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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.

BOCHE RUMOR FACTORIES.

The rumor factories of Germany and Austria are running overtime just now turning out whole cloth stories of peace offers, capitulations, divorce of monarchies, changes of the form of government, abdication of rulers, and so on. The output of these Boche rumor manufacturers is part of a systematic peace campaign being conducted by the Central Allies with a view to creating a relaxation by the Entente, but the crafty scheme will fail, for the Allies are already "wise to it."

Winston Churchill says that the Germans are not yet beaten and that the Allies are going right ahead with their plans for conducting a more vigorous campaign than ever in the year of our Lord 1918.

This does not sound like the peace by Christmas talk which the optimists have been using of late, but it does mean that the Entente is taking nothing for granted and that it is stopping at nothing legitimate in its endeavor to crush the German Junkers. When they cry quits the war will be over and not before.

The news from the western battle-front continues to be of the most encouraging nature. The British are close to Douai and that important rail will probably be in their hands soon. The British have captured St. Aubert and thus are within seven miles of the main German lateral line of communications. The enemy is retreating on the whole front from the Solons-Leon road to Grand Pre north of the Forest of Argonne, and also from the north bank of the Sappe River to Champagne. The French have taken Machault, the enemy falling back towards Vouziers. The Germans are abandoning the Chemins des Dames, their former stronghold.

The Germans are preparing their reply to President Wilson's note and it will probably be forwarded during the coming week.

A NATURAL HORROR.

The attitude of extreme horror with which the Telegraph and Times view the testimony adduced at the potato enquiry is quite natural for newspapers which for years have been kept in existence by the proceeds of dredging rakes-off secured from operations in St. John harbor. Those newspapers have become noteworthy for never having reprobated any member of their own party no matter what offences might be brought to light, and for never giving credit to any member of the Opposition party for the possession of even common decency. Just now it pleases them to empty their vials upon gentlemen whose names have been introduced into the potato enquiry while for the Honorable Willis Currie, whose guilt was openly and plainly indicated by a commissioner of Fostertite choosing, they have no censure. In the eyes of the Telegraph and Times the crime is not in making a political contribution but in making it to a party to which those newspapers are opposed. The game is too thin. The people of New Brunswick know how to gauge the honesty of any opinion expressed by the Canterbury street Fostertite organ.

THE FOSTERTITES AND THE SOLDIERS.

We are told by Fostertite newspapers that the administration headed by that peerless statesman "has made excellent provision to enable returned soldiers who desire it to settle upon farms in this province."

Despite this fervent assurance, however, we are unable to discover that the government has done more than ask for information, or will do more than sell farms to soldiers provided they pay for them. Hon. James A. Murray, when in power, had a soldiers' land settlement policy that won the approval of the foremost authorities in Great Britain as the most feasible plan brought forward. The Fostertites did nothing with it and made no effort to work along the same lines.

Therefore we are inclined to look askance at the latest assurance of Fostertite solicitude for the soldiers. Actions speak louder than words and the Fostertites were not so deeply concerned for the soldiers as to join with the really patriotic Liberals in working for those soldiers fighting our battles in France and Flanders. Even the "peerless leader" himself did not dare to take an open stand upon the question for fear of creating dissension in his party.

And when the Foster government had positions to fill which could well have been given to soldiers the records show that while some returned men were given work as guards and

In other minor capacities, really desirable positions went to those who fought the battles of the ballot box rather than the battles of the Empire.

CONCERNING AN ELECTION.

The Globe suggests that the time is opportune for a provincial general election. The suggestion is not a new one, an election having, in fact, been desired by a wing of the Foster party for some time, and for reasons not in any way due to the evidence adduced at the potato enquiry or the Currie case. The Telegraph has announced that there will be no general election this autumn but there is a well grounded opinion that the Telegraph's statement was designed as a camouflage in order that the Fostertites might suddenly spring such a contest when they thought their party interests would be most benefited by it.

It is known that Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith and other members of the Westminster delegation in the Legislature would like to have an appeal to the people, as they feel that the provincial cabinet is too much under the influence of an election might bring to the other wing measure of support sufficient to render the government more independent of him.

