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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.

GRIT HOPES SHATTERED.

Toronto Saturday Night is an independent newspaper which does not scruple to criticise either of the political parties when it thinks the occasion demands it. Consequently the accompanying extract from its columns in reference to the Meredith-Duff Commission report should be of more than ordinary interest. The Toronto Saturday Night says:

"Just as expected, the Kite charges against the old Shell Committee and those connected with it, has under the findings of the Meredith-Duff Commission, become this air. The only goat found was J. Wesley Allison. The integrity or patriotism of the Shell Committee stands unpunished. Sir Sam Hughes comes out with clean skirts. Col. Carnegie was over-worked, but did the best he could. Fuses making in Canada, early in 1915, would have been impossible, and besides at that period such a plant in this country had not been authorized by the War Office. Such in brief are the findings of the Meredith-Duff Commission. All we have for our money is a soak at Allison for being too greedy as regards commissions, and even that is partially excused on the grounds that such practice is usual among promoters."

"So there you are. A fat bill of expense for the country. A large wash of dirty linen. A few trade secrets exposed, which may have been beneficial to the enemy, but to no one else. The only people, aside from the Germans, who benefitted, were the legal lights, all of whom ran into fat fees in a dull season. The Meredith-Duff finding is hard on the party papers who hoped in vain for a real scandal."

THE CASE OF CASEMENT.

The announcement of Lord Robert Cecil that there will be no reprieve in the case of Robert Casement, but that he will pay the extreme penalty for his crime will not come as a surprise. There had been no other course. Doubtless there are those who may feel inclined to believe that, instead of a rebel, Casement was, in reality, a too zealous worker in a cause in which he believed and, consequently, should be shown leniency, but that should remember that his activity was responsible for the loss of scores of lives and that men less guilty than he have been already executed.

Casement represented no school of Irish thought nor did he stand for any section of the Irish people. Whatever might have been their differences with the British government in times of peace the alarm of war found the great heart of Erin beating steady and true, and the annals of the present struggle will contain no more glorious story than of the heroism of the Connaughts and Munsters in the Gallipoli campaign, or the Leinsters and Royal Irish Rifles in the battlefields of France and Flanders. It is by these that the Irish people are to be judged and the judgment of the future will be to their everlasting credit. This being the case, there is no doubt that the fate of Roger Casement, the traitor, will meet with as general approval throughout the length and breadth of Ireland as in the other portions of the Empire.

CANADIAN PROSPERITY.

The Liberal newspapers which devote columns of space to more or less violent criticisms of the Dominion Government and the men who compose it are in a peculiar position. Editorially they declare that this country is suffering as the result of bad administration while their financial pages contain abundant evidence that the reverse is the real condition. Not for years has Canada been more prosperous than at the present time.

For instance: Canadian trade in June, 1916, totaled \$243,953,544 as compared with \$127,000,000 in June, 1915.

Canadian trade for the first three months of the fiscal year ending June 30 reached \$527,000,000, as against \$272,000,000 in the same period of 1915.

Canadian revenues from all sources in the month of June were probably the highest in the history of the country.

Canadian bank clearings in June

were the highest of any month since Confederation, with one exception. Canadian labor was never in greater demand, never better paid and never more content than today.

Canadian harvests promise to be abundant and prices for producers are high.

If the Canadian Government is "grinding the people down" as our Liberal friends assert, how is it that in practically every branch of commerce and industry there is prosperity? War orders may account for some of it but not for all. Really, it would appear that this country is passing through the testing fires of war with little or no disturbance and with a growing bank account. After the war there probably will be some depression until conditions readjust themselves, but generally Canada will continue to maintain its proud position as the most prosperous country on earth.

THE STUMPAGE.

The stumpage returns for the year, which are about all in, show that this year's collections will be slightly under those of last year. This is because the cut of logs last winter was considerably under the average of recent years. It is significant, however, says the Moncton Times, that this year's stumpage collections are double what they were under the old government. This shows that the old gang, which is now asking to be restored to power under the leadership of E. S. Carter, of defunct St. John Progress newspaper fame, and another gentleman of Gloucester school money notoriety, failed to collect half the stumpage.

