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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.

## GLASS HOUSES.

There is an old proverb, sometimes but little heeded, that those who live in glass houses should not throw stones. The man with the muck-rake who handles the editorial pen in the columns of the Telegraph has lately been pursuing his natural and enjoyable vocation with evident relish. The field is still large, and there are many choice heaps of political garbage as yet untouched by the Telegraph in which, no doubt, it will choose, later on, to revel with its characteristic enjoyment.

Just at present our esteemed contemporary draws attention to the fact that Messrs. W. B. Tennant, Thomas Bell and George B. Jones have been numbered among the directors of The Standard. So far as Mr. Bell and Mr. Jones are concerned, the testimony recently publicly given, shows that they were connected with the provision and distribution of a campaign fund for the last provincial election, which did not appear to exceed the sum of about \$35,000.

When the legitimate expenses of election contests in sixteen constituencies is considered this does not appear to be a large or unreasonable amount, and our muck-raking friend must be somewhat disappointed in the fact that the evidence has established that not a single dollar of this fund came from Valley Railway contractors.

While the Nova Scotia Construction Company has undoubtedly paid to Mr. Tennant a large sum of money, it has been made absolutely clear that no member of the Government or of the board of directors of the Valley Railway was in any way, a party to the practice, and that the contract secured by the Nova Scotia Construction Company was not obtained through the influence of Mr. Tennant or any other person. The sum involved is not more than the company reasonably might have expected to receive as profit on the undertaking and if that company needlessly parted with its profit to Mr. Tennant it is a matter entirely between the company and that gentleman.

Other newspapers, however, have other directors and in its zeal for purging public life the Telegraph, no doubt, will be less than ready to take on board the actions of two well known citizens, who are understood to be the chief, if not the only proprietors of that journal. How refreshing it will be when the righteous indignation of the purified Telegraph descends upon these gentlemen for their enormous profit taken out of dredging at West St. John, a profit, which, it is said, has rendered one, if not both of the Telegraph's owners, immensely wealthy. A comparison of prices at which this dredging contract was let with those for which it might have been let, would undoubtedly have caused an outburst of editorial sorrow for the unfortunate people of Canada who were bled white by the transaction.

Nor will the Telegraph stop there. It is said that people closely connected with it do, occasionally, stop some expenses before they reach full fruition, but that, of course would not be the case in any investigation which so deeply and intimately touches the maintenance of that public spirited journal. Naturally, the Telegraph will abhor the transaction by which at least \$35,000 of the people's money was taken from them by the addition, manipulated by one of the Telegraph's owners, of five cents per yard to a certain famous dredging tender.

It will, of course, be incumbent, or rather, we should say, joyous for the Telegraph to reveal to the world the intimate connection of some of its proprietors with the Norton-Griffiths contract which long ago became a political by-word and a stench.

There is just one thing deficient in connection with all these muck-raking campaigns,—those which the Telegraph has already conducted and those others upon which we may feel assured it is about to enter with its customary vigor and accompanying hypocrisy; they do not seem to be associated with any attempt to make things better for the future. They are so evidently inspired by the idea of reeking an outburst of editorial rage upon one set of men by another group which is to carry on the same operations that the public has begun to doubt their sincerity and efficiency.

If the Telegraph is not too sensitive upon the subject of Union, to which, locally, it announces its determined opposition, and to which, federally, it gave, most evidently, a very reluctant support, it might be worth while for it to consider whether the time has not arrived when, in this province at least, a determined effort should be made by people of all parties to provide for the

elimination of party funds for campaign purposes by imposing upon the people themselves the cost of many of the things which are legitimately and necessarily incident to every campaign and which, up to the present, have had to be provided by the contributions of men in political life or their supporters. Experience teaches that changes of administration are not sufficient to bring about the result which the Telegraph professes to desire; the Central Railway is not yet forgotten in this province and there are many other instances which could be referred to if evidence were required to establish this statement.

When the province at large pays the expenses, within a reasonable limit, of conveying voters to the polls, of providing party scrutineers, and many other election activities which at present have to be met out of party funds the necessity for contributions will have disappeared.

Until some reform of this character is effected, no matter what set of men may be in power, it will be impossible to escape from the practices of the past. They may not always be brought to light, but the public may be assured that they will always be in existence.

## "FORWARD WITH GOD."

In his New Year's order to his army, the Kaiser, who has already given utterance to some of the most cynical blasphemies, concludes with these words: "Trusting in our righteous cause and in our strength, we face the year 1918 with firm confidence and iron will. Therefore, forward with God to fresh deeds and fresh victories."