On the other hand the idea of an election does not appeal to Mr. Veniot as he is not disposed to welcome an action undertaken for the purpose of weakening his hold upon the party. The situation therefore is that one wing of the party wants an election while the Veniotites are opposed to it. That being the case it is a reasonable assumption that an election will not be held. Mr. Veniot's wish will be obeyed, as it always has been in the past.

"GOOD SERVICE."

"The people have great cause for thankfulness that the old Government was beaten and men placed in power who are making an honest effort to give the province good service, and a faithful administration of its affairs."—The Times.

Just so. The men "who are making an honest effort to give the province good service and a faithful administration of its affairs" went into power early in 1917. Since that time charges were made against one of the Fostertite supporters from Gloucester County in connection with the construction of public roads in that county. An "investigation" was held by Hon. P. J. Veniot, the master of the Foster administration, and the result was a liberal application of the white-wash brush.

Charges were also made against Hon. William Currie, Speaker of the Legislature, and were most impartially investigated by Mr. Commissioner Friel who found Mr. Currie guilty of serious offences against the province. Yet the titular leader of this honest and incorruptible government remained silent as to the disposition of Mr. Currie and the newspapers supporting him devote most of their time to finding excuses for him. Of course this is "good service" and "faithful administration."

THEY MADE SURE OF IT.

Asks the hypocritical Times: "What sort of reading will the report of the potato transaction make for sons of the New Brunswick offering their lives for the cause of democracy?" Does not the Times know? Does not the Times know that Premier Foster and his associates in selecting the commissioner to investigate the transaction at least took steps to insure that the report would be of political value to them?

It has been said that the Foster government did not get what it expected in the report of Commissioner Stevens or Commissioner Friel. This time it evidently took precautions in advance. The incident which led to the withdrawal of Mr. Fred R. Taylor, K. C., from the potato enquiry is sufficient in itself to indicate the methods by which that enquiry is conducted. Since Mr. Taylor withdrew there has been no inharmonious element in the court room. Mr. Peter Hughes the Fostertite counsel, has had a most enjoyable time. And the report will probably show it.

The Fostertite evening organ in this city suggests that some members of the Legislature should resign their seats. If that newspaper really desires to force public men in New Brunswick out of public life why does it not suggest that there should be an investigation of the Beersville Railway frauds?

It is stated by our Canterbury street contemporary that "what Mr. Currie did was also done by Hon. Mr. Culligan." Mr. Culligan was not on trial but if our friends of the Foster party think that the statement quoted can be

justified the way to prove it is open to them.

If any of that \$61,500 had gone to Canterbury street, the Times would still be writing editorials on the war, community work and the best method of curing corns amongst the Chinese.

A BIT OF VERSE.

Coming Home at Night.

The days are growing shorter, it's almost night at five.
 The brief October twilight melts swiftly are the stars
 Come twinkling out in troops to make the steel-blue sky alive
 Where wanes and pales the splendor of the sunset's flaming bars.
 And to and fro along the streets the homely-kind people go,
 The units of an army who toil for food and fire,
 Their feet are weary weary, but their hearts are very glow,
 The child and wife are waiting to fulfil their hearts' desire.

The mother stepping briskly in the little kitchen space
 Is making ready for her boys, her eyes are on the clock;
 The new-made wife is waiting, and there's reliance in her face
 As she counts the moments till he turns the key within the lock.
 I like to watch hard-handed men who toil in mill and shop,
 And earn the weekly wage by dote of strength they gladly pay,
 So tired in back and arm at night, when tool and task they drop,
 But proud and happy moments till home where careless hairnets play.

So many, many little rooms with homely tables set,
 So many kettles boiling fast to make the good man's tea,
 For our Father in His Heaven doth never more forget
 The needs and hopes, and fears, of earth's great family.

The days are growing shorter now, and through the early dark
 I hear the storm winds whistle and the fire and lamp are bright;
 Each little Christian household is like a sheltered ark,
 And God Himself is caring for the homely-bred folk at night.
 —Margaret E. Sangster.

A BIT OF FUN.

