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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.

### CONCERNING CENSORSHIP.

While every disposition to acquiesce in the requests of the Canadian censors has been manifested by The Standard, and by the St. John newspapers generally, it has been felt for some time that the gentlemen who sit in judgment on what the Canadian newspapers shall or shall not print regarding this country's preparations for war, movements of troops, trans-Atlantic shipments, etc., have not brought to their official duties that keen knowledge of newspapers and newspaper conditions which they should, and, in the case of at least one member of the Board of Censors, do possess.

St. John newspapers have been forbidden to publish information regarding troop movements, a particular instance occurring in the arrival in this city a few days ago of soldiers from the West Indies. Every newspaperman in the city knew the soldiers were in town but in deference to the wishes of the censors refrained from giving that news to the public. Montreal and Toronto newspapers of the following day were not so considerate, however, as detailed accounts of the trip, the personnel of the party and their destination were to be found in at least two of the papers published in those cities.

A few months ago also the local newspapers were requested to refrain from publishing the sailings of steamers from this port or any information regarding their cargoes or destination. The Standard and some other papers complied with the request, and it was naturally supposed that the rule put into effect in St. John in the winter season would be followed in the summer months by the newspapers published in larger Canadian cities. Not only has this apparently not been done, but the numerous readers of a Montreal newspaper were regaled the other day with a list of all steamers sailing from Atlantic ports for a week and more before the Lusitania tragedy, and which steamers, the paper coolly advised its readers, were, or should be "approaching the danger zone." Included in this list was the C. P. R. steamer St. George which sailed from St. John on May 3rd bound for England, as well as the steamer Menford which sailed the same day. This news was suppressed by the local papers in deference to the request of the censors, yet it was published in a Montreal newspaper under big headlines and featured in a way calculated to draw attention to it. If the censors in their wisdom decided that it was wrong for trans-Atlantic sailings to be published in the winter season it should be equally wrong to give publicity to them in the summer when the volume of traffic is larger and the bulk of Canadian freight business is carried forward.

On Thursday the censors advised local newspapers to exercise care in any comment on the action of the American government on the Lusitania matter, yet Thursday's Upper Canadian papers, to hand yesterday, carried both editorial and pictorial comment, some of it well calculated to indicate displeasure with the pacifistic tone of President Wilson's Philadelphia utterance.

The Standard recognizes that the censors have the right to say what shall and shall not be printed in Canadian newspapers regarding Canadian participation in the war but it also submits that it is folly to suppress news in St. John and permit its publication elsewhere in Canada to say nothing of in the press of the United States which, since the war commenced, has kept its readers, including "German spies," well informed regarding Canada's military preparations, movements of troops and of British shipping sailing from Canadian as well as United States ports. It is important that there should be censorship but it should either cover every newspaper in the Dominion or else cease to exist.

### WILL GERMANY YIELD?

Just what step the United States will take next depends upon the answer Germany returns to the note despatched from Washington and demanding a guarantee that German authorities in their underwater war, shall

see to it that neither American lives nor American property are again endangered. In the light of the warning issued by the American government on February 10th, and the firm tone adopted in the latest communication to Berlin, there is no doubt that while President Wilson would prefer to remain neutral, if that course can be compatible with the dignity and self-respect of the nation, he is prepared to force respect for American rights at any cost. In his attitude he will have the respect and sympathy of the whole English-speaking world while, at the same time, there will be strong hope that the United States will not be drawn into the vortex of war.

It is the opinion in London that America can render greater service to the Allies without actually engaging in the conflict, while it would be to Germany's interest to involve that nation if it could possibly be done. After this war is over Germany will be so greatly exhausted that for years she will be unable to compete with the American people for the trade and commerce of the world. If any action of hers can tend to subject America to a similar exhaustion there is no doubt she will consider that the end justifies the means no matter how shameful that means may be.

Fortunately there are wise counsels in Washington who may be depended upon to steer a straight and honorable course no matter what the pirates of Berlin may do. The world, however, will hope and pray that no condition will arise that will make it necessary for the United States to abandon the position she so well maintained up to the hour that a murderous blow brought grief and mourning to so many innocent homes.

### THE "WHISTLING" TELEGRAPH.

When there was a prospect of a Dominion election the machine Grit press, including the "bought and paid for" Telegraph, was loud in its protests that the country should not be divided on political questions while the Empire is at war. At the same time the Telegraph and other papers of similar character did not refrain from showering abuse on the Borden Government, the Conservative party and everything connected with it.

