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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.

### BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Apparently the Liberals in the House of Commons and the Canadian Senate are working in complete harmony and accord with each other. In the Commons, the other day, William Pugsley, ex-Minister of Public Works, attempted to create a storm of scandal by imputing dishonesty and graft in connection with the handling of shell contracts for the British government. That huge and unreasonable profits had been made, that higher prices were being charged than the articles were worth, and that, in the awarding of the contracts, political favorites of the Government had fattened at the expense of the country, were among the mildest of his charges. He had no evidence save the veriest sort of stable talk; he needed none, his sole purpose was to throw mud at the Government in the hope that he might be permitted to engage in a political fishing expedition in the course of which some little things might be uncovered that would serve as a peg upon which to hang a general condemnation of the Government.

At practically the same time in the Canadian Senate, Philippe Auguste Choquette, Senator, and Grit partisan of the Pugsley type, polluted the air of the Red Chamber with one of the most treasonable speeches ever heard in Canada. Britain, said Choquette, was solely to blame for this war, because if she had notified Germany early in 1914 that if the latter country went to war with France, Britain would support her Entente ally, there would have been no war. Britain failed to do this, consequently Britain was absolutely to blame for the war.

Like Mr. Pugsley, Senator Choquette had no facts; like Mr. Pugsley he required none. His game was to sound the note of treason and disloyalty in much the same manner as the Grits in the senatorial chamber had sounded it on another notable occasion when the Naval Aid Bill was under discussion.

But suppose Mr. Choquette had been correct in his argument? Was that any excuse for making such statements at a time when the united thought of the country should be devoted to the task of assisting Britain to the uttermost in this hour of crisis? Decidedly not.

And suppose Mr. Pugsley had some evidence to show that Liberal friends of his who received shell contracts from the Dominion Shell Committee had made inordinate profits out of the undertaking, was that any reason why he should have attempted, in most reprehensible fashion, to make political capital out of the matter and treacherously seek to undermine and destroy the confidence the Canadian public properly feels in the Government and in its actions? Again, decidedly not.

It may be that some Grits have waxed wealthy as the result of war contracts. It may be that the company in which Hon. George P. Graham is a director and to which Mr. Pugsley referred as "a horrible example" may have charged higher prices for their output than they were justly entitled to, for it is a fact that seventy-five per cent. of the shell contracts in Canada were given to Liberal firms, but all these things, even if proved to the limit, cannot justify the member for St. John in the course he has taken.

William Pugsley may be painted as a hero by party blind newspaper organs of the political party to which he is now attached, but the fact remains that in the minds of decent Canadians his name will be bracketed with that of Philippe Auguste Choquette, the senatorial traitor, as a man who threw patriotism overboard to serve the interests of a discredited political party, relegated by the will of the Canadian people to the shades of opposition. Pugsley and Choquette—birds of a feather.

### WAR AND RELIGION.

Many a time since this war broke out there has been propounded the question, and a very vital question it is, "If God is all powerful and all good

why did he allow this wicked war to begin and to continue?"

In a recent issue of the Literary Digest, the editor harks back to it and directs attention to the bloodless battle of words that has been witnessed in England between the organized forces of Faith, on the one hand, as represented by the well known theologian, R. J. Campbell, who by the way has recently resigned the pastorate of the City Temple, London, in order to return to the Church of England—and the forces of agnosticism on the other hand, as represented by that doughty champion of liberal thought, Robert Blatchford, editor of The Clarion.

"What has God done for Belgium?" scornfully asks Mr. Blatchford, "Belgium is thick with churches. Its people are more devout than our own. What has God done for Belgium?" And then he continues in the same vein: "If you tell us that these poor victims will be rewarded in another world we shall only remind you that we are talking about God's providences in this world."

To Mr. Blatchford, if we have interpreted him correctly, the fact that God has permitted this war to occur, or, that, having observed these atrocities which all too sadly have surely marked its progress with horrors, He did not miraculously intervene just in the nick of time and prevent these barbarous cruelties being inflicted upon his faithful children, is taken as evidence either that God does not exist, or, if He exists, He cares not at all for the sufferings and woes of His people upon this earth.

