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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.

IT IS UP TO MR. CARTER.

If Mr. E. S. Carter, Liberal organizer, has evidence that any liquor dealer in the city of St. John paid money to members of the government, or to members of the Legislature, for the purpose of influencing the votes of such members on the matter of license legislation, or as a campaign fund contribution, let him make one definite charge or name one member of the Legislature who received such money, who demanded such money, or who had knowledge of any collection such as he alleges. Mr. Carter has indulged in insinuations against the public character of members of the government and of the Legislature and has found the Telegraph and Times not unwilling to give publicity to his slanders. He is either lying or he is not. If he is not lying let him make one charge in responsible fashion.

It is very simple. If Mr. E. S. Carter is not the public liar we believe him to be he has only to name one member of the government or of the Legislature who received such money, who demanded such money, or who knew that money was being demanded, either for a campaign fund or to influence the attitude of the government towards the liquor dealers. Such a charge even by Mr. Carter will be speedily ventilated.

As to opening the Chandler enquiry for the purpose of allowing Mr. Carter or any other apostle of purity of his ilk, to engage in a partisan fishing expedition, nothing of the sort can be done. Commissioner Chandler was appointed to investigate alleged irregularities in connection with the administration of departments of the provincial services. The latest allegations are not of irregularities in department administration, but of the payment of money for the purpose of influencing the policy of the government. If Mr. Carter can prove this he can very easily put his charges in concrete form and name the members of the government or of the Legislature who are concerned.

Surely it is not too much to ask that when a man of the political and journalistic reputation of E. S. Carter, who for years has trafficked in scandal and falsehood, makes statements concerning the government of a province like New Brunswick, he should be requested to bring to his allegations something more than his unsupported word. The word of E. S. Carter will not do as a peg on which to hang a fishing expedition. It is plainly up to Mr. Carter. He has made a statement which has been denied by reputable men. Now let him produce the evidence in support of it. When proper charges are laid affecting any member of the government or of the Legislature Premier Clarke and his supporters may be depended upon to do the rest.

It has never been the policy of the government to screen wrong doing. In the Flemming case, Mr. Dugal, prompted by Mr. Carter, asked for an investigation by a committee of the house, the government granted an enquiry by Royal Commission. When Mr. Carter and Mr. Veniot made allegations of irregularities in connection with public work in Gloucester and Kent counties the government named a reputable man as commissioner and the enquiry is being openly proceeded with. In no case has there been any disposition to ride anything. So it is with the present case. If Mr. Carter has charges to make against any member of the Legislature let him make them. It is his move.

"HAPPY DAYS"

With the inspiring service conducted by the Rev. Dr. Campbell at Crystal Beach yesterday the annual cruise of the Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club came to a close and more happy days have been added to that already long list of outings that have become associated not only with the many and varied scenic delights of the St. John river but also with those splendid men, the late Robert Thomson, the former commodore, and the late Rev. Lindley Parker, whose comradeship and gaiety for so many successive years had almost indescribable delight to those annual outings.

Yesterday, in the conduct of the

service, Dr. Campbell excelled himself and his well-known eloquence quite honored the traditions of other years when the yachtsmen and their friends have listened to the moving eloquence of Dr. Parker and the lofty and stirring message of Dr. Morrison.

It is well that these annual cruises should be perpetuated year after year and that by this means the joys of the out-of-doors should be experienced by those who are so fortunate as to live near to the shores of one of the world's noblest rivers and the inarticulate voices of nature echo again with in human hearts. And, Nature has messages all her own, too—messages such as never can be found within the classic pages of the world's bookmen, whether ancient or modern, unless, indeed, these have essayed to reverently explore and interpret her gentle mysteries, for it is thus surely that it has been given to Wordsworth and Whittier and Browning to excel Homer and Dante and Virgil. To such priests of Nature the world owes it that while science has driven the dryads from the trees and the fairies from the groves and has told us that the thunderbolts are not shafts from the hand of Jove but merely electric sparks, and that the beauty of the flower has not been painted by the artist's hand but is only the reflection of a part of the sunlight, yet behind all these phenomena of Nature there is something more than the moaning of the wind and the sighing of the waves; there is a spirit that answers to the spirit which is in man.