What the lumbermen paid to members and supporters of the old government will never be known, but there was testimony during the Berry investigation that they were contributors to every election fund down to 1908. In the aggregate millions of dollars were lost to the provincial treasury because of this failure to collect what was rightly due on stumpage account—money that was much needed for the public services and because of the lack of which hundreds of bridges were left by the old government in a tumbledown condition.

The present government has restored the bridges out of current revenue and is making a start on the roads, while the best that Carter and his crowd have to offer is to borrow a million dollars to build a few main highways for the automobilists. The Carter crowd wouldn't do a thing to a million dollars if they had the spending of it, but fortunately such a contingency is quite unlikely. The present government may have erred in some things but the people have too vivid a recollection of the past to entrust the old gang with power until it gives some evidence that it will do better.

The English newspapers continue to eulogize Sir Sam Hughes. How dare they? Have they forgotten that there is a Frank B. Carvell or that their praise of Mr. Carvell's enemy may draw upon their devoted heads the condemnation of those great family journals, the St. John Telegraph and the Fredericton Mail, to say nothing of the Carleton Sentinel and the Hartland Observer. Truly those English newspaper editors are a reckless lot.

The Times politely asks The Standard how many of the nineteen opposition candidates have been supporters of the old government. Well, there are ex-Premier Robinson, ex-Surveyor General Sweeney, ex-Subsistent Supporter Leger and—but isn't that enough?

The German official statement of last night admitted that the French troops had captured some "demolished" German trenches. If the artillery preparation of the Allies is at all as heavy as reported "demolished" would be the proper term.

"Deutschland Under Alles," is evidently the motto of the owners and crew of that German "commercial" submarine. Despatches last night stated that she had made a start—but afforded no indication as to where she would finish.

This newspaper absolutely refuses to believe that the sharks reported as

having been seen in the harbor were oppositionists on their way to attend last evening's gathering of the party bosses.

The Toronto News remarks: "The net result of the investigation secured by the Kites and Carvells is that under conditions which did not exist there might have been a loss to the British Treasury of \$1,666,666."

Now that the St. John Provincial Opposition Association has been formed it is up to Mr. Carter to promote another banquet at \$3 per, or a general convention at \$1.

ONTARIO MAY HAVE EARLY REFERENDUM ON TEMPERANCE QUESTION

Toronto, Aug. 2.—The Ontario government has, it is understood, after consideration, reached the conclusion that the prohibition measure, which is to come into operation September 16, is in advance of public opinion. The cabinet is seriously discussing the advisability of an early referendum to the electorate to decide the temperance problem. That referendum will consist of the three following questions:

- 1.—"Are you in favor of the liquor license system?"
- 2.—"Are you in favor of beer and wine licenses?"
- 3.—"Are you in favor of total prohibition?"

The Evening Telegram says it has learned, from an absolutely reliable source, that Premier Hearst and his colleagues now think that there is not a majority behind the temperance law. They believed that it would be folly to wait until 1919 for a plebiscite to the people, and that a vote as soon as possible would be the better policy. No vote or change in the law can be arranged for until the Ontario legislature meets in January or February, 1917. The government, if it so desired, could call an emergency meeting of the legislature and get authority to submit a referendum, and it is possible this may be done, the house meeting early in September and the vote being taken a short time later.

PREMIER HEARST GOING TO ENGLAND, HOPES TO VISIT TRENCHES

Toronto, Aug. 2.—Premier Hearst and Hon. Dr. Pym, minister of education, it was announced today, will sail for England at the end of the week. The prime minister is hopeful of being granted the privilege of visiting some of the trenches in Flanders.

SCHOONER FLOATED.

Mobile, Ala., July 31.—Schr. Albert D. Mills, Walters, which went ashore for miles east of Port Morgan in the hurricane of July 5, has been floated and towed here for repairs. The cargo of staves that was destined for Martinique will not have to be unloaded.