On the other hand there are many people who, unlike the editor of the Clarion, do not find themselves shut up to this conclusion and who while frankly admitting all the unspeakable wrongs suffered by Christian people during this war yet, nevertheless, unhesitatingly declare their faith that God is in this war. One of these writers, and he may be taken as typical, a Scotchman, by the name of Forsyth, says in a British journal:

"Perhaps the best way to answer the question 'Is God in this war?' is to start by asking another question, namely, 'Is God ever in any war?' and then he continues:

"Was God, for example, in the American Civil War? The great historian, Mommsen, said of the American Civil War that it was up to that time the greatest conflict in the annals of history. The battlefield was a thousand miles in length; there were two million men in arms; and more than two thousand battles were fought. The greatest battle was waged at Gettysburg, when 90,000 men in blue stood over against 50,000 men in grey; the battle lasted three days, and fifty thousand men were left upon the battlefield.

"Every hillside in the South was billowy with the graves of its dead; an army of crippled heroes came home, and another army of widows and orphans went comfortless through the land. Was God in that war? Look at the main issues involved—nothing less than the slave question; it was a war to vindicate the worth of the individual freedom. Was God in the American Civil War? How could it be otherwise in a war that produced such beneficent results to the whole human race as the emancipation of the slave?"

"Charles Martel broke once and for ever the power of the Saracens at Poitiers. Was God in that war? Surely. But for the victory of Martel, it has been truly said, Mohammedan doctors might have been teaching the Koran in Oxford today.

"But could God not attain His end by other means if He is omnipotent? The same question has been asked many times before, and will be asked many times in days to come. It arises from a wrong conception of God. As long as people think of God as an individual, as a Being separate and distinct from the universe, as a kind of invisible king, people will continue to ask this question, and all manner of doubts will be bred in the mind as to the Divine character.

"The real question, however, is not whether or not God could attain His end by other means than war. The real question is, after all, the nature of life itself. We ask: Why all this sacrifice of precious life? Because sacrifice is the law of life. What does this mean? It means that there can be no progress without sacrifice. If you

wish the better you have to sacrifice the good; if you wish the best you have to sacrifice the better. You sacrifice one thing when you choose another. Every choice of one thing involves the sacrifice of something else.

"If life is to be continued on the upward direction, then the lower has to be sacrificed. If life is not to be continued in the upward direction then the higher has to be sacrificed for the sake of the lower. That is the law of the good, or the law of God, or the law of life. The law of sacrifice is not something arbitrarily imposed upon us by some one outside of life; it is inherent in the nature of life itself.

"All through life I see a cross 'Where Sons of God yield up their breath; 'There is no gain except by loss, 'There is no life except by death.

"Wherever sacrifice is made for the higher there God is. God is in the war, and behind it, and Britain is the right arm of omnipotence in the world at this moment. She is the great Messiah nation of the modern world, giving her life for the life of the world, and her greatest heritage to coming generations will be her moral passion and her spiritual idealism."

### MR. HAZEN'S SPEECH.

The Standard, this morning, publishes a verbatim report of Hon. Mr. Hazen's speech in the House of Commons yesterday in the debate on the speech from the throne. Hon. Mr. Hazen's address is a striking condemnation of the Grit member for St. John and gives the lie to Mr. Pugsley's false statements.

The Minister of Marine, unlike Mr. Pugsley whose authority for his remarks was found in clippings from biased party organs and the vapors of partisan Grits, substantiates his statements by cold facts and figures. Sure of his ground, and in the mastery style characteristic of the man, Hon. Mr. Hazen scathingly refutes the lying insinuations and near-charges of the Grit member.

Nearly every sentence of Hon. Mr. Hazen's speech reveals Pugsley's attempt to win political capital, even at the expense of truth. His miserable efforts to convince the House that, in the awarding of war contracts, political friends of the Government were favored to the exclusion of friends and followers of the opposition, fall flat before Mr. Hazen's reply. If Mr. Pugsley deluded himself with the idea that his game would pass muster, he reckoned without Mr. Hazen.

In the matter of war contracts, the Minister of Marine shows that instead of favoring those firms friendly to the government at least seventy-five per cent. of the shell contracts went to firms against which not even Mr. Pugsley's extraordinary faculty of imagination could level that accusation. Mr. Hazen, moreover, presents the proofs, not founded on rumors, but on facts, and exposes Pugsley's despicable methods, methods which must bring a blush to the cheeks of even his own party.

Hon. Mr. Hazen's address should be read by everyone. No more striking exposure of Pugsley's tactics has ever been presented in Canada.

### PERSONAL.

Mrs. Walter Parks, of 1 Cranston avenue, is slightly improved. Miss Wynne Davis, of Moncton, spent the week-end in the city, the guest of Mrs. R. C. Hunter, Gooderich street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gallagher arrived home yesterday morning from New York.

