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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 GROWING PORT OF ST. JOHN.

With the one exception of Montreal, there is no port in Canada that is more favorably situated for supplying the world's markets than St. John, N. B. It has well been described as the "winter port," for throughout the year it is available for the interchange of ocean traffic, which has of late years grown tremendously. In 1900 the total volume of port trade was \$14,000,000, by 1914 it had grown to slightly over \$30,000,000 and since the opening of the war the trade has leaped to over \$200,000,000 in one year. It is nearer to Great Britain and France than any port in the United States, and, in view of the great scarcity of tonnage, and the necessity for saving every moment of time on the ocean voyage the suggestion has been made that it might be used for the embarkation of American supplies, providing the equipment of connecting railways would permit of such arrangement. Mr. Lloyd George, in a recent address, declared: "We must use our shipping to ply between ports which will not occupy a long time on the voyage," and the Imperial authorities, quick to recognize the strategic value of St. John, have caused to be shipped through this port from December, 1915, to September, of last year, 1,232,687 tons of Imperial supplies. These figures are exclusive of the commercial exports mentioned. The St. John Board of Trade, whose president is Mr. Allen H. Wetmore, and which has Mr. J. B. Cudlip as vice-president and Mr. R. E. Armstrong as secretary, has done much to advance the interests of the winter port, whose efficiency, it is recognized, should be maintained in war, as in peace, for the purpose of aiding the Imperial cause.—London Financier.

## ALLEMAGNE ANATHEMA.

The expediency of having paid any attention at all to the official outpourings regarding peace on the part of the German powers in the last few months, is seriously to be questioned. It would perhaps have been just as well if President Wilson's great message, in reply to the Pope, had been allowed to stand, without further expression or later amplification. Whatever has been put out since, has merely furnished strings on which to hang German peace intrigues—such as, for instance, the quibbling sophistries of Count Czernin's latest delusive utterances.

It is about as judicious to try to reason with a striking rattlesnake as to pay attention to the perfidious German and Austrian proposals. Russia's experience illustrates the futility of discussions with a treacherous enemy, whose only conception of lawfulness is the right of oppression and whose highest statesmanship relies upon treachery, ruthless breakage of promises, and murderous force, to achieve conquest and to subjugate territory in the pursuit of world domination.

There is but one way to preserve the world from this mad ambition. In President Wilson's words, "the German power, a thing without conscience, honor, or capacity for covenanted peace, must be crushed."

It is impossible to think of discussing terms of surrender with a criminal. Germany has destroyed the peace of the world and provided a bloody feast, full of horrors, for the world to sup from. Not only the German powers, but the German people, who are backing them up, are outlaws of civilization. The power must be crushed and the people condemned to ostracism. As Samuel Harden Church, in a recent article, says, "nothing but a good beating and the lasting scorn of human society can sting that stiff-necked nation into a reformed penitence that will make safe and good neighbors of them. The civilized world should condemn Germany—both her government and her people—to a hundred years of ostracism, so that every German who has participated, either potentially or directly, in the commission of this world horror, shall be brought to realize that, in spite of their boasted claim to superiority as individuals and as a nation, there can be no reproach in the whole history of mankind equal to that of being simply a German."—Bache's Review.

## A PLEDGE LONG UNKEPT.

The Montreal Star returns to the question of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's opposition to the Military Service Act and his preference for the voluntary system of recruiting and points out that one way in which the opposition leader can best prove his position in the matter is to go down into Quebec now and with a clear conscience to the French-Canadians to a sense of their duty to the country and their responsibility for service. As the Star says:

## A BIT OF VERSE

**JIM'S AT THE FRONT.**  
 Many a soldier at the front today  
 feels stronger and safer because he  
 knows a Christian mother every day  
 at home puts a prayer that God  
 would cover his defenceless head  
 with the shadow of His wing:

There is a kind of settled gloom—  
 A sort of all-day valley-mist—  
 That has a hold, in every room,  
 Like some unseen antagonist.  
 And all about the house and farm  
 The simple joys that were our wont  
 Have disappeared or lost their charm  
 Since Jim, our Jim, went to the front.

I watched the wife a while ago  
 Setting the table for our tea,  
 Deep lost in thought, with movements  
 slow.

A glance for her, a place for me,  
 And, as in days that have gone by,  
 The old accustomed place for Jim;  
 Then, with a smothered sob and sigh  
 She stopped, and tried to joke  
 of him.

Oh, she is brave! I've tried and tried  
 A hundred times to do the same,  
 And the traditions made for me,  
 That Jim, our Jim, had played the  
 game;  
 And all the while my heart is sore,  
 And all the while I know that she  
 Prays for the child she bore.

And adds a postscript prayer for me.  
 Last Sunday at the fall of night  
 Another to your fireside came,  
 And almost in a manner light  
 And frivolous she spoke his name  
 "It's all right, dear old Mum," she  
 said.