In an editorial yesterday morning, the Telegraph says "When the time comes the electors of Canada will show what they think of the Manitoba scandal, the Fleming scandal in this province, the war graft disclosures, and other proof of Conservative wrong-doing." Yet the Telegraph labored with might and main to prevent the electors of Canada from expressing their opinion on these things and also on the National Transcontinental Railway Steal, the Trent Valley Canal Graft, the Oliver Graft and Rake-Off Charges, the Pugsley Willingness to Prevent and Hamper the Necessary Public Works of Canada, the Insults Hurling Against the Canadian Soldiers by clap-trap politicians like F. B. Carroll, the Disloyal References of Laurier to the Highbrows of Downing Street, the discreditable Action of the Grits in Fighting the Borden Naval Policy, the Grit Attempts of Last Session to Hamper the Government's Necessary War Measures and the Hundred and One Proofs of Grit Graft, Corruption and Wrong-doing. The Telegraph fears expression from the electors of Canada as to what they really do think of the record of Laurier and his party, and the blatant "cock-sure" attitude of that newspaper is assumed for the same reason that a small boy whistles while he passes a grave-yard—to keep his courage up.

### MEMORIAL PORTRAIT OF REV. H. P. HUGHES

London, May 14—"We miss his fearlessness now more than ever, when we have the House of Commons quailing before the angry crowd of Irish publicans and distillers," said David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a tribute to the late Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, when a memorial portrait of the clergyman was unveiled today at an anniversary meeting in the London Mission, which the Rev. Mr. Hughes founded.

## PRINCESS PATS USE ZAM-BUK

### Nothing More Welcome in The Trenches.

Pte. J. R. Smith, of the "Princess Pats," writing to a friend in Ottawa, says: "Tell the friends if they want to help me such articles as socks, handkerchiefs, cough lozenges and Zam-Buk would be useful indeed." Scores of other messages from the front are to similar effect. One private writes: "Mrs. — offered to send me a rug. I have written to tell her to send out some Zam-Buk instead. It will be of more use here than all the blankets in creation." Another says: "Advise every one of the boys to rub with a box of Zam-Buk; it is better than a loaf of bread to a starving man out here."

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## ACTIVE CAMPAIGN FOR RECRUITS TO BE CARRIED ON

### Gov't Plans quick despatch of men to front to fill ranks thinned by heavy casualties.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 14.—Quick despatch to the front of contingents now in Canada and active recruiting to maintain the total of fifty thousand men under arms are the government's plans. The need of it is emphasized not only by the losses sustained by the Canadian forces now on service, but by the call emphasized anew in the morning cables for more men.

Following the disaster at Langemark one company from each battalion of the third division was ordered to be sent abroad more expeditiously than had been planned for. New battalions are now to be authorized in the different divisional areas, though the exact location of them and the number of men to be called for has not been determined.

The training and equipment of the forces, however, call for a considerable time. It is likely that a number of the western cavalry regiments will go to the front as infantrymen. Just at present mounted corps are not greatly utilized, but in the event of any substantial drive they will be required.

In the event of reinforcements being called for in large numbers later on it is not improbable that complete entire new battalions now being trained or organized will be sent forward instead of detachments. This will depend entirely upon the demands made upon Canada by the war office. Steps are about to be taken to organize another infantry regiment in Ottawa and districts.

### PROBATE COURT.

In the Probate Court the will of Mrs. Rachael Farmer, wife of William R. Farmer of St. John, machinist, was proved. She gives all her estate to her husband absolutely and nominates him as executor. He was sworn in as such. There is no real estate; personality, \$2,500. Jack H. A. L. Fairweather is probator.

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I nevvir read the editorials, haZ of them dont seem to make sense, sed ma.

Ah, my dear, thas because ycn havent got the propr mentil equipment, you dont no smuff big words, sed pop, now this fello heer rites as if he had swallered an unbridled dikshnery and digested it persockly. I think ill haZ to tawk to you in dub-ll-jointed words for a wile and kumpleat yure educayshn.

Willyum, dont you dare, sed ma. Wyl, my deer, sed pop, can it be possible that you have a congenitil disinclinayshn or aversion to permitting the sound of pollysyllabils to tum into juxtaposition with yure auditory persephn.

Now Willyum, I warn you, sed ma, did I tell you that I got a lettir from Cuzzin Mary today.

Yes, I bleeve you made me cognizant of the infoormation that wutch an epissel has bin reseved, sed pop.

She ses she hasent bin verry well this weak, sed ma. Yes, you also acquried me with the dolorous tidings that the flunkill perfeckshn of yure cuzziny relative has lately suffired a temporary abeyashn, sed pop.

You mite be awl rite if you eny noo wen to stop a thing, sed ma. I trust that my conyosashn virtuosities are not imposing an excessive straine awn yure femiline comperhenston, sed pop.

And I trust thas youll jest say wim moar idiotick thing and ill go erroung to Slatir Boos house for the evening and you can stay heer and tawk to yurself and see if you undirstand it, sed ma.

O, well, that awt to be suffierent for the ferst lessin, sed pop. Yes, and evry othir lessin, to sed ma.

passing of them. A citation was issued returnable on June 21 at 11 a. m. Barnhill, Irving and Sanford are proctors. The court took up the matter of the estate of Mrs. Mary Jackson, wife of John Jackson, formerly an employe in the cotton mill. She died intestate. Her husband alone survives. On his petition he was appointed administrator. There is no real estate; personality \$400. Edward P. Raymond is probator.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND. The following subscriptions to the Belgian Relief Fund were received yesterday:

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