SCHOONER WATERLOGGED.

A wireless despatch from stmr Carago states that schr. C. W. Mills, Allen, waterlogged during the storm of July 5, had been taken in tow by the

If Strength Declines As Age Advances Follow This Suggestion

So many women grow old before their time, perhaps your wife or sister. A little while ago, buoyant, full of vigor and activity—she enjoyed life and imparted pleasure to the whole family; but now in a few short years she has faded and lost color and strength. She is just ready to develop some disease that will further weaken and debilitate. You remember how it began, failure of appetite, tired in the morning, found housework burdensome, always nervous and a little irritable. It's a shame to let her go down hill further when you can build her up so quickly with Ferrozone. The change this nourishing tonic makes in a weak woman is surprising. It gives great zest for food, increases appetite and digestion enormously. The blood gets richer and stronger and adds new life to every organ in the body. A rebuilding process works through the entire system. The first week will show an improvement, and a month or two will fatten up the thinnest, most run-down woman you can think of. Take Ferrozone for lost color, for nervousness, for weakness—use it when run-down and feeling poorly—it will do you more lasting good, keep you in better health, than anything else. Just as good for men and children, too, because Ferrozone is harmless and safe, 50c. per box or six for \$2.50, at all dealers, or direct by mail from the Cataract Co., Kingston, Ont.

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A man with his hat over one eye came up, while me and pop was taking a walk yesterday, saying, I always get like 2 good fellows, in that case, I'll excuse you this time, but never let it happen again, sed pop. And we kept on walking and the man came after us, saying, I'm not going to ask you for anything, don't think that for a minute, all I want is a small temporary loan, I've never begged in my life and I don't intend to start now, because if I do say it myself, I'm to proud to beg, I lost all my money when the Lusitania went down, and all I want is a small temporary loan, in fact that's all I would accept.

How small a loan can you get along with? sed pop.

Well that's largely up to you, sed the man.

It may be up to me, but not very largely, sed pop.

Until the Titanic went down I was practically a wealthy man, sed the man.

I see, and when the Lusitania sank it was the last straw, sed pop.

I was yesterday to the Lusitania, I always get like 2 good fellows, sed pop. And we kept on walking and the man came after us, saying, I'm not going to ask you for anything, don't think that for a minute, all I want is a small temporary loan, I've never begged in my life and I don't intend to start now, because if I do say it myself, I'm to proud to beg, I lost all my money when the Lusitania went down, and all I want is a small temporary loan, in fact that's all I would accept.

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You can send stamps if you like, sed pop. And we kept on walking, and I sed, Hey, pop, you never even told him where you live or anything, how can he give it back again?

O dear, I never thout of that, sed pop, come on in here and I'll get you a soda, I want to drown my mortification. And we went in a drug store and each had a soda, me having chookit and pop having jemmies.

THE FALLEN

BY EDWIN TAPPAN ADNEY.

"PUGNAVIMUS ENSIBUS." Speak soft! The Hallow'd Dead lie buried here! They fought with their swords, in the din of arms, the battle's fear; Lovers, young, but brave they fought the fight, A Nation weeps, but smiles through tears at Sons who knew the right! It is the precious boon of Liberty that men shall be Esteemed to know what most is Noble, and be free To ponder, make decision, the path of Honor choose. Spurning the choice of cowards, who give nothing, nothing lose. And nothing gain that Manhood prizes, will Virtue want; Whose trembling lip but poor conceals its boastful vaunt. Feathered knights, shirkers, "mothers' pets"— Shame, the coward's Mistress, all that valiant brood begets! In the Halls of Time in Children's song will the Hero's name Resound; and soon forgot both coward's name and shame. Unhonored, unused, Oblivion's the coward's bier— Speak soft! The Hallow'd Dead lie buried here!

"PUGNAVIMUS ENSIBUS—WE HAVE FOUGHT WITH OUR SWORDS!"

U. S. coast guard cutter Tallapoosa and was being towed to Ship Island.

BARGE FOUNDERS.

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