In the New York Tribune, John Burroughs, in an article called "a plea for the ostracism of all things German," says "The Germans have not fought this war like brave, chivalrous men; they have fought it like snakes and outcasts; they have respected nothing human or divine. So far as they could make it, it has been an orgy of lust and destructiveness." The writer recalled some of the German deeds, "the long list of her unspeakable atrocities and robberies, the deportation of non-combatants, the wanton destruction of property in Belgium and Northern France, the demolition of centuries-old architecture and art treasures, the judicial murder of Captain Fryatt, the shooting of Edith Cavell, the bombing of defenceless towns, the torpedoing of hospital ships, the fiendish drowning of the crew of the Belgian Prince, her sinkings, her ravagings, her burnings, her stealing, her lying, her studied cruelties, her campaign of frightfulness."

The list submitted by Burroughs, terrible as it is, still falls short of the truth. The Germans have been guilty of all the things charged and of more; they have done them under orders and while they have been making war for more than three years their methods have not in the least changed. An indictment so black as to be without parallel in history rests upon the German Emperor. And yet this is the monster who dares to say to his followers: "Therefore, forward with God." The blasphemy of the man will scarcely arouse more hostile criticism than his unblinking effrontery.

During the past week the Telegraph has developed into a very active campaign sheet. Many of the supporters of Union Government would have been much gratified if that newspaper had displayed similar activity during the federal contest.

## A BIT OF VERSE

### THE DEVIL OUTCLASSED.

(By Thurlow Weed Barnes.)  
In ancient days, with ardent zeal,  
To vindicate the path  
Of rectitude—for public weal—  
To propagate the faith,  
Grim theologs invented "Sheol."  
A fiery pit sublime,  
Where sinners were sulphurous dole  
Throughout the lapse of time.

But there's no need for such a place,  
Portrayed as yet to come,  
When men are blinded now by gas,  
Or crucified by bomb,  
Or murdered by fierce sharpshooters' teeth,  
And crimes too rank to name,  
Make helpless women shriek for death,  
And all the world's a flame.

Yes, Sheol does look superfluous  
When Hell is here on earth;  
When railed bands, and ruinous,  
Trained to the art from birth,  
Make warfare such a fearful curse,  
Back, ravage and destroy,  
When neither pity nor remorse  
Are in the Hun's employ,  
Methinks the old creed's obsolete  
Grim theologs—crucified,  
For while a Hun's upon his feet,  
The Devil seems outclassed.

## A BIT OF FUN

**HIGHLY ESTIMABLE.**  
"Half a loaf is better than no bread," said the philosopher.  
"There's no doubt about the respect to which half a loaf is entitled," replied the plain person. "It costs as much as a whole loaf used to."

**A RAPID FIER.**  
Mrs. Peck—I always think twice before I speak once.  
Peck—Exactly, my dear—but then you are such a quick thinker.—Boston Transcript.

**APPRECIATED.**  
Dinner Guest—I've brought my own sugar.  
Hostess—How sweet of you!—Boston Transcript.

**SAVING COAL.**  
"It is freezing cold in your flat. Why don't you complain to the janitor?"  
"I don't want to give him any excuse for reflecting on my attitude in the matter. He may have a good reason for it."  
"How so?"  
"He may be giving us a heatless day."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**FRANK TRAITOR.**  
"Somehow I have a sort of sneaking respect for Benedict Arnold."  
"Why so?"  
"He never went around bawling that he was loyal."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**TRUTH, TOO.**  
"Does your ma put up any jam, little boy?"  
"Yes, sir; ma puts it up and I put it down."—Florida Times-Union.

## PEOPLE OF INDIA

### TRUE TO EMPIRE AND LOYAL TO FLAG

Gnanamutthu Joseph Israel is in the City—Founder of Mission School and Orphanage at Madras, India—Conducted Same for Past 33 Years.

"The great mass of the people of India are true to the Empire, and will remain loyal to the flag in spite of the efforts of some agitators who have tried to stir up strife," said Mr. Gnanamutthu Joseph Israel, of Madras, India, who was in the City last night when seen at the Royal Hotel.

Mr. Israel is the founder of a mission school and orphanage at Madras, India, which he has conducted for the past 33 years, and is on his way home after a tour of England and Norway. In the intervals of the mission and orphanage, he has been in Canada rather than around the "Cape." It will take several weeks longer to reach home, but he expressed himself as delighted to have the opportunity of visiting Canada and the United States.

He said the majority of the people of India realized that British rule had been a good thing for the country and had brought about peace and plenty. Instead of the famine conditions which used to prevail all over the land, even when famine did come the "raj" was able to supply the necessities of the people and relieve the suffering and every year conditions were improving.

Each year government given to the different provinces and this tended to create a better feeling between the two races. He believed that every old country it had some considerable rising against the British would like place in India, although like every old country it had some malcontents who were always looking for trouble.

Mr. Israel is accompanied by Miss Hilda Bergquist, a Norwegian lady, who went to India four years ago and is now in charge of the orphanage. They will visit New York, Washington, Chicago, Vancouver and Japan, before reaching India, and the work of the mission will be presented to the people of the places they visit. The mission is an interdenominational one and is supported by all churches. It is comprised of the orphanage and seven schools for heathen children and has a staff of thirty Indian missionaries who have devoted their lives to the work of taking care of these Indian waifs and leading them to the true light of Christianity.

