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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, JULY 31, 1916.

"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.

"WHEN GRAFT HAD A HOLIDAY."

Under the above heading the London, Ont. Free Press discusses the subject of graft and an address made by E. M. Macdonald, of Nova Scotia, at the recent gathering in Montreal of members of the Liberal Advisory Committee. In the course of that address Mr. Macdonald "declared with emotion," says the Free Press, "that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's white locks had never been tarnished with the name of graft." Commenting on that statement the Free Press says:

"Why this defense? We have never heard it said by Conservatives that Sir Robert Borden is free from suspicion of graft. Nobody ever charged that Sir Robert, or, for that matter, Sir Wilfrid, were guilty of using the country's possessions for their personal profit. It is not always a compliment to say of a public man that he is honest, unless somebody has alleged that he is dishonest.

"It is when we consider the relation of these two party leaders to graft within their own ranks that we find much that is worthy of praise on the one hand and criticism on the other. Canadians have had too recent proof of the attitude of Premier Borden to graft to doubt where he stands. Two of his own supporters were promptly read out of the House of Commons for questionable acts. Charges lodged indirectly against the Minister of Militia brought an independent commission, with the widest powers, into being. More than this, a commission having authority to deal with all charges of graft was created a year or more ago, and has traveled from the Atlantic to the Pacific to hear evidence.

"This was not the manner in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier dealt with grafters. At the very commencement of his term of office as premier he laid down the rule that 'to the victors belong the spoils.' Now we do not suppose that Sir Wilfrid meant this as an invitation to all his party friends to step up to the public trough and partake heartily. But it was surely a loose expression for the premier of a great country whose thoughts were fixed upon service to his fellow-countrymen rather than upon service to a section of the people. And the results were distinctly bad. Graft of the most extensive and unfortunate character prevailed during the 'reign' of Sir Wilfrid. A railroad was built, among other things, the expenditure upon which was $40,000,000 in excess of the necessary sum, according to the finding of a commission which sat since the Laurier regime was terminated. Sawdust wharves and wickedness in many shapes made their appearance."

And yet, despite the many cases of graft and corruption to which the Free Press refers, the Liberal Premier, during his whole term of office, did not appoint commissions to investigate allegations against his supporters. There was no opening of the doors to admit all sorts of evidence. On the contrary, when investigations were held at all they took the form of the partisan "Committee of the House," where there were sufficient gentlemen of the Carvell type to sit on the lid and prevent the truth from coming out. A similar course was adopted by the Provincial Government under the former regime when Mr. Hazen laid his steel bridge charges. At that time Mr. Carvell was chairman of the committee of inquiry and he applied the withewash brush liberally.

Under Conservative regime all this was changed. When an inquiry was asked for it was held and held in the open. Moreover the Liberals were permitted to participate and the sessions were reported in the newspapers. The most recent example of this is the Meredith-Duff Commission investigating the Kyte-Carvell charges, whose report is a splendid and complete vindication of the Government and Minister of Militia. The London Free Press is absolutely correct. When Sir Robert Borden assumed office in Ottawa "graft had a holiday" for the first time in many years.

BERLIN AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The agitation in favor of changing the name of Berlin, Ontario, is not progressing favorably. Some months ago the Chamber of Commerce of that city decided that because of the association conected with the parent Berlin it would be a decided disadvantage to any Canadian town to bear the same name. Consequently a competition was organized, and from one end of Canada to the other names were invited. Many thousands racked their brains in the effort to win the prize to be awarded to the fortunate one sending the name selected, and Kitchener was chosen. After the award was made there arose an opinion that the result aimed at could have been achieved by annexing the city of Berlin to that of Waterloo, a mile or so distant. The Ottawa Journal in discussing the matter says:

"We must confess that we could never see very much in this agitation to change German names. There are scores of places all over Canada with names just as German as Berlin, as, for example, New Brunswick. Surely anybody who suggested that New Brunswick province should change its name to, let us say, New Lancashire, would be laughed at. And we think the laughter would be right."

GERMANY'S WAR FINANCES.

The opinion that Germany's financial strength would not be sufficient to stand the strain of war has not been heard so frequently of late, and judging by the figures showing the position of the Reichsbank and other German financial institutions there is no immediate likelihood that her supply of cash will give out. On the contrary it is now believed that her money will last longer than her desire to carry on the war, or the willingness of her people to continue to make the sacrifices the conflict involves. Germany's economic situation is undoubtedly bad and will become acute when peace is restored, but her war finances are apparently sound.