Found on an Old Cuff (1913).
 "Stop at market and order 18-pound butter, 5 pounds of butter and 22 pounds of sugar."
 "Take dinner Thursday with the Joneses at 6."
 "Order a hundred gallons of gas."
 "Send dress suit to tailor."
 "See about new fall overcoat."
 "Have silk hat blocked for opera."
 Adaptable.

"Is this medicine to be used only for local application?"
 "Dear me, no; you can use it anywhere you happen to be."—Baltimore American.

For Thanksgiving.
 "I see the British have captured 15,000 Turks."
 "Fine. It's getting on to Thanksgiving and we can use 'em."

Had Thought of it.
 "And at a merry your daughter, will you settle anything on us?"
 "I'd like to."
 "You'd like to?"
 "I'd really like to settle the phonograph and the girl's mother on you, my boy."

Subtle Stuff.
 "Get change for \$5."
 "Yeah."
 "Well, loan me \$5, will you?"

In Preferred Class.
 A prominent one upon opening the door of his consulting room, asked:
 "Who has been waiting longest?"
 "I have," spoke up a man with a stentorian voice, "and then I'll take us 30 years more to wind up the wire."—Exchange.

THE IDLE STEAMER.

Newcastle, N. B., October 7, 1918.
 Editor of The St. John Standard.
 Dear Sir—I notice in your paper of October 7th an article headed with "Engineer quits and steamer tied up." Allow me space in your valued paper to say a few words in reply. The person writing this article would have it appear that I quit the job without giving any notice of doing so. Now this is not so. On the 13th of August I wrote the manager and directors of the N. S. Co. for a 35 per cent. increase in wages. Even this was \$10.00 per month less than what engineers were getting elsewhere doing the same class of work. I asked for an early reply. The manager and two of the directors met me on the steamer on August 21st. They decided nothing on August 21st. They decided to quit and ask them to relieve me of my position by September 15th or sooner. In the meantime I advertised for a position in a St. John paper, from the 9th to 28th of September. If they did not see this it was no fault of mine. I worked until the 15th of September. I did better than that. I

worked until the 30th, and when my check did not read more money I quit. Is making ready for her boys, her eyes are on the clock; The new-made wife is waiting, and there's reliance in her face As she counts the moments till he turns the key within the lock.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for this valuable space.
 ENGINEER.
THE POLICE COURT CASES YESTERDAY
 Patrick Quinlan Charged With Threatening the Life of Inspector Garnett—Men Charged With Loafing—Non-Reporting Case.

Inspector Garnett gave evidence saying that upon information being given him, he entered the Club Cafe, Mill Street, after two suspects. He saw defendant and another man enter and take seats, defendant sitting with his back to witness, who noticed a bottle and two glasses on the table. Witness made a grab for one glass, defendant for the remaining glass, but defendant said "No you don't," and tossed him down.

Witness then placed Quinlan under arrest, telling him not to leave the shop. A soldier with defendant then made a move for the door, witness while preventing his progress, saw Quinlan fumble with something under his coat, and immediately snapped a "Belgian Automatic" in his face, saying he would shoot. Defendant then threw chairs and plates around. This concluded the evidence, defendant being remanded.

Five men appeared before His Honor on a charge of loading. Four were remanded, the fifth allowed his freedom, as he gave a satisfactory explanation, he being an employee of Wm. Swanton, who offered bonds for \$1,000 for his release last Thursday evening, after he was arrested. No coal boats were in, when the man was arrested, which accounted for his leisure hours. Action in the case is expected, as it is rumored that the coal handlers, who resent very much the arrest of one of their members, will take legal action, when developments may be expected.

Joseph Scarpe, an Austrian arrested by Inspector Robert Crawford at the Depot a few days ago, was given further hearing before Magistrate Ritchie yesterday, on a charge of evading the alien laws, when he failed to report his whereabouts for the past few months, also with attempting to leave the city without the necessary permit of the law. He was further remanded.

CONVEYED TO HOSPITAL.
 Pte. Robichaud of the city was conveyed to the St. James street Military Hospital yesterday afternoon. It was reported that the patient was suffering from grippe only, but precautions were taken by the medical authorities who advised his removal to the above institution.

Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE.

Me and Puds Simkins was settin on the top of Pudses back fence with our feet hangin down, and all of a sudden a swell smell came out of Puds' kitchen, smellin like cake being baked, and Puds sed, Do you smell that?