"Old Jimmer knows a thing or two,  
 Don't you go worrying your head;  
 I know the old chap will pull  
 through."

But when I'd taken down the Book,  
 And read the lesson for the day,  
 She took in her old hands that shook,  
 And knelt between us both to pray.  
 Then, to my little heart, she said,  
 "The strong faith of her youth pass  
 out,  
 And words forsake me as I kneel,  
 For I had dreamed of hope with  
 doubt."

I know that she came to me there;  
 I know I trembled on my knees;  
 I know I stumbled through the  
 prayer—

"Do with me, Lord God, as You  
 please;  
 But keep him worthy of his race  
 And the traditions made for him."  
 But she, with love-lights in her face,  
 Prayed simply—"Make us worthy,  
 Jim."

## A BIT OF FUN

What's become of the old-fashioned  
 girl whose stockings were hanging in  
 wrinkles about her shoulders?

Unfeeling.

The doctor and the lawyer had a  
 difference one evening.

"I tell you," the lawyer later told  
 a clergyman, "doctors are callous  
 brutes, with not a spark of human  
 feeling within them."

"Come, come," declared the lawyer,  
 "Why, when I was ill a few  
 weeks ago and suffering untold agonies,  
 I sent for the doctor. 'Doctor,' I  
 moaned, 'I'm suffering the torments of  
 hell.' 'What?' 'Already?' was his  
 feeling tone. '—Minneapolis Tribune.

**How He Recollected It.**  
 Father, who was endeavoring to  
 inculcate in 10-year-old Henry a love  
 for things historical, asked:

"What do you think of the Trojan  
 horse?"  
 "He played on the fiddle while Rome was  
 burning!"

"Hector, sir."  
 "No, not Hector. Hector was no  
 ruler, but a Trojan prince. Try again."  
 "Then it was Duke."  
 "Duke? What do you mean, Henry?"

"Well, then it must have been Nero,  
 I knew it was somebody with a dog's  
 name."—Everybody's Magazine.

**Not Yet Trained.**  
 Said the city friend to a friend who  
 had moved into the suburbs:

"What do you miss most in the  
 country?"  
 "Trains."

**Pretty Soft Job.**  
 At the lunch hour we heard this  
 country gentleman talking to a city boy  
 and his evidently unattached friend:

"Gee, how long you been workin'  
 here?"  
 "Ten days already."  
 "Good job?"  
 "Swell."  
 "When do you happen get to work?"  
 "Any time I want to."  
 "Aw, you mean! What's trying to  
 do, kid me?"

"Nope, I can go to work any time I  
 feel like it, just so I ain't no later  
 than 7 o'clock."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## FIRST CANADIAN FISH LANDED IN U. S. FREE

**Yarmouth Schooner Elinor S.**  
 Takes Cargo of 53,000  
 Pounds to Boston.

Boston, April 11.—The first cargo  
 of Canadian fish to be landed here  
 free of duty under the new reciprocity  
 agreement recently signed by Secretary  
 of Commerce Redfield and Chief  
 Justice Hazen of New Brunswick,  
 arrived today on the Canadian schooner  
 Elinor S., of Yarmouth, N. S. The  
 catch of 53,000 pounds of fresh ground  
 fish was sold through the New England  
 Fish Exchange.

## STILL FIND BODIES.

Special to The Standard.  
 New Glasgow, N. S., April 11.—Another  
 body has been recovered from the  
 Allan mine, that of a big stalwart  
 Belgian named Nick Brisco. It is expected  
 that the body of Victor Heine,  
 the wrecker, will be got in a day or  
 two. There are still six bodies to be  
 recovered from the Allan mine. Mr.  
 Brisco's body was found in the 1,200  
 workings.

J. A. Gay, Kingsclear, N. B., is in  
 the city. Mr. Gay is a prospective  
 farmer and is interested in a cheese  
 factory near Havelock, N. B.

## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.  
 Miss Kitty made the class rile a composition on trees for home work  
 yesterday, this being mine:

Trees.  
 Trees grow from the roots up, being alive just like human beings, the  
 only difference being that the trees don't know it.

Some trees stay ripe all year, such as the pine, which we use for Christmas  
 trees, proving it is not the pine trees that that Christmas only comes  
 once a year.

Bushes are something like trees, but not much. If anybody don't know  
 the difference between a tree and a bush, the best way to find out is  
 to try to climb a bush. Roses always grow on bushes, and apples always  
 grow on trees, proving there is a place for everything.

The main uses of trees is to bare fruit, give shade, and decorate the  
 scenery. They give shade all the time weather there is anybody there  
 to sit in it or not, being more because they are made that way than because  
 they are kind hearted.