Up to June, an exchange points out, Germany has borrowed $10,000,000,000, of which $9,400,000,000 is in long-date obligations. More than $8,000,000,000 is redeemable only as the Government wishes. The balance consisting of short-term credits and Treasury issues, is not pressing. Moreover, if German figures be believed, the Reichsbank has lately improved its position in respect of gold to cover its note issues. A week before the war Reichsbank notes had 71 per cent. gold cover; on August 6, 1915, 37.9 per cent., and on June 7, 1916, 36.8 per cent. Reichsbank notes are not payable in gold now. The gold held was in relation to the note and deposit liabilities; on July 23, 1914, 47.8 per cent; on August 6, 1915, 25.5 per cent., and on June 7, 1916, 29.1 per cent. At one time the percentage was down to 21, but no disaster occurred. Deposits in the Berlin banks are larger now than they were before the war. Germany is keeping a strong hand on all gold, and, being shut off from much buying abroad, has not had to part with material quantities of it.

The trial will come when the British blockade is raised, and gold must be shipped to cover the immense purchases Germany will then want to make. But for the immediate raising of money for the war, what is chiefly needed is public confidence and willingness to subscribe. No doubt for the $10,000,000,000 already raised many persons and institutions loaded up with all the war scrip they could carry. Financial institutions were ordered to lend on landed property, or any other security, so that customers might have funds with which to buy Government bonds. The immense issue of paper money in Germany has forced commodity prices up, and will be a menace when peace returns, but as long as it is freely accepted during the war, it serves its war purpose.

PERSONAL.

Philip Grannan, M.L.A., Mrs. Grannan and Mrs. F. H. Foster, returned home on Saturday after a visit to St. Ann de Beaupre, Quebec, and Valcartier camp.

John F. McGrath of the Grand Trunk, Montreal, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Mary Tracy, Adelaide street.

Mrs. Charles J. Mitchell and little daughter, Marjorie, of Charlottetown, who have been visiting Mrs. Mitchell's mother, Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald, West St. John, will return home today.

Miss Claire McGrath left on Saturday for Halifax to visit her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Fegan, Victoria Road.

Honorary Captain Rev. Dr. and Mrs. George M. Campbell announce the engagement of their daughter, Jean Sangster, to Mr. Kenneth Stockton Pickard, of Sackville, N. B. The marriage will take place early in August.

WOODSTOCK LODGES OF I.O.O.F. HONOR MEMORY OF DEPARTED BROTHERS

Graves of Deceased Members of the Order Decorated — Draft of 65th Battery Given Send Off.

Woodstock, July 28.—The members of Carleton Lodge No. 41, I. O. O. F., and the members of Rebekah Lodge met at their rooms at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon and proceeded to the cemetery where they decorated the graves of deceased brothers and sisters. The 67th Regiment Band led the procession, followed by Woodstock Canton, and then the members in a body carrying bouquets of flowers. Arriving at the cemetery the usual form for such occasions was carried out by the lodge officers and the graves decorated.

The draft of the 65th Battery, fifty men, in charge of Lieut. Douglas Vincent White left Woodstock last week. They marched to the station accompanied by the other members of the battery, its bugle band and the band of the 67th Regiment. Hundreds of citizens were at the station to bid them good by, and they were presented with boxes of dainties by the ladies of the Red Cross society.

The despatches Monday announced that Lieut. Burpee M. Hay, of the Flying Corps, had been wounded. Lieut. Hay is the youngest son of Mr. W. W. Hay, of this town. When the ward broke out he was in Calgary, Alta., and he immediately enlisted in the Engineers and served with that arm of the service until a year ago, when he was transferred to the Flying Corps. His father received a telegram on Monday stating that he had been wounded on July 17. No further word has been received which would give the impression that the wound is not serious.

Mrs. D. Birkhead, formerly of Woodstock, (nee Miss Crozier), now of Digby, N. S., is the guest of the Misses Brown, Connell street.

Miss Carrie Caldwell passed away at her home in Weedstock on Tuesday morning in the 35th year of her age. During her brief but fatal illness the best medical skill was in attendance, assisted by skillful nursing, but all proved unavailing. The deceased possessed a very sweet and gentle manner, and was beloved by all who knew her. General regret was expressed when the news of her death became known. The funeral took place Thursday morning at 9.30 o'clock. The large cortege that followed the remains to St. Gertrude's church was an eloquent tribute to the memory of one who will long be remembered for her kindly acts and sympathy for all who were in trouble. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Henry Caldwell and six sisters and one brother.

Miss Marguerite Boulier returned to her home in Fort Kent on Tuesday.

Dr. H. M. Martell, of Woodstock, has received word that his brother's son, John Albert Martell, of Halifax, was killed in action on July 8th.

Miss Aurilla Boyer, who has been spending a few weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. J. Shay, returned to England last week.

Miss Katie Smith, of Westmount, Montreal, is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. B. H. Smith.

