Creed, Bridgetown, P. E. I. R. V. Powell, St. John, N. B.

CAVALRY. Wounded: G. M. Carnell, St. Johns, Nfld. MEDICAL SERVICE. Wounded: E. F. Orr, Jardineville, N. B. ARTILLERY. Gassed: L. Meehan, Antigonish, N. S.

"I admit that the Vatican is perfectly sincere, since, in the name of Christian charity it has expressed the desire for peace. But no matter how sincere its intentions it has produced only abominable effect. We have seen the proof in the last year when national discouragement both in the front and rear, partially caused by pacifist propaganda, directed by the clergy."

"To me and to others it seems inconceivable that the strongest moral force in the world makes use of its power in such a paradoxical manner. I have been schooled in the idea that justice has divine essence and that the role of the clergy must be exercised in respect. But we have seen Catholicism invaded without the slightest protest. We have seen Germany and Austria throw themselves upon peaceful peoples, making criminal aggressions, violating all laws of religion and justice, and it has been only at the moment when they harvested the fruit of their brigandage that the Vicar of Christ asks a cessation of fighting, and exhorts these spirits to turn themselves away from war. What a conception of his role!"

Effect in Italy.
"The enemies of civilization have found in him a precious help when they should have encountered an invincible barrier. The work of the Vatican in Italy has been one of making men hesitate, between their duty as patriots and their duty as Christians. It has had but one end; breaking the faith the people had in the destiny of the nation and its legitimate aims."

"It is curious that on questions of peace the clergy have found themselves in accord with their habitual adversaries, the Socialists, who adopt the same point of view but arrive at another point of conclusion. Their theory not only in Italy but everywhere is that it is a war for the profit of capital and that the working classes are dupes of the directing classes, being killed for the enrichment of the bourgeoisie. The consequence of this reasoning is that they have become convinced to the point of stacking arms."

"What has happened between Russia

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