What was it that the old Gypsy "Jaspar" said in "Lavenro," in praise of the out-of-door life? "Life is sweet, brother. . . . There's day and night, brother. . . . Both sweet things; sun, moon, and stars, all sweet things: "There's likewise a wind on the heath."

Then, "Give a man a horse he can ride, "Give a man a boat he can sail; "And his rank and wealth, his strength and health, "On sea nor shore shall fall."

The Standard offers its congratulations to Commodore Logan and to the officers and members of the R. K. Y. C. with all good wishes for the return of many more seasons of "happy days."

GERMANY AND UNITED STATES

With but few exceptions the press of the United States has announced itself in plain and unequivocal terms as absolutely in accord with the attitude of Washington as indicated in the last note of the President directed to Wilhelm Strasse.

Mr. Wilson has demanded that the lives of American citizens shall not be in the future endangered by the pirate craft of the Kaiser and this he has indicated to that Lord of Misrule in no uncertain terms. Whatever may be the result of this demand there is no reason to doubt but that the sovereign people of the neighboring republic will support the government in its firm if belated action.

Had the "amiable Mr. Bryan" not so unfortunately clouded the attitude of the Capitol by his sudden and most unprecedented "bolt" perhaps the Kaiser might have understood from the former note that with all due allowance for his vaunted overlordship in Europe, the United States could not be expected to stand supinely by, doing nothing while his expert sea sharks glutted themselves with the blood of helpless American women and children. Be that as it may, there is little reason to doubt but that he will now realize that a repetition of any such criminality will result in the United States maintaining the inviolability of the lives of her citizens by force. Perhaps, also, Berlin will learn to its cost when too late that although the patience of the Chief Executive of the United States has been long suffering yet it has at last found its limit and the Germans will again be taught the lesson that the might of the common people is a power not to be trifled with or scorned.

The Toronto Globe, summing up the N. T. R. matter, says: "The fact remains that the Laurier government added 1,800 miles to the total of Canadian Government owned railways." The Globe approves the N. T. R. Yes government owned railways bulk over a

country where private enterprise would not build or not always possessions upon which we can congratulate ourselves. The 1,800 miles to which the Globe refers only became a government owned railway because in its building so much money was wasted or stolen that no private company could run it successfully. Such a railway is more of a liability than an asset.

The Chicago Herald declares that it is now almost a year since more than half the world went mad. The Herald is wrong. Germany has a monopoly of the madness. The other nations have only been attempting to protect themselves from the effects of Prussian mania.

The Brockville Times quotes a correspondent from the trenches who says: "I would rather be shot in France than be the leader of the party that defeated the Navy Bill." From this it may be imagined that Canadians at the front are devoting some thought to Canadian political questions.

The Russians are making a stand. If the campaign continues Germany may find that her "successes" are more costly than her defeats.

The Germans may get Warsaw but they will not get the Russian armies—not yet at any rate.

E. S. Carter, the Telegraph and the Times—a nice decent trio.

"Ancient Rome"

The beautiful buildings of "Ancient Rome" They have crumbled and gone to decay And the beautiful Lomes of Lords and Dons Are now, nothing but clay.

The buildings that were so fair and grand And the pride of the people of Rome, They defied all save Time's own hand, And now, they are nought but heaps of stone.

The grand arenas that stood so high And afforded pleasure for many, At the cost of numbers of innocent lives, Are now just heaps of mortar and clay And not worth a look from any.

The wonderful sculpture that stood in these beautiful buildings long gone Made you stand and gaze in wonder and awe At the handiwork of man.

The beautiful paintings that hung in palatial studios Depicted the days long since gone by When Rome was Mistress of the world.

The wonderful statues that were the gods Of the frivolous people of Rome Have crumbled to pieces and are no more And with moss are overgrown.

Just so is life. For one short while we are happy and blithe and gay And are the idols of the older ones. When lo! before we know We are old, grey-haired and up in years And soon, we too, to dust decay. —EDITH SWETKA, Fair Vale, N. B.

MISSION WORK AMONG INDIANS IN FAR WEST

Rev. J. C. Spencer Spoke to Large Congregations Here Yesterday.