Smell wat? I sed. And I pertended to smell out loud, sayin, Wat is it, cabbage? Cabbage like fun, dont you know enuff to know cakes wen you smell them yet? said Puds.

Cakes your eye, do you want to say I dont know the smell of cabbage wen I see it? I said.

Wat do you want to bet it aint cakes, wat you want to bet? sed Puds, and I sed, seeng is believin, I duty you to show them to me, I gesa Ive smelled cabbage awren enuff to tell it apart from cakes, I gesa.

All rite, Ill show you, if youre so smart, sed Puds. And we jumped down off the fence and went in his kitchen, and there was a big plate of round cakes on the table and a smell smellin like more coming out of the oven, Puds sayin, Now, are they cakes or aint they?

Well, they look like cakes around the shape, I sed, but they still smell like cabbage. Me thinkin he would tell me to eat one jest to prove it, wich he didnt, and I sed, G, if this was our kitchen, and you thawt our cakes was cabbage, but they you eat one and find out.

Wish Puds was jest startin to look as if he was going to make me eat one, wen we herd sumpbody comin, and Puds sed, Cheese it, quick, I aint supposed to be in heer. And we both ran out, me without the cake.

Provin if you have got a good argument, you awnt to save it too long.

There are 450 cases of influenza at Edmundston and doctors and nurses are needed. Such is the word which has come to St. John and it seems a call too imperative to go unheeded. Several other places have very few nurses.

It will be remembered that at the time of the Halifax disaster trained nurses who were married or had retired from the active service of their profession immediately responded to the call for help and went to the stricken city, where they rendered most valuable assistance. This emergency would seem to require similar action and no doubt St. John will, as always, prove equal to the occasion and hurry forward to afflicted towns all the nurses who can possibly go.

Even those who are not graduates nurses but have had experience in the sick room would find many ways in which they could be of use.

THE LAW SCHOOL.

King's College Law School will in all probability discontinue its lectures until the ban is lifted, as Hon. Dr. Roberts stated such a school came under the head of assemblies, which assemblies he strongly believed should not be held, as by such the susceptibility of the disease enlarged. No doubt students of the school will regret to accord with the request of the department, as is the faculty, only ready and willing to co-operate in every manner.

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Brief and Interest

Tomorrow, Sunday, the throughout the province Brunswick will be closed for nine in many years. In so arrangements have been made en air services, but as many as do not possess convenient accommodation for their tions it is a certainty that a portion of regular church will be unable to gather as Sabbath morning or evening. In the circumstances The believes that the following news, written especially newspaper by leading city will be appreciated by our "THE SONG OF THE SHEPHERD."

(Rev. J. A. Morrison, D.D.)

Every one who reads this is familiar with the Two Psalm. Even our children have not perhaps got it fixed in their minds by number only in told the first line and very soon will immediately be able to sing it. It is one of the most beautiful of all the songs of Scripture that every mother teaches her child and as every Scripture more beloved by Christians throughout his life, precious in the hour of death. Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. I will dwell in the house of forever. This Psalm is the jewel in our Bibles and its teaching is best emphasized by the bestowal of a Reliable Wrist or Pocket Watch, which we are prepared to furnish you in any popular style and finish, with reliable movement.

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For three thousand years saddened and solaced the soul. So true is it to human nature that it has been sung by Christians in many different lands and dialects. It never grows old. It has its own paraphrase in the words of the Good Shepherd and at every Christian bows in reverence. In early Christianity the Saviour was most frequently ad under this figure and the walls of the Catacombs were decorated by this winsome Christ proclaiming the those who suffered great persecutions in the Good Shepherd. No church has the monopoly of Thomas Aquinas, the great theologian, at once one of the most devout and scholarly of men. In his mind wrote his words in Latin which are many devout scholars.

"Bene pastor—pauis Jesu, nostri miserere. Tu—nos pascere, nos tuos. Tu—nos bona fac vide. Tu—nos revivendum. Tu, qui unum socum. Qui nos pascis hic me. Tuos hic commensales. Cohæres et sodales. Pac sanctum civem. The Scottish Psalter of the

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