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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.

THE CALL TO YOUNG MEN

The results of the recruiting campaign yesterday were quite successful and if young men continue to offer their services as freely and as willingly during the next ten days, the quota required to complete the ranks of the 4th Battalion will be speedily secured.

While it is the bounden duty of all men, physically fit and without home ties, to join the colors prepared, if necessary, to make the supreme sacrifice in the cause of Empire, there should be no unreasoning condemnation of those who do not go unless it is very plainly understood that they have no ties to keep them from bearing their part in the struggle, and it is not always the case where the reasons a man can present to keep him from going to the front can be made sufficiently apparent to his neighbors to save him from unwarranted censure.

The Toronto Mail and Empire deals with this phase of the recruiting question very sanely when it says:

"If a man feels that he ought to go, he should go; if he feels that he ought not to go, he should stay; and hysterical young ladies who confer upon him a white feather or who send him anonymous letters ought to be discarded. It is probably true that for many citizens the harder task is to stay at home and meet the ignorant opprobrium of those who do not understand the grave and creditable reasons that persuade many able-bodied young men to this course. A man surely to be as careful of his responsibility as the man who has a wife. A man may be the sole support of his father, or of his sisters, or be a mainstay to others who have a claim upon him without advertising the matter to his friends, who may thus be inclined to think he is shirking a national duty in not offering himself for service. Many such a Canadian in these dark days will understand for the first time the meaning of the words, 'the heart knoweth its own bitterness.'"

"The word has not yet come which should prompt all able-bodied Canadians to put wife and family behind them and take their places on the firing line. Should it ever come, there will be, we think, more rejoicing than sorrowing on the part of the volunteers who will go rather as a bridegroom to a wedding than as a felon to his fate."

As the Mail and Empire quite properly says, it is up to the individual to decide whether he should or should not go and all the advice and exhortation in the world can result in little more than pointing the need for men. Every man physically fit and who has no imperative domestic ties should offer himself, and if all the men of that class realized their duty in this respect, there would be no need for recruiting campaigns or public meetings with impassioned speeches. The simple fact is that the need and the duty are not yet realized. The young men who are continuing in their ordinary pursuits of business and pleasure, giving no heed to the fact that in the trenches of France and Flanders other men, eligible and free to no greater extent, have been fighting their battles for them have been blind to the situation, and deaf to the appeal; nothing has happened to draw out their enthusiasm. If the word should come that it was necessary for every man in Canada, to put behind him home ties, which he had regarded as imperative, and go to the defence of his home there would be a flocking of men to the colors and an army would be raised in comparison with which all other forces of free men assembled during the war would pale in comparison. That is not yet necessary but should the need for it arise the young men who today are holding back for no good reason would be in a position of terrible responsibility.

It is the safe thing and the patriotic thing for those men to volunteer for service. If they are not wanted they will not be sent. If they are wanted they will be taken as soon as the need becomes sufficiently grave to warrant a step which every British subject will regard as regretful. If the necessity for men becomes greater than can be supplied by volunteers it will be met no matter who suffers, and if young Canadians do not go as volunteers they may yet have to go as conscripts.

In one case they will be regarded as heroes, willing to make sacrifices for the common good; in the other they will merely appear as shirkers.

compelled to a duty they attempted to avoid. It is a grave and serious responsibility to be faced by every young Canadian who has so far not offered his services and has no good reason to give for the delay.

Let there be no misunderstanding of the case. Men whose home ties are such that their departure would cause perhaps irreparable misery and hardship to their dependents are not responsible as yet but the hundreds and thousands of others in every province in Canada who can be classed as military eligibles are urgently needed. To such the appeal is made, it should not be neglected.

"TOO MUCH POLITICS"

"We don't want anything about the Liberals." This remark, which a respectable correspondent of The Standard credits to Mr. P. J. Veniot at yesterday's session of the investigation held by Commissioner Chandler in Gloucester county, illustrates, possibly more clearly than Mr. Veniot intended, the whole ground upon which that gentleman and Mr. Carter are working in the allegations they have made against the supporters of the Clarke Government. The Clarke Government is a Conservative administration, the gentlemen who are scouring the country in an effort to substantiate allegations of wrongdoing are Liberal organizers. In the service of the Liberal party and, presumably, receiving remuneration from that source.

The Telegraph and Times are disposed to laud Messrs. Carter and Veniot as political house-cleaners, but these gentlemen are very careful that the broom shall not be turned into any corner where an accumulation of Liberal dirt might be disclosed.

