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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.

SIR ROBERT'S MESSAGE

"More than ever the people of Canada are convinced that the struggle now proceeding is one which does in truth involve the continued existence of our Empire. With that truth firmly grasped, and with the spirit which it already has evoked and will continue to evoke there is no occasion for one moment's discouragement. Ours is the ability to make the allied cause triumphant. Ours must be the effort to accomplish that great purpose upon which hangs the future destiny of the world."

No finer exposition of the reasons which should serve to bring every man in Canada to arms in defence of the Empire and the Empire's flag, has been given during this war than the words of Sir Robert Borden in New York yesterday, which are quoted in the first paragraph of this article.

This is the Premier's first message to the people of Canada since his visit to Europe and it is truly characteristic of the man. "The struggle now proceeding is one which does in truth involve the continued existence of our Empire."

Canada is interested in the outcome of this war to as great an extent as the motherland. Defeat may mean the end of that glorious federation of free nations which, under the British flag, has stood for liberty and justice in all quarters of the globe and under all circumstances. The fight being waged today in the trenches of France and Flanders, on the marshes and steppes of Galicia and Russia, in the heights of the Alps and the Tyrol, in the wildernesses and deserts of Mesopotamia, and in the waters of the North Sea and the Hellespont is a fight for freedom against oppression, for liberty and light against the thralldom and error of militarism as typified by the Teutonic enemy.

Canada's future is at stake, and Canadians must see to it that this country bears her due part of the struggle to establish that future within the Empire on so firm a basis that never again will it be challenged by an over-ambitious foe. Sir Robert Borden has stated the case well. The men of Canada, having heard his message, should plainly realize that further delay may be dangerous, that their place is in uniform under the flag, and they should lose no time in getting there.

MR. CARTER'S OPPORTUNITY.

The Telegraph yesterday morning said: "The Standard declares that subscriptions were neither received nor asked for from liquor dealers or any one else, either by members of the Government or members of the Legislature." Mr. Carter did not say they were.

Good, so far as it goes, but Mr. Carter and the Telegraph have not yet met The Standard's contention. The Standard also said and says again:

The Clarke Government has no campaign fund, and has never had one.

No member of the Clarke Government, or of the Legislature supporting that Government, received or asked for subscriptions from liquor dealers or from anyone else.

No member of the Clarke Government, or of the Legislature supporting that Government, directed any such collection, or had knowledge of such subscriptions.

No such collection was made in the interests of members of the Clarke Government, or of the Legislature supporting the Government.

Surely this is sufficiently plain for Mr. Carter and the Telegraph to understand. If Mr. Carter can produce evidence to refute these statements, he should prefer definite charges without further delay. Otherwise he should extend his belated explanation to cover what The Standard did say and what it now repeats.

It is Mr. Carter's next move.

TONIGHT'S MEETING.

Recruiting officers throughout the province were yesterday advised that the 55th Battalion is now up to strength and official permission was given to commence recruiting in New

Brunswick and Prince Edward Island for the 64th, the next unit to be raised in the Maritime Provinces. Already, Lt.-Col. H. Montgomery Campbell, who will command the 64th, has 750 men for that battalion and a few hundred more will bring it to strength as well. Information was also received yesterday that another battalion is to be raised in the Maritime Provinces, so there still is plenty of opportunity for men willing to join the colors and fight the battles of the Empire.

As far as St. John is concerned, the big recruiting campaign will be formally launched tonight by the open air meeting on King Square. That meeting should be attended by every man of fighting age in the city. Well known men will tell of the duty devolving upon each man to take up arms in behalf of his country. Officers and men who have already faced the enemy will relate their experiences and supply full information regarding remuneration and allowances to be paid to the soldiers or their dependants.

The need of the hour will be told so simply that all can understand it. It will then be a matter for individual conception of one's duty. The men of St. John have rallied nobly in the past and now, when the urgency is great, they should not fail. The descendants of the Loyalists should be as loyal as their forefathers.

WHY ARE THEY SILENT?

The Borden Government, during the present war, bought field dressings for the Canadian forces at 21 cents each—See Evidence before Public Accounts Committee.

