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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until the purpose is as 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.

SLANDERING OUR SOLDIERS.

That the leaders of a certain wing of the Liberal party, the wing which is attempting to force a war-time election upon the Canadian people, have no sympathy with Canada's participation in the Empire war, is not a particularly new development. Neither is it new that representative men of that wing should slander young Canadians who, in peace times, joined the Canadian militia and by military training, endeavored to fit themselves to do the most useful service should the need arise. Mr. Carvell descended to that depth in 1914 when he declared that "all you get in the militia of Canada is to get drunk," and who, in another outburst, referred to the militia as a "boozorium."

But since the Carvell statement the Empire became engaged in war, and Canada, as a component part of the Empire, at once placed all her resources at the Empire's disposal. Canadian men crossed to Europe and in the most sanguinary engagements of the war bore themselves in a manner that won for the land of the Maple Leaf a measure of praise never before approached in the history of the Dominion.

Only a few days ago the whole world was thrilled by the story of Canadian heroism and ability at Vimy Ridge when our troops, by an exhibition of dash and gallantry unparalleled, won a success that will stand as one of the greatest military achievements of the world has known.

Remembering these things, remembering also that practically every acre in Belgium and France where British and Canadian troops have been operating has been enriched and ennobled by Canadian blood, shed in the cause of liberty and righteousness, it might be supposed that the slander hounds of the Liberal party would keep their poisonous tongues off the men who contributed to Canada's glory and to the success of the Empire's cause even at the cost of life itself.

But, judging from happenings in the Canadian House of Commons within the past few days, even our khaki-clad heroes who are held in love and reverence are not sacred to the Liberal slanders. On Thursday, Rodolphe Lemieux, who was a member of the Laurier cabinet and who has been named as Sir Wilfrid Laurier's successor of the party, arose in his place and charged that Canadian soldiers in England were rapidly turning from men into drunkards. He drew, what a correspondent described as "a harrowing picture of unbridled drunkenness among Canadian troops in England," and asked that the Government should take steps to prevent the use of liquor among our soldiers in England.

In the first place Mr. Lemieux lies when he says that Canadians are misbehaving themselves in England. Captain, the Reverend W. A. Cameron, who has been with the boys in France for many months since the war commenced established that to the satisfaction of most people, in the Imperial Theatre the other day, when he denounced as false slanders the stories circulated by some irresponsible persons returning from England to Canada.

In the second place, suppose the story were true. Mr. Lemieux should know that the Canadian Government cannot control conditions in England. As soon as the Canadian troops reach the motherland they pass under the control of the Imperial authorities and if the Imperial authorities see fit to permit the use of liquor in the military camps in England the Canadian authorities have no power to interfere. Consequently he could not hope to achieve any useful object by bringing the matter to the attention of the Commons and the public.

In the third place let us suppose the stories are true, which they are not, and that the Canadian Government has power to control the situation, which it has not, it was not decent for the ex-postmaster-general to bring the matter up in the Canadian Commons at a time when all Canada is saddened by the lengthy lists of casualties coming daily from the cockpit of the world.

But his statements cannot be supported by fact therefore he loses any consideration that might be extended to him as a seeker after the truth, or one whose sole desire was to speak the facts. He could achieve no useful purpose. All he could do, and all he did, was to cast an unwarranted stain upon the characters of the brave men now wearing the uniform of Canada.

and who are manfully playing the game.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux has not turned his hand over to aid the cause of Empire since the war commenced. On the contrary he has been one of the most persistent and most reckless critics of every war effort the Government has undertaken. As a politician his criticisms, even if unwarranted, might be overlooked insofar as they affect only the Government, but when he goes out of his way to slander and besmirch better men than he ever dared to be, then he earns the contempt of every loyal Canadian. Lemieux's most recent statement in the Canadian Commons will be and remain a stain upon the Liberal party long after the author of it has turned to mould and dust, long after Canada's political history has ceased to record that such a creature as the member for Rouville ever passed feebly across its page.

CHURCH UNION OR DISUNION.