Misses Estella McKinney and Nellie and Jessie Foster, are spending a month with Boston friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Augberton and family are spending the summer at their summer residence Coo-ee at Skiff Lake.

Mrs. W. W. White, of St. John, was in town on Friday and Saturday visiting her son, Lieut. Douglas V. White, of the 65th Battery.

Miss Minnie Glew and Miss Mary Kiernan, of Fort Fairfield, Me., are the guests of Miss Alice McIntosh.

Mrs. Charles P. Dow and Mrs. Charles H. Smith, of Auburn, Me., are the guests of Mrs. T. H. McKinney, Chapel street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ross have returned from a pleasant visit spent with their daughter in Franklin, Me.

Mrs. T. J. Boyer and Miss Caroline Boyer left last week to visit Mrs. George Scarborough at her summer home in Shediac.

Capt. (Dr.) A. M. Fisher, of the Medical army Corps, and Mrs. Fisher, left England on the twenty-first and are expected to arrive in town on Monday. Capt. Fisher was operated on several weeks ago, and has been granted sick leave.

Lawrance Bailey, who has been in the Bank of Montreal at Chatham for the past three years, has been transferred to Sanford, Ont.

Mrs. Karl Damon left on Saturday for Butter Mountain, where she will be the guest of her sister Mrs. Paul J. Shaw for several weeks, after which she will visit her sister, Mrs. Alwin Sailer in Rexburg, Idaho, till the end of September.

Miss Grace Gibson, of Fredericton, is visiting Miss Marion Lindsay for a few days, after which she will visit her aunt, Mrs. A. G. Bailey.

Rev. W. B. Wiggens arrived in town on Saturday and has entered into the pastorate of the Reformed Baptist church.

Mrs. Hugh Farris, of White's Cove, and Mr. Wendall Farris, of Vancouver, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hay this week.

Mrs. Charles Vanstone, of Calais, Me., and Mrs. Orrin Doten, of Oak Bay, Charlotte county, are the guests of their sister, Mrs. W. B. Belyea.

Miss Edith MacRobert returned last week from Shediac, where she has spent a very successful year and a half practising her profession of nursing.

Mr. Thomas Fewer, who has been visiting his family here, returned to Bathurst Monday.

Mr. William Ketchum, of Montreal, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. Carleton L. Ketchum.

Little Benny's Note Book

Reddy Merfy came erround with a pocketfull of corn husk he sed some huckster had gave him, and us fellows all went erround in the alley and sat on the cerbstone and made cigaretts by rolling the corn husk up in peeces of newspaper, wich jest as we was going to lite them with Reddy Merfys matches, Ed Wernick sed, Cheese it, heers Sam Crosses kid sister.

Wich it was, and we all quick hid our cigaretts, and Sam Crosses kid sister came up and stood in back of us, and Sam Cross sed, Wats you wunt, Annie?

Nuthing, said Annie.

Well then go away, sed Sam.

Wy, dat do you wunt to do? sed Annie.

We dont wunt to do enything, but we dont wunt you standing in back of us, sed Sam.

Wy not? sed Annie.

Because we dont, sed Sam.

You make us nerviss, sed Puds Simkins. And we all kepp on setting there hiding our cigaretts, and Sams kid sister kepp on standing in back of us, and Sid Hunt sed, Hay, Annie, a horse fell down erround the corner, wy don't you go erround and look at it.

I dont wunt to see it, sed Annie.

And she kepp on standing there, and we kepp on setting there, and Skinny Martin sed, Hay, Annie, some lady was asking for you in frunt of your house, maybe she wunts to give you sumthing.

No ladies never give me enything, sed Annie.

Hay, Annie, theres a little bloo and wite kittin up in the tree in frunt of our house, I sed.

Wat do I care, sed Annie. And she kepp on standing there and Sam got up and made a fearse fase at her, saying, You beet it, see, or Ill take a hold of your hair and I'll give it a werse pull than I gave it the uther day, see.

Now you stop, yelled Annie. And she ran down the alley like the dickins, and we all lited our corn husk cigaretts. Proving if the enemy dont bleeve in diplomacy its time to use force.

OBITUARY.

John P. Maloney.

The death of John P. Maloney, a former well known resident of this city, took place in Boston on Saturday. He was born at Oromocto about sixty-five years ago and spent most of his life in St. John. For a number of years he conducted a grocery business at the corner of Duke and Sydney streets. He moved to Boston ten years ago. He was a member of Branch 134 C. M. B. A. and was at one time president. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Michael Landers and Miss Agnes Maloney, both of Boston. Mrs. R. E. Fitzgerald of this city is a niece. The body will be brought to Oromocto and the funeral will be held there today.

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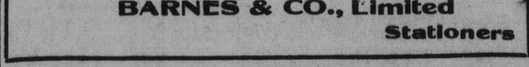

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