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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.

### YESTERDAY'S ELECTION.

The people spoke yesterday with no uncertain voice and as a result R. T. Hayes is Mayor of St. John for the next two years and the new member of the City Council is G. Fred Fisher, who succeeds Commissioner Frank L. Potts, who was eliminated in the preliminaries. The day held some surprises. Those who believed that the majority contest would be a very close one—and this was the opinion held by almost every person, will see how far astray was their prediction when they look at the returns. Mr. Hayes polled 4,440 votes against 3,437 for Mayor Frink. His Worship being beaten by 1,003 votes.

The election for Commissioners was exciting. Mr. Fisher led the poll with 4,177 votes, while Commissioner McLellan was just fifty votes behind him. Mr. Sharp polled 2,512 votes, while the labor candidate was at the foot of the poll, 1,329 votes behind the next man. The vote yesterday was very heavy, the majority returns showing that 7,871 people exercised their franchise. There were very few spoiled ballots.

The net result of the election is that the city has a new Mayor and there is one new member of the council, so it is not likely that there will be any change in the positions held by Messrs. Wigmore, Russell and McLellan. Mr. Fisher will succeed Commissioner Potts in the department of public works, and it is understood that this is in line with his own preference as expressed during the campaign.

There will be much sympathy for Mayor Frink. During his term of office he was conscientious and faithful and his defeat yesterday was not due to any fault to be found with his administration but to a general feeling that it was time to give another man an opportunity to fill the office.

Commissioner McLellan is to be congratulated on his splendid showing. He has been the subject of much criticism and had many canvasses to meet. His success is tangible evidence that the majority of the electors believe that as Commissioner of Public Safety he is the right man in the right place.

The new council has a grand opportunity to do good work. Now that it is settled that commission government is to continue the prevailing system at City Hall it is more than ever up to the men at the council board to get the best results. Despite the arguments of newspapers that, during the first commission campaign, held that the commission plan of itself would prove a panacea for civic ills the experiences of the past four years have shown that the plan makes comparatively little difference, it is the calibre of the men at the board which determines whether the government is to be good or bad.

### CONCERNING J. WESLEY ALLISON.

Col. J. Wesley Allison, the gentleman who is alleged to have made an exorbitant profit out of contracts for fuses and who is now in Ottawa, has been interviewed by the Liberal Ottawa Free Press and he said a number of things which it is absolutely safe to assume the Morning Ananias or its evening reprint will not present to their readers.

The cheaper opposition newspapers which make it a practice to condemn in advance of the evidence have expressed themselves as certain that Col. Allison was "out of the country for good" and would not return to give evidence before the Duff-Meredith commission. Col. Allison is now in Ottawa. Here is how he replies through the Liberal Ottawa Free Press to that criticism:

"You are going on to Ottawa to give evidence?" Colonel Allison was asked.

"Yes, I am going to Ottawa to give evidence. I shall go on from Ogdensburg as soon as I am wanted in Ottawa."

"Do you expect to appear before the public accounts committee and the Davidson Commission as well as the Meredith-Duff Royal Commission?"

"I shall go before them all if they want me. I desire to tell them all I know."

As to the question of his alleged great profits the Free Press representative asked: "Do you contemplate justifying the statement which you

made before Sir Charles Davidson that you did not realize a cent from any business which you did for Canada in obtaining munitions or other war supplies?" Col. Allison replied:

"NO, I DO NOT INTEND TO MODIFY THAT STATEMENT. I DID NOT MAKE A CENT OUT OF WHAT I DID FOR CANADA."

But the most interesting portion of Col. Allison's statement is that concerning the allegation that Sir Sam Hughes was to receive a share of the profits on the Allison contract and also regarding the existence of an alleged document from which Mr. Kite claimed to read. In order that the public may see how far Col. Allison's version of that matter differs from the rather sensational material which has been featured by a section of the opposition press we republish from the Liberal Ottawa Free Press the portion of the interview dealing with it:

"In the House of Commons a contract was read for a large fuse order given to the American Ammunition Company, and it was supplemented with a document indicating that in anticipation of that contract Yukon, Caldwell and Bassick, who formed the company, divided a million dollars' profits; what do you know about that?" asked your correspondent.

"Mr. Henderson interrupted, but Col. Allison said he had never seen THE CONTRACT OR THE AGREEMENT, AND THAT HE KNEW NOTHING OF THEM."

"There was another memorandum of agreement indicating that you, Lieutenant and Caldwell might be dividing the four hundred and seventy-five thousand, which was the share of Yukon?"

"I never heard of it."

"Have you received any profits out of the fuse contracts?"

"No."

"Are you to receive any?"

"I HOPE SO. IF THERE IS A PROFIT REALIZED FROM THE CONTRACTS, SO FAR I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING. I'm going to find out if there is anything coming to me."