Were it not for the fact that the minds of the people of Canada at the present time are almost entirely preoccupied with the stirring events of the war as well as with those marvelous developments of international diplomacy which from day to day are being chronicled by the press, there would of a certainty be a much greater interest manifested in the movements within the ecclesiastical circles of our own Dominion than appears on the surface.

In little more than a month the supreme court of the Presbyterian church in Canada will meet in annual session in the city of Montreal, and one of our exchanges from that city predicts that the same assembly will afford some stormy sessions owing to the difference of opinion in the matter of church union.

Already two significant gatherings have been held in the city of Montreal, both of which may be regarded as preparatory for the grand discussion that is scheduled for June. Whatever may be the merits or demerits of the movement and whatever may be the lines of cleavage that are to be observed within church circles by those skilled in such observations, it is a rather curious fact that on both sides two of the most prominent leaders are men who have hailed from the east. The one is Principal Fraser, head of the Montreal Presbyterian College, who is the chairman of the association recently formed for the maintenance of the Presbyterian church as it is now in Canada, while among those who are urging the consummation of the union movement one of the most weighty is certainly Principal Falconer of Toronto University. The fact that these two men, both of whom are known to be men of great intellectual powers, are ranged upon opposing sides, suggests that at the approaching assembly in the city of Montreal the debate upon this matter will assuredly not be without interest from at least, shall we say, an academic standpoint. What will it result in? Will the three negotiating churches finally agree sweetly to coalesce, or will there be, as some have intimated, a division in the ranks of the Presbyterian body, and as a consequence, a still further multiplication of ecclesiastical organizations? In the city of St. John, as elsewhere throughout Canada, are to be found strong supporters of each view.

THE THRONE.

The war is testing every institution of the Empire. The old order changeth is heard upon every side and sometimes with those who repeat this old time adage there is no stronger reason for change save that the organization or institution is old. However, there is no escape for any institution in these days of testing and criticism. Daring souls are to be met with everywhere and to their number may be added all those restless spirits who are never content with the established order of things and who are only too glad to seize upon such a time as the present to proclaim their radical theories and to clamor for their application to the various departments of national life both in church and state.

In Germany there are not a few who are of the opinion that without a German victory the German monarchy must certainly fall. In Russia the monarchy has fallen and great has been the fall thereof. The sooner that all such forms of sovereignty perish from off the face of the earth the better for humanity. But what on earth has all this to do with the throne of Britain? Nothing whatever. Far from the war weakening

the appreciation of the throne by the many different peoples of the Empire it has become quite apparent that on the contrary the many bonds by which the hearts of the people have been attached to the throne and its present occupant have been still more strongly welded by its red hot coals. In England that this is so has been made perfectly plain by the bitter rejoinders from the press which have greeted the proposal of H. G. Wells that "now is the time for the nation to set about establishing a republic." What every man and woman throughout the far-flung Empire demands is the largest amount of individual liberty that comports with a stable form of government and that in providing these two essentials for the millions of our flag the present form of limited monarchy has been successful there is no good ground for denying.

God save the King.

SIR D. HAIG'S PROPHECY.

"We are keeping our armies in training, our cavalry is awaiting the opening of the gates so that the enemy's defeat may be turned into a rout. The enemy will have to venture a reply. All of this may be quite true, and yet, remember Sir Douglas Haig has spoken and you have just read over again his words. What do you think of his prophecy in the light of Vimy Ridge and after? A friend told you the other day that more things were happening over there than you knew and he spoke the truth. He was himself a military man, you observed, and he knew what he was talking about. But being a military man he also knew what not to say and he was talking. Perhaps you have heard the rhyme that is posted up in British and French railway coaches for the soldiers to read. If not, then you ought to read it. Here it is:

A wise old owl sat on an oak
The more he heard the more he spoke,
The less he spoke the more he heard,
Soldiers should all be like that bird.

Soldiers' rule are silent about certain matters. You yourself have observed that the fellows who have come back from the front have all of them a way of talking as if they knew what you are fairly dying to know. Curious, isn't it, how silent they are. Yet the greatest soldier in Britain's mighty Empire has spoken, and we have reminded you of what he said, in fact we have given you his very words. His words are each whole chapters. Look at them. Ensign—defeat—rout—victory—advance—the opening—Will we break the German front? We shall.