R. H. Blennerhassett, of the C. P. R. in the city on the Montreal train at noon yesterday.

H. Ashby Esterbrook left last night for Fredericton and Upper Gaspe town.

J. H. Corcoran, of Moncton, was at the Dufferin last night.

Rev. Dr. George B. Cutten, president of Acadia University, arrived in the city yesterday and registered at the Dufferin.

A. C. Smith, of Fredericton, was at the Dufferin yesterday.

J. Lou Chisholm, of Truro, was at the Victoria yesterday.

D. A. Seamans, H. R. Mills and W. S. Gesner, of Moncton, were guests of the Victoria last night.

J. T. Prescott, of Sussex was also a guest of the Victoria.

Miss G. Hamilton, of Shediac, is the guest of her brother, Mr. A. H. Hamilton, of this city and Mrs. Hamilton at their home in Rothesay.

John L. Cutler, of Stetson, Cutler & Co., is on an inspection tour of the firm's mills and lumber interests in Ashland, Me., and other places.

Ernest R. Shirley, of Charlotte

## Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE

The fellow was setting on my front steps this afternoon and sid Hunt yelled, Runaway horse, runaway horse. And a horse attached to a huckster wagon came running up the street like the dickens and a man was running in back of it, yelling, Stop him, stop him. Runaway, runaway, all us fellows yelled. And we jumped up off of the steps and the horse ran past with the wagon still in back of it and the man running in back of the wagon.

O, maybe it ain't going rum, sed Sam Krawns. O, maybe it ain't, sed Puds Simkins. There every snuff to stop, all you haff to do is run out and wave your arms in front of them, I sed.

Wy dident you do it, sed Skinny Martin. Yeh, wy dident you do it, sed all the fellas. I didnt think of it in time, I sed.

Wich jest then was started to come down the street but the runaway horse agen, properly being tired of running one way, and wanting to run the other. Now run out and wave your arms, I dare you, I dare you, sed Skinny Martin.

Yeh, we dare you, we double dare you, sed the rest of the fellas. All rite, I sed. And I startid to wawk out into the street, and the runaway horse kepp on coming, making a fearsome noise with his feet and looking about 3 times as big as when he ran up, and he ran rite past me as wen he got to the corner a man jumped out and waved his arms rite in front of him and he stopped.

See, wat did I tell you, I sed. Well you didnt do it, did you, sed Skinny Martin. Wat was the use of me doing it wen I saw the man wanted to do it. I sed. And we all ran down to the corner and the huckster came up all out of bresh and got in the wagon and drove it away, and us fellas all went back up the street to see if any froot had fell out, wich nun had.

John. He is a Prince Edward Islander, and was formerly manager of the Fredericton branch of the Bank of New Brunswick.

Henry A. Powell, ex-M. P., returned from a trip to New York yesterday. Mr. Powell will leave in a short time for Winnipeg, where the International waterways commission, of which he is a member, will hold a number of hearings on international questions having to do with the height of water in the Lake of the Woods.

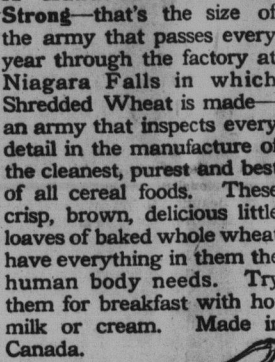
Reginald H. Welles, of T. McAvity & Son, Ltd., returned from a visit to Shediac last evening. H. W. Woods, M. L. A., arrived on the Boston train last night.

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W. B. Hoyt and Mrs. Hoyt, of Andover, were at the Royal yesterday. Fred T. Tingley, of Sackville, was also a guest of the Victoria.

E. Hutchinson, of Doucetstown, was at the Royal last evening. Douglas McLeod, has accepted a commission in the 134th Toronto Highlanders. Mrs. McLeod is the daughter of the late Judge Treuman, of St.

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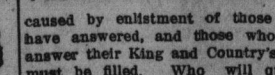
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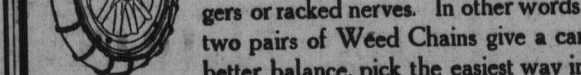
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3. As soft as a..... 11. As.....  
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The new apparatus is said to increase greatly the effectiveness of wireless transmission beyond a distance of 5,000 kilometres (3,000 miles).

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