The same policy is followed by Liberal organizers and Liberal newspapers in reference to Federal affairs. They made a great outcry regarding the price paid for certain articles of military equipment when the purchasing was done by agents of the Conservative government, but when attention is called to cases under the Laurier regime where a rake-off was made, with no attempt by Sir Wilfrid or any of his lieutenants to enforce restitution of the money illegally secured, they are discreetly silent.

The Standard has directed attention to the matter of field dressings and house-wives supplied to the soldiers, but the Telegraph and Times are not disposed to pursue the discussion. In order to give those newspapers another opportunity we reublish certain statements previously made.

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 dressings.—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. Mr. Veniot has told the reason—"WE DON'T WANT ANYTHING ABOUT THE LIBERALS."

THE TSAR IN COMMAND.

Whether the announcement from Petrograd that Emperor Nicholas has taken supreme command of all the Russian forces on land and sea forebodes a change in the Russian policy, it cannot fail to have one pronounced result. It will add to the fervour and zeal with which the subjects of the Great White Tsar will devote themselves to the cause and will stop at no sacrifice tending to lead to success for Russia.

It is always an inspiring thing when

a monarch goes to war. Evidence of this was furnished early in the campaign by the conduct of Albert of Belgium. Never in the history of the world did a ruler more completely and unreservedly consecrate himself to his people than did the heroic young King of the Belgians, who, not only assumed command of his forces but fought side by side with them in all the bloody engagements marking the German invasion of Belgium.

As to the military effect of the Tsar's action nothing can be said. If there has been dissatisfaction with the course of Grand Duke Nicholas the news will come as a distinct surprise, for the opinion of the keenest military observers has always been that as a military genius he ranks with Kitchener, Joffre and French. If the official reports of the Russian campaign are to be depended upon, the Grand Duke has done wonderfully well in extricating his armies from many difficult positions. The Germans have taken much territory but they have not destroyed the efficiency of the Russian army, and it may be that with a change of leaders the Russians will make greater progress than in the past. It must not be forgotten as well, that Czar Nicholas takes supreme command of his forces at a time when the long Russian winter is about to commence, and his armies will have the great assistance of the cold weather.

During the whole campaign the Russians have borne a praiseworthy part in the fighting, and they will continue to do so.

"Wake Up England"

(His Majesty The King.)
Waken, awake! 'Tis yours your men to sway,
Bid them beware the confidence they feel,
Bid them cast cloth and apathy away:
The foe is brave and worthy of our steel.

Awake! awake! Ere Time's swift rising surge
Brings doom beyond recall and ruthless fate;
While echoing through the ages rings
The charge of battle and the clang of steel.
The fault is ours! Too late! Alas, too late!

Britons, awake! Hark to the kingly call,
Hark to the Dragon Nations' an-
swering cry.
"Hail, sire! we come; Together stand or fall.
Together fight! Together do or die."

Britons, awake! Recruit will you be last?
Or load the van of battle as of yore?
Then up and nail your colors to the mast,
Or vaill your tops! now and evermore.

Our Wheat Will Be Looked After

(Mail and Empire.)
In few countries have the farmers so little reason for taking thought of the morrow as they have in Canada. Of countries that have a surplus of wheat to export no other except India has so strong an assurance of an adequate demand in the world's greatest market. Canada and India have an advantage that no grain-exporting countries outside the British Empire have—they have the market preference of the United Kingdom. So, indeed, have all the other overseas dominions and colonies, but it is improbable that any of them will have any wheat to sell abroad. The preference in question is not a tariff preference. It is the sentimental preference of British connection, a preference of the heart. Never in the history of the Empire did the people of the United Kingdom feel themselves so strongly bound to the people of Canada and the other dominions as they do today. The dominions' spontaneous rush to the side of Britain in this war touched the pride and the heart of the old Mother Country as it never was touched before, and through good report and evil report she will stand by her daughter states. By her Allies she will stand with unswerving loyalty to the end, and towards neutral nations she will show every consideration.

But no countries will come before her own dominions and colonies. Russia has not yet disposed of her surplus wheat of the harvest of 1914, and she has the splendid yield of the present harvest to market. Britain will offer a market for some of Russia's holdings. France, who will have to supplement domestic wheat yields by importations, stands ready to take some of it. Italy will need some. The United States has now the largest quantity of wheat for export it ever had. Argentina will have a big crop coming on the market.