Rev. J. C. Spencer, M. D., of Port Simpson, British Columbia, who for the past twenty-seven years has been medical missionary to the Hydah and Tsimpsian Indians of Queen Charlotte Island and the North Pacific Coast, is visiting in the city, the guest of the Rev. W. H. Barraclough. From here he will proceed to the missionary summer conference in Prince Edward Island. Large congregations heard Dr. Spencer at two services yesterday. In the morning he preached in Centenary church, and in the evening in Exmouth street Methodist. In his morning sermon Mr. Spencer said that the white man had received kind treatment at the hands of the Indian when he first came into his country. But when he learned that the white settlers were there to dispossess them of their land, the feeling gradually rose to one of enmity. Was not this a poor return to the red man, who as a faithful ally of England helped her to win Canada for the French? Had it not been for that the history of Canada might have been changed. "We have taken his fur-producing country and his ancestral home, and in return have given him nothing but drink and disease," said the preacher. "Because we are strong is no reason

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

It was pretty hot last nite, and pop was setting in wun parlor window letting the air blow awn him and I was setting in the utthr parlor window letting it blow awn me, and a fat man with a accordion stopped in front of the house and startid to play the accordin, soundng as if he didnt no how to play it very good.

Good nite and betwiffil evng, sed pop, wat have i dun that this shou ld be infliced on me, sed pop, I suppose ill half to give him sumthing or he will nevrr let up, heer, take this donatoin to the movment for suppresing unnesesary noises ou to him.

And pop gave me 2 cents and I went out and handed it to the fat man, which he seemed glad to get it, and by the time I got back to the parley agen he was playing harder than evtr.

The darn adipse chump thinks its a reward instead of a bribe sed pop. And he startid to make faces and wave his hands at the fat man, anw wat did the fat man do but start to play faster.

He thinks you meen to play quicker, pop, I sed.

The man sed noboddy lvs a fat must hav bin thinking of this fella, sed pop, I havent the heart to tell him ourtite that hes no musician, it mite spoll his whole evng, so I guess the only evng, (so I guess the only way out of it is for me to go away from heed.

And he went awn put on his hat and went out, and the fat man called aftir him, Thank you, sir. And pop just week awn wawking without ansering him, and the fat man played wun moor ton and then he went awn and I was setting in the perlor window aw lone letting the air blow awn me.

why we should impose on a weaker people. The Indian has many good characteristics, hospitable, an industrious parent, self-reliant, faithful to promises and religions, and for this reason alone we should give him our aid and devotion."

He said, in Canada today there were 140,000 Indians, 40,000 cared for by the Roman Catholics; 30,000 by evangelists; 70,000 by the Salvation Army. The Indian is a noble and brave people. What was being done for these later people?

"Evil men seek to degrade the Indian one way or another," continued he. "Shall we, who owe him so great a debt leave him to be destroyed by wicked men?"

"For a number of years," said Mr. Spencer, "there has been a growing discontent among the Indians in British Columbia, for the following reasons: Their land has been taken without treaty. White men have taken possession of their land, while they have been forced out and put on farms where there is no fur. In various places mountain sides have been swept by fire and their only source of revenue, fur-bearing animals, lost. Where once they had the privilege of fishing for commercial purposes, they are now forbidden to do so, and are being placed in the hands of cannery, who control the waters. They are unable to buy land from the government, and statistical reports of their death rate and marriages are unrecorded. For these reasons the Indian is awakening to the fact that he is being trampled on by the white man, and he is beginning to realize that his

rights and privileges must be fought for, if he is going to live."

In the evening, in Exmouth street Methodist church, Dr. Spencer spoke on the early development in Western Canada and the work at his mission. Under the care of the Methodist church are 4,000 Indians. The first missionary to Port Simpson was Mr. Tall, who was responsible for the erection of a school. He was followed by Mr. Crosby, who has been a most efficient worker. He has spread the glad tidings and christianity among the people. Indians, who one day were warlike and treacherous are now Christians living in well regulated and furnished homes.

Cups Disappear Citizens were yesterday complaining that although there was plenty of good drinking water flowing from the fountain at the head of King street there were no cups. It is only possible to keep drinking mugs at this fountain when they are attached to a chain and it is said that even when this is done the cups are taken away.

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