## CANADIENS WIN FROM OTTAWA

Exceptionally Close and Interesting Contest Seen by Record Crowd of Spectators.

Montreal, Jan. 6.—Canadiens won from Ottawa by six to five in the scheduled National Hockey League game at the Jubilee rink here Saturday night. The game was played on ice unfamiliar to both teams, in consequence of the destruction of the Arena by fire last week, and on a smaller rink than that of the Arena.

It was witnessed by the largest crowd of spectators at any hockey match in Montreal to date for this season and was an exceptionally close and interesting contest. Seventeen minutes overtime play was required to bring a decision. In the early part of the game the Canadiens were outplayed by the visitors

## Little Benny's Note Book

Sid Hunt loaned me his tennis ball for a hole day yesterday in exchange for 6 marbles and a gold medal with a sarsaparilla advertisement on the other side of it, and I was throwing it against walls and catching it again, and bouncing it and different things, and Mary Watkins skated up on her skates, saying, Goodness, that's a fine ball, Benny, my, don't it bounce, tho.

Do you want to bounce it? I said. Which she started to, saying, O, what a perfectly beautiful ball, my, but you have nice things, Benny.

Which I do, and I didn't say anything, and she said, I wish I had one like it. And I kept on not saying anything, and she kept on bouncing the ball, saying I wish I had one just exactly perfectly immediately like it.

How would you like to have that one? I said, and she said, O Benny, how perfectly sweet of you to give me such a perfectly beautiful ball, I didn't have any idea of such a thing.

And pretty soon she skated away on her skates and I started to wonder what to tell Sid Hunt when I met him, which pretty soon I did, saying, Hello, Sid.

Hello, what's your tennis ball? said Sid Hunt.

Sure, I said, and he said, Where is it? and I said, I got it, and he said, Well, the times up, and I said, It's pretty good of a ball, what do you want to swap it?

O, I said, said Sid Hunt, and I said, What you want for it? Ill give you 15 commons, 5 agates and 3 cents.

Wait, for that swell tennis ball, my don't you ask me to give it to you for nothing and pay you 18 dollars for taking it, said Sid Hunt.

And we kept on arguing about it and after about 10 minutes he sold it to me for 25 commons, 8 agates and 6 cents, and I said, Well, it's a good thing you sold it to me, because I ain't got it any more, and Sid Hunt said, I know you ain't, I saw Mary Watkins bouncing it and she told me you gave it to her. Proving he knew it all the time.

## DIED IN MONTREAL AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Death of Mrs. Hannah Bradley, Mother of Mrs. A. E. McGinley, Occurred Yesterday—Deceased Had Many Friends in St. John.

Mrs. Alfred B. McGinley, 283 Main street, received word yesterday of the death of her mother, Mrs. Hannah Bradley, which occurred in Montreal yesterday morning. No further particulars were received, but as Mrs. Bradley was in good health on Christmas Eve, her illness must have been very brief.

The deceased lady, who was born in England, was 56 years of age, and the widow of the late John Bradley, of the Canada Fair Company, Montreal. She has been a frequent and welcome visitor to this city as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Bradley, of Montreal; Joseph Bradley, of Red Hill, Quebec; and Thomas Bradley, who went overseas with a Montreal unit and who is now in hospital in England recovering from wounds received in action. Her daughters are Mrs. McGinley, of this city, and Nursing Sister Paul F. Bradley, who has recently returned to England after a prolonged period of duty in Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. McGinley will leave for Montreal tonight to attend the funeral.

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but in the third period they succeeded in tying the score, and in the extra time they had the better of their opponents throughout, Ottawa being out-generated in the use of their substitutes during the overtime play.

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advice had been received from the Sydney people respecting the arrival of coal. Mr. McCormick said that he could not state positively when he expected any shipment of coal, and although the fact is regretted, yet there did not seem to be any way out of it.

Frank F. Starr, when asked if any word had been received from the Dominion Coal Company concerning the arrival of a large steamer of coal, said that a shipment was expected, but he could not state as to when it would arrive.

Special to The Standard.  
Sydney, C. B. Jan. 5.—Owing to the unprecedented demand for coal from the Cape Breton mines and the acute labor conditions, the company has found it almost impossible to supply the demand. Despatches from St. John, N. B., state that owing to a shortage of Sydney coal in that city the car service has been cut down as well as the street lights. It was learned from a reliable party that a small shipment of coal has gone forth, consisting of about 1200 tons, to ameliorate conditions in New Brunswick.

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daughter of Sena...

He is survived...

Dr. Thomas Earle...

The funeral will...

at two P. M. in...

church, Rethroay...

in Fernhill cemetery.

the death of Mr. Z...

last year residence...

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by one son, George...

and two daughters...

and Margaret, of the...

stepsons, John R.