Birds build their nests in trees, being the safest place for them as long  
 as the eggs don't roll out. If they built them on the ground it would be  
 much harder for them to teach the baby birds to fly, on account of if  
 you are up in the air, to start with, it is much easier to keep on going.

When a tree is cut off near the beginning, it is only a stump, but it is  
 still useful and can be sat on for years.

## O'CONNOR'S RESIGNATION DUE TO FRICTION AMONG WOMEN

**Hon. T. W. Crothers Up'd Clerk who Considered She was Not Treated Fairly by O'Connor—Parliament Resumes Discussion of Woman Suffrage Bill—Mr. Fortier of La Belle Opposes Votes for Women.**

Ottawa, April 11.—The minister of naval service introduced a bill in the house this afternoon to amend the naval discipline act. The purpose of the bill was to insure that the discipline on the ships of the Canadian navy would be similar to that in the Imperial, the Australian and New Zealand navies. The bill was given first reading.

Mr. Lemieux drew the attention of the minister of militia to a report printed in the press that grand jurors visiting an Ontario gaol found that a returned soldier was being held because he had no employment.

Major-General Newburn promised to look into the matter.

Mr. J. E. Armstrong enquired of the minister of labor, as to the truth of the report that Mr. W. F. O'Connor, cost of living commissioner, has resigned.

Hon. T. W. Crothers replied that the house would do no better explanation of the matter than the correspondence which had passed between himself and Mr. O'Connor. He therefore read the following letter, addressed by Mr. O'Connor to himself on April 4th:

"Dear Sir:  
 'I hereby resign as your commissioner, under order-in-council re cost of living, of Nov. 1916. The resignation takes effect immediately. My reason is that I have failed to secure from you that support in the administration of the committee to me to which support I have conceived myself entitled and without which I cannot possibly further carry out with effect, such duties.'

"Thank you for unfailing support until this occasion. If I did not deem the situation one which demands the action which I am taking, I would remember such unfailing support as a reason for overlooking your one failure, but I know that if the course upon which you have entered is persisted in and if insubordinate employees may go over my head to yours there will be an end to all discipline, and all effective work. So I respectfully retire from under."

**Minister's Reply.**  
 To the foregoing letter, the minister of labor replied:

"Dear Mr. O'Connor:  
 Your resignation of the position you held in the cost of living branch in the department of labor—to take effect immediately—together with the reason assigned for the course you have taken. Your attitude in the matter does not commend itself to me, and I am sorry that I am not able to relieve you from further duty in the department."

"The facts are few and simple. A little friction having arisen in that branch, involving a few clerks, one of them asked me to look into the matter, which I promised to do. Having apparently heard of that promise, you wrote me, advising among other things, that I should not trouble myself respecting the matter. The next morning I found you with your about it, when it appeared that you had no personal knowledge concerning it. I then saw your assistant, who also stated that he was not personally familiar with the circumstances causing the friction, but had learned them from the officer immediately in charge of the clerks in question. I then asked him to request her to come to see me, but instead of her coming, you came in to see me, considerably excited, when you said in substance that if I pursued the enquiry further, you and they would resign, to which I replied that you were at perfect liberty to do so."

"The simple question is whether a minister, at the dictation of a superior officer of his department, is to refuse to make a personal enquiry at the request of a clerk who alleges unfair treatment. I have never refused, nor shall I refuse, to hear the humblest of my subjects."

**A SYMPATHETIC SPEECH.**  
 A chap last evening on the street drew quite a bit of attention. This individual felt the effects of the "joy-juice" somewhat, and in a sympathetic speech on a corner deplored the fact that he was a "grown-up."

He caused considerable laughter by adding that two days before the general election, he was told there were 2,400 women on the list in his constituency. But after the election he was surprised to learn that 3,400 had voted. He had been informed, he said, that some women had come in from Ontario to vote.

While expressing himself in favor of the principle of the bill, Mr. Du Tremblay urged that franchise was a matter which should be left in the hands of the provincial authorities.

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**WOUNDED**

Mrs. Mary Connolly received word yesterday that her son, Pte. Fred T. Connolly, had been wounded in the hand and dressing station, time that Pte. Connolly had been in the hospital in the case of the shoulder, and the shocked.

Private Connolly, Louis B., recently doing his share and just a year ago J. another brother, son of Pte. Connolly, was wounded in the hand and dressing station, time that Pte. Connolly had been in the hospital in the case of the shoulder, and the shocked.

Mrs. Patrick Kerr was advised yesterday that her son, Pte. Connolly, had been wounded in the hand and dressing station, time that Pte. Connolly had been in the hospital in the case of the shoulder, and the shocked.

Twenty-one years ago with the 140th drafted into another.

**Quin**

No man or woman regularly can flush the kidneys with a well-known uric acid which they become strained, get sluggish, the waste and get rheumatism, headache, nervousness, disordered stomach, etc.

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