"If you get a profit will General Hughes be given a share of it, that has been gossiped?"

"Certainly not. There was never any discussion of profits or profit-sharing between myself and General Hughes. Such a thing wasn't thought of by either of us. As I said before, General Hughes asked me to see where in the United States I could fill orders for war supplies and instructed me to do that prices were kept down, that is all that I ever endeavored to do."

All the circumstances of the Allison contracts will be probed before the Duff-Meredith commission and the truth or falsity of Col. Allison's statements will be established there. It appears, however, that the more the light is turned on the Kite allegations the more discreditable the Grit tactics appear. Already it has been established that Sir Sam Hughes was permitted by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to leave the House of Commons and was attacked as soon as his back was turned, New Col. Allison denies the existence of a document from an alleged copy of which Mr. Kite professed to read. The situation is becoming extremely interesting.

### THE ATTACK ON SIR SAM.

No matter what the decision of the Duff-Meredith Commission may be the Liberals cannot get away from the fact that the attack against Sir Sam Hughes by Mr. Kite, Mr. Carvell and others was a dirty political job, conceived in a spirit of partisan trickery and executed in cowardly fashion. Even newspapers opposed to Sir Sam personally have expressed this view. For instance the Hamilton Spectator, a Conservative newspaper, has not seen eye to eye with the Minister of Militia for a long time, but the Spectator is fair enough to admit that he was the victim of a miserable trick on the part of the Grit mud pumps.

Referring to Sir Sam's announcement in the House of Commons the Spectator says:—"The course of the opposition concerning him he was able to show had been marked by trickery and cowardice. On the evening preceding his departure for England, Mr. Carvell had talked against time to preclude any possibility of a reply. It was when he was thousands of miles away from the scene, and when therefore the maximum of mischief might be wrought before they could be refuted, that Mr. Kite had launched his accusations against him and the old Shell Committee. If Mr. Kite and his confederates had really wanted to know the truth, they had only to consult certain men in Canada, who could easily have enlightened

them. From beginning to end the manner of the assault, whatever may be thought of its substance, was shaped by political intrigue."

The Hamilton Herald, an independent publication has this to say:—"There is no doubt now as to whom Sir Sam Hughes regards as the enemies who, he said, he had come home to fight. The enemies are not those of his own household, as the opposition press has been intimating. They are Mr. Kite, Mr. Carvell and the other opposition members who have brought charges against the shell committee and indirectly against himself."

There is a very general belief that Sir Sam will clear himself when all phases of the case are before the Duff-Meredith commission, but in any event Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers cannot feel proud of the miserable cowardice which characterized the attack on a man who was not present to defend himself.

## WHITE FEATHER VERY FINE BILL

Opera House Has High Class Company in an up to the Minute Dramatic Offering.

Albert Brown is a good actor. He is really more than that—he is a high class actor with a style of his own and a finish to his work rather exceptional among those who in later years have visited these provinces.

They are all good actors, or actresses, for there are of course females as well as males among the "White Feather" company. And altogether they put on a show which stands head and shoulders above anything seen here in a month of Sundays.

This is supposed to be a special about the bill at the Opera House last evening, but it is a difficult thing to say much in particular about that same performance. Yet so far as it is in the ability of the ordinary gink, here goes.

The White Feather is the story of the man who stayed at home, who did not enlist when his friends and his acquaintances and his sweetheart thought he ought to be in khaki. The men who devoted his peculiar abilities and all his energy to the secret service and who by the very nature of his work was compelled to keep his position to himself while those whose opinions he regarded believed him unworthy. How the German spy system permeated the home life, the social life and the official life of Britain is exemplified in the story. How the self-satisfied among Englishmen were content to go along criticizing their neighbors in self-complacent ignorance was portrayed on the stage, and how the emissaries of the German government carried forward their plans through the unsuspecting victims was a timely touch on the part of the fellow who wrote the play.

In a boarding house kept by naturalized Germans the plans of the spies are forwarded and foiled in a series of most dramatic climaxes in which the British secret service man is always the central figure. And in this commanding part Mr. Brown, as the supposed stupid English fop, stood supreme. It is a one-man show in which the other players are to a very large extent merely units assisting in the development of an outstanding characterization. And that characterization was an eye-opener in its smoothness, versatility and finish.

Nothing remained to be desired in Mr. Brown's work in the part of Kite. He was consistent from start to finish, and this is more than can be said of a good many actors. But—and it is a big "but" too—Mr. Brown's interpretation of the leading part would not be half what it is without the very strong support accorded him. They were all good—I think I said that before, but it is worth saying again. His working partner in the game of espionage was Miss Olive Temple, and she did splendidly. Besides, she looked well, and that means a whole lot to a girl on the stage—of course. Some of the others also looked well, too. There was Miss Rial for instance, and Miss Cutting—most attractive in manner and appearance though not taking parts calculated to win the applause of the audience. And Miss Cooper, too, petite and dainty, grieving over the backwardness of her lover, gave a faithful portrayal of a somewhat exacting part. Miss Randall in a very small part, saw her dooty and went and done it very nicely indeed.