The Laurier government, during the South African war, when such articles should be cheaper, paid 26 cents each for the same class of dressing—See Auditor-General's report 1899-1900, Division "Q", page 122.

The Borden Government, during the present war, bought soldiers' "housewives" for 53½ cents each. — See Evidence before Public Accounts Committee.

The Laurier government, during the South African war, when such articles should be cheaper, paid 90 cents each for a similar article—See Auditor-General's report, 1899-1900, Division "Q", page 117.

In the case of the purchases by the Borden Government the Telegraph and Times and Liberals everywhere shouted "Grafters and Thieves."

Confronted by the evidence of the Laurier government's action they are silent.

WHY?

The Telegraph, September 2nd—"By the way, The Standard did not retract or apologize to E. S. Carter."

Well?

The Patriotic Fund estimate is that \$15 will keep a soldier in the trenches for a month? The Empire requires every man who can go if the battle for world liberty is to be won. Does that mean anything to you?

It is reported that Mr. Bryan was kissed by a German. And the Boston Transcript rises to remark that the identity of the individual who operated on Mr. Bryan's visage will be as mysterious as that of the gentleman who struck Billy Patterson.

Whether the city or the railway company has the right side of the dispute in regard to the Main street tracks will probably be determined by legal processes. The main point to consider now is that citizens are suffering from a car service so poor that it would be a disgrace to a city half the size of St. John.

According to the war despatches the Russians are still retreating, but it does not appear that the pursuing enemy is doing much more than occupying territory that some day will be won back again. The approach of the fall and winter season makes it necessary that if the Germans are to destroy the Russian armies they must be quick about it. General Winter fights for Russia.

And when Sir Robert Borden was asked about a coalition government for Canada he said: "I have been so busy I have not had time to think of

that question or other matters of domestic concern." Sir Robert has been busy on Empire work. But his plain statement must be a great disappointment to Liberal newspapers which have been trying to picture him as playing politics in a period of Empire crisis.

The Fiery Cross

(G. Inglis in Toronto Globe) Our fathers, in the days of old, By fiery cross the story told, Of danger to the clan, Of need for every man. That symbol stern of blood and fire, Mute warning held of vengeance dire To Judases who'd sell a Christ Or recreant prove to sacred trust; The clansmen gave, by sword or dirk, Short shrift to traitor and to shirk.

No more, as in the far long aye, Flashes that Fiery Cross of thine, O Scotland ever dear, Telling of foemen near; By swift feet flung from crag to crag, O'er heathery brae, thro' mossy ha's, Till farthest strath and loneliest glen Echoed the vibrant cry for men, And killed clansmen armed for fray Hasted the summons to obey.

Vanished the days remote and rude, Or border foray, tribal feud, Or Sassenach and Celt, As friends or foes who dwell With thee, O Scotland of my heart, And helped to make thee all thou art, This day when graver dangers throng, Thy land of beauty, love and song, Echoed the vibrant cry for men, And killed clansmen armed for fray Hasted the summons to obey.

And now by winged spark unseen, On Scottish heath a summons falls: "Foes threaten! Scotland calls!" From native heath, far distant shore, Saxon and Celtic legions pour; The pleading pibroch's magic thrills Their souls with ardor of the hills; "Scotland forever!" will they cry, And at Lang-marec or Ypres die.

"But have all come who could, my sons?" Cries Scotland. "All my stalwart sons."

The young and strong and free, Have all ye come to me, Mother of many heroes dead, Since fought the Bruce and Wallace bled

For freedom in the long ago? To ramment me against a foe Whom no restraints of honor keep, Who butchers bairnies in their sleep?"

Shall Holyrood or Arthur's Seat Be trod by such unwarlike feet? Shall heel or Ullian spur Stirling or Bannockburn?

Or other loved or famous name By ruthless foe be bowed in shame? Then to me, lads, and greatly dear, For love of the great name ye bear; So help ye God the world to free, That Scotland still stand staunch and free.

The Number of the Beast

(Charlottetown Guardian.)

An esteemed correspondent writes: "Revelation xii: 18—Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast; for it is the Six Hundred three Score and Six."

"The solutions here attempted are mainly by letter-numbers, giving to each letter a numerical value corresponding to its place in the alphabet, from A to Z 26."