Canadian farmers can be easy in their minds. They will have first chance. The British government can, and we are sure will, use its power over the situation for Canada's advantage. A preferential tariff is not the only means it could make use of. Its control over the great merchant marine of the United Kingdom, the merchant marine which has the bulk of the carrying trade of the ocean, enables it to send to our ports the necessary tonnage to keep our terminal elevators clear, no matter how rapidly the grain is forwarded by our railways. If necessary, the British government could impress British freight vessels for this special transportation business. At all events, there is little likelihood that our

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

The fellow was setting awa my front steps this afternoon looking up at the clouds saying wat different kinds of animals they looked like, and I sed, They ain't moving very fast, I bet I cood beat that big cloud.
Aw, he wants to say he can beat the clouds running, aw, sed Sid Hunt.
Thare going faster than wat you think they are, if you was running way up thare maybe you wodent look as if you was going verry fast eethir, sed Sam Krawak.
Thats awl rite, I bet I cood beat them, look how sio thare going, I sed.
Do you mean to say you wod compare yureself to a cloud, sed Sid Hunt.
I bet I cood, I sed.
Well go awa and try it, wy dont you, sed Puds Simkins.
Do ou dare me, I sed.
Yes, I dare you, sed Puds.
Do you dubbel dare me, I sed.
Yes, I dubbel dare you, sed Puds.
Do you trippel dare me, I sed.
Aw, go awa and do it, sed Puds.
Race that big round cloud, sed Sid Hunt, and awl the uthir fellos sed, Yes, race that wun.
Wich I did, strating wen the cloud was rite ovir my hed and running like the dickens, and wen I got down to the cornr I looked up and heer the cloud was about a mile aied of me, and wat did I do but tern the cornr still running, and run awl the way round the block and come back to my front steps, saying, Well, I gess I beet it eround the block, didnt I.
Wich I did.

wheat shippers will have cause to complain that the ocean tonnage is avoiding Canadian ports and concentrating on those of the United States, thereby side-tracking Canadian grain. In regard to financial arrangements the British government is likewise in a controlling position. In the large British credit that is to be established on this side for counteracting the decline in sterling exchange a fund could be set aside for the paying of our grain bills.

Fortunately for Canada at this time of world crisis, there is at the head of her affairs a statesman who has the true conception of her place, rights and duties in the Empire, and at the same time has an exceptional aptitude for public business, which he can be depended upon to administer on sound lines. Sir Robert Borden's visit to England will prove to be of very great immediate and permanent value to Canada. British buying power, British carrying power and British sea power are all at our grain sellers' service.

MT. PLEASANT

Sept. 1.—The friends of Mount Pleasant and Goddsville held their patriotic picnic here today. If being a fine day, there was quite a crowd. There were games for amusement also canteens, guessing contests, merry-go-round and etc. Supper was served by the ladies. The proceeds, amounting to about \$140, will go to the Patriotic Fund.

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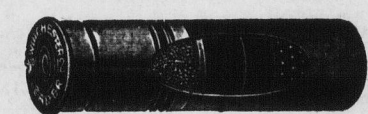
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not later than Sept. 9th.

To the Boy Scout whom I consider has sent in the most correct sentence, I shall award a GLENID WATCH as First Prize.

When framing a picture it is a good plan to paste a piece of brown paper over the back to keep out the dust. If this is done by pasting the paper in the ordinary way, a lot of creases will be left, and the paper will not fit properly. A better method is to wet the paper,

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OBITUARY
John Willard Milbr Albert County, died years. He is survived was formerly Miss Dighy, N. S., five daughters, George, Charles and Douglas, Christina and Eva, Mothers, Ass. of 2 William, of Sydney sters, Miss Jane Wilmot Cochrane, survive.

Mrs. Wm. The death of Mr. Road, took place y She is survived by daughters, Mrs. A. Mrs. Stanley Crawford in this city, and two of Malden, Mass., a this city.

FUNERAL The funeral of Mr. bell took place y from her late residence street to St. Peter's regular high mass Rev. J. H. Borgmann vice was largely floral tributes were tives bore the pall. the new Catholic ce. The funeral of E place yesterday at late home at King Hayward conducted Agent in Cedar H. The funeral serv beth Simpson w Tuesday evening a Rebecca street, by son. The remains day morning to T terment took place

Mrs. Mary St. Martins, Sept Mrs. Mary L. Co Tuesday at two o residence and was Services, assisted A. Snelling, assist roy and Rev. S. Baptist cemetery. floral tributes were which were: Pillow roses (her mother's) white and pink ros Chas. Brown; cro MacPhail, St. John Moran, Montreal; Mrs. Gillmor; rose H. Gillmor, St. sweet peas, Mrs. L Love; sheaf sweet

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