When I started this thing it was with no intention of making mention of all the players, but there are none left among the women, and that is unfair to the men. As the German spy in employ of the British admiralty, Mr. Kent was second only to Mr. Brown in ability to strikingly portray a compelling personality. And as the cholerick Englishman, himself always right, but full of criticism of others, Mr. Collins left nothing to be desired—as they say of Worcester sauce. Then there is one Burkell, the very image of a wily villain in the talk of and moved and acted just like that other German attendant, and who went through his work with all due regard to his pay envelope in spite of the disapprobation of his audience. Mr. Hunter had little to do but did it to the satisfaction of himself and his audience.

Now that is about the entire list, there are a few others who hold down minor roles. But the best thing you can do is to see the play for your-

## Little Benny's Note Book

THE PARK AVE. NEWS.

Weather. Various Sports. A boxing contest took place in Pudea Simkins back yard with Pudea boxing gloves, Ed Werslek boxing Skinny Martin. Jonny Wilson boxing Pudea Simkins, Benny Potts boxing Sam Craves, and Sidney Martin was just starting to box Pudea Simkins for the championship of his back yard when the gate opened and Reddy Merly came in and the contest stopped, everybody saying they was tired.

Why is soda water like a kid with spectacles on? Because they both come in glasses. Good joke.

Society News. It is with great pleasure that we announce an addition to the Skippy Martins family. Their black cat has been increased by 5 kittens, none of them looking like their mother.

HOW WONDERFUL. Poem by Skippy Martin.

The elephant is a enormous beast

And the ant is a tiny weeny,

And you wouldn't of heard of the Tower of Pisa

If it was strate instead of leeny.

Advertisements. Brite boy wants to make 50 cents or more after school everyday by doing life work that won't take more than a hour.

Intoxicating Facts. Chewing gum is said to be made out of dead horses

ever seen on a vessel of that country at this port. She came from Barry,

which port she left on March 25, via Newport News, where she put in for bunker coal, and will load a full cargo of wheat for Rotterdam under the auspices of the Belgian Relief Commission.

Persons. Was the idea of carrying so many pencils in your outside coat pocket, Sid Hunt? We no you got pencils.

self. It is a good show—an exceptionally good show—and right up to the minute. It is presented by a group of high class players, it is full of interest. It compels attention from beginning to end, and it will be here for two more nights. Don't miss it.

The audience last evening was large, there were a few empty seats which should be filled tonight.

PICKED UP AT SEA.

The Norwegian steamer Svaland, Capt. Pedersen, from Liverpool for New York, passed Highland Light Friday afternoon, being towed to her destination. The ship was recently picked up at sea by the Swedish steamer Murjek, which found her in distress.

The steamer Svaland to Halifax and then labelled her for \$50,000 for services rendered. After making repairs a tug was engaged to tow the ship to New York.

SCHOONER SOLD.

The three-masted schooner L. T. Whitmore, built at Rockland in 1874, has been sold to Capt. E. S. Roberts of Boston, who will command her to engage in lumber carrying between Stockton Springs and Boston. She is now loading her first cargo at Stockton Springs. The price paid for the vessel was \$6,000.

A BELGIAN SHIP.

Portland, Me.—The steamship Euphrates arrived here Friday, flying the colors of the brave little kingdom of Belgium, a nationality flag seldom if ever seen on a vessel of that country at this port. She came from Barry,

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## OUR COMPETITION For Boys and

A COMPOSITION C  
This week's Contest is one that I am sure out a story about Easter, telling all the things connected with the special time, such bits, as to their meaning, why you always in fact whatever you can find out. Don't more than two hundred words, write on on in your best writing and don't forget to enclo ed in. All kiddies up to fifteen years of ag and send their attempts in by Wednesday, will consist of TWO LOVELY STORY BOOK CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.

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UNCLE DIC  
THE

whose decision must be considered as final.

## WORD-MAKING C

This week's contest is an old favorite a number of entries. Write out carefully and can make out of the letters in the word "Inte girl, not more than fifteen years of age, wh number of words, as found in a standard dic ber at the end of the list, together with the ed up, not later than April 28th, 1916. I shall book, and to the sender of the next longest. There will also be five artistic diplomas. All communications to be addressed to

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## STANDARD COMPETITION For Boys and Girls

Full Name.....

Address.....

Age..... Birthday .....

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Capt. M. G. Siddall, quartermaster of the 14th Battalion, and a Conservative leader in Westmorland County, has presented \$1,000 to King's College.

The money which was forwarded through Judge H. W. Hewson, of Moncton, one of the governors, will be added to the extension movement fund.

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