"Nothing should be admitted that is not pertinent or descriptive of the man. Thus William the Second, German Emperor, King of Prussia, (in German, Wilhelm II., Deutscher Kaiser, Kolns Preussen) is of the House of Hohenzollern, the ninth of that family to wear a crown, and came to the throne at the age of 29 years. He has six sons. Berlin is his capital. Any of these facts may be considered as properly a part of the description:

Hohenzollern, 152	Hohenzollern, 152
William, 79	Order in such, 9
The, 33	Wilhelm, 82
Second, 60	II., 18
German, 58	Deutscher, 103
Emperor, 50	Kaiser, 63
Of, 41	König, 66
Prussia, 21	Preussen, 117
Prussia, 103	Berlin, 60
(Age on ace's) 29	(Six sons), 6
	666

"Some interpreters attach importance to the division of the mystic number into three, six hundred, sixty and six. In the German version as above the description of Wilhelm II., the 9th Hohenzollern to wear a crown, Deutscher, Kaiser, König Preussen, the letter numbers make 600, the capital, Berlin, is 60 and the six sons of the Kaiser make 6."

"Here is another solution, offered for what it may be worth. Our enemies are three, Germany, Austria and Turkey. Their three royal houses are respectively, Hohenzollern, Hapsburg and Othman. All three are under the leadership of William. Here follow the letter numbers of the three empires, the three royal houses and William:

William, 79
Hohenzollern, 152
Hapsburg, 71
Othman, 92
Germany, 83
Austria, 89
Turkey, 100
666

"Do you see that strong, healthy-looking man over there?" "I was just admiring his physique." "The doctors gave him up years ago." "You surprise me." "Yes. They found they couldn't get anything out of him."

FLY YOUR FLAG.

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

Pop was sitting awn the front steps smoking this afternoon and I was setting there watching him and thinking, and after a while I sed, Hay, Pop. Hays for horses, sed pop. Do you no of any way of taking stanes out of pants, I sed.

You dont mean to say you want to no for yure own eddication, sed pop. Yes sir, I sed. Well, and a cuppl of wells, sed pop, the world must be coming to an end, I awways had an ideer yure motto was the moar stanes the merrier. No sir, do you no of any way of getting them out, I sed.

Well, it aww depends awn the stanes, wat partickler kind of stanes wood you like to exterminate, sed pop. Ink stanes, I sed. Thats a nice kind, sed pop, hum, lets see, I no thares sum way of dis-kurridgink ink stanes, I red it wunts awn the womans page, lets see, I think you ferst rub the stanes well with coal oil and benzeen and then apply a lighted candil, or perhaps it wood be quikkr to jest apply the candil without waitin to rub awn the oil, or I bleeve a good old fashioned way is to sneer the stanes with mullassis and let the flies bit them out, but howevr and be that as it may, I want to impress my appriehation of yure good intensions, and awn the prinsepil that ackhins speek louder than words, heers a penny.

And he gave me a sent, saying, Wich pare of pants was it. Yure gray wuns, I sed. Give me back that sent and fello me, sed pop. Welch I did.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS

Yesterday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock a collision occurred at the corner of Paradise Row and Main street between street car No. 126 and an automobile driven by C. Colin Clark with the result that the mud-guard on the auto was somewhat damaged. The street car while backing from the main line to the siding struck the automobile which had turned onto the tracks in order to escape colliding with a team.

About six o'clock, just past the corner of Mill and Union streets, street car No. 79 narrowly escaped crashing into an automobile owned by T. H. Estabrooks. The driver of the automobile had turned onto the tracks in front of the advancing car in order to pass another auto, which was standing in the street in front of the Imperial Tobacco Co. The fact that the car was going slowly at the time only prevented an accident which might have ended seriously. Beyond a slight glancing blow on the tire no damage was done.

MANAGER FILED A BILL

Boston, Sept. 2.—Freeman Bernstein filed a bill against Ted Lewis of London and the Atlas Athletic Association, seeking to enforce an agreement that he alleges was made by him and Lewis under which he was to promote the latter's boxing and theatrical engagements for two years. The contract was made Feb. 8, 1915. He

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