Yesterday's despatch reads: "There is not a single officer in London who believes that the affairs on the Arras front will take a dramatic course, but all are assured that the British are going to give the enemy the worst hammering ever delivered to an army."

You are perfectly safe to bet, if you are a betting man, high odds as to the way this war shall end and you are perfectly safe in getting a new suit of khaki on, if you are a fighting man. Which are you, anyway?
British Bull-Dog.

GRAND MASTER WADMAN HONORED AT MONCTON

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, April 27.—H. G. Wadman who was elected worshipful grand master for New Brunswick at its recent annual meeting was tonight given an address and presentation from I. O. L. No. 62 of which he is a member. The grand master was presented with a wrist watch and an address of appreciation of the action of the grand lodge. Grandmaster Wadman is going to give the grand lodge a new suit of khaki. Grandmaster Wadman is going to give the grand lodge a new suit of khaki. Grandmaster Wadman is going to give the grand lodge a new suit of khaki.

GERMANS LOOK FOR MORE U-BOAT RESULTS

Berlin, April 25, via London.—A confidential statement in regard to the progress of submarine warfare has been made by Vice-Admiral Von Capelle, minister of the navy to the Reichstag main committee in the



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The Hare (laughing) Ha, ha. This is my busy day.
The Tortoise. Are you afraid I'll beat you?
The Hare. O yes! O sure! Ha ha.
Scene 2. Another part of the woods.
The Tortoise. Hare, Hare I'll race you.
The Hare. Look who still wants to race. Ha ha.
The Tortoise. You must like to laugh, don't you?
Scene 3. Another part of the woods.
The Tortoise. Hare, Hare I'll race you.
The Hare. O, all right. I'll race you just to get rid of you.
The Tortoise. Get ready get set go.
Scene 4. Another part of the woods.
The Hare. Well I must be about 5 miles ahead of him now.
I don't really need a nap but I must as well lay down and take one.
(Which he does.)
The Tortoise. (coming up 5 hours later.) G, look at me winning the race.
(Which he does.)

course of the discussion of the naval budget.
An official statement regarding the minister's communication was given out here showing that he told the committee the success of the submarine continued to be great, and their losses small.
Results already at hand showed that a favorable result could be expected for the month of April. The reduction of tonnage at the disposal of hostile nations, he said, was taking place with mathematical certainty, thereby increasing the lack of food-stuffs.

U. S. VESSEL SUNK

New York, April 27.—The American four masted schooner Percy Birdsall bound from Bordeaux, France, for the United States, has been sunk by a submarine. The crew was saved by a British patrol boat. The Birdsall registered 1,127 tons gross.

Special to The Standard.
St. Stephen, April 27.—After an illness of several months from an internal trouble, Miss Nellie Berryman passed away this forenoon at Chipman Memorial Hospital. She had not responded to treatment received at St. Stephen and was taken to Boston today for treatment by specialists, but an ill turn last night was followed by her demise.

Miss Berryman was forty-five years of age, and was justly esteemed by all who knew her. She had been a member of and valued worker in the Methodist Church for some years, and was employed as stenographer and accountant in the office of the water commissioners. Her aged mother survives her. Mrs. Fred S. White and Mrs. M. M. Grimmer of this town, surviving sisters, and another sister and brother reside in British Columbia.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. Announcement of the date was expected and has caused a stir among all classes.

Popular Traveller Promoted

Arthur McKenzie, well-known for many years as a traveller for Ganong Bros., is retiring from the road to become assistant manager of the big candy factory. Guy B. Day, who has been employed in the office of the C. P. R. in this town during the past three years, is leaving that employ on May 1st, to assume a responsible position in the office of Ganong Bros.

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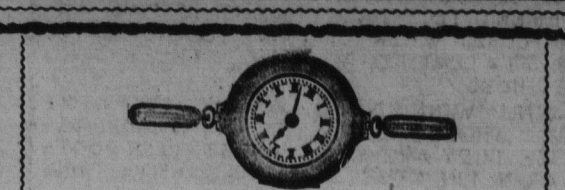
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