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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 DARDANELLES.

The most important item coming from the war zone last night was contained in the bulletin from the British Admiralty to the effect that the allied French and British fleets had succeeded in reducing the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles and that operations were continuing which should result in completely forcing the famous strait and releasing huge stores of grain now held in Russian Black Sea ports. The Dardanelles, or Hellespont, or Straits of Gallipoli, is a long narrow strait between Europe and Asia connecting the Aegean Sea with the Sea of Marmora. In length this waterway is about 45 miles and from five miles to less than one mile in width. The narrowest part is between Sestos and Abydos, where the great Xerxes threw his bridge of boats across in 480 B. C. At the same place Alexander the Great crossed in 334 B. C. It was also the scene of Leander's classic exploit and of Lord Byron's imitation in 1810.

The Strait is of great strategic importance as it commands the entrance to Constantinople from the Mediterranean, and, in consequence, was so strongly fortified that the reduction of its forts must have been a process requiring much more strenuous fighting than is indicated by the brief bulletin. In addition to more than 40 forts studying the Strait from its entrance to the Sea of Marmora the channel has also been protected by torpedoes. On the Asiatic side, some 20 miles from the entrance, stands the strongly fortified seaport of Dardanelles, and the view of naval men observing the operations was that this port would be one of the first subjects of attack, the other fortifications nearer the entrance being smaller and more easily dealt with.

If the Allies are completely successful, and it is expected they will be, it will not be the first time that a British war flag has flown in the harbor of Constantinople. History tells us that in 1807 the British Admiral Duckworth, forced his way through the Strait and up to the Turkish capital. By a treaty signed in 1841 it was provided that no foreign war ship could pass through the Dardanelles without the express permission of the Turkish Government, but in 1878 a British fleet passed through to protect Constantinople from the Russians, and in 1891 the Sultan himself gave permission for the Russian volunteer fleet, even when carrying soldiers and convicts, to pass through. During the Russo-Japanese war the Russian volunteer fleet cruised between Peterburg and Smolensk passed the Bosphorus and Dardanelles under a commercial flag.

It is one of the peculiarities of the present war that Great Britain, the power for years most concerned in preventing Russia from gaining a foothold in the Mediterranean or in India, should now play the leading role in an operation which, when completed, will probably have the effect of giving to Russia permanent occupancy of Constantinople and, what has been the Russian dream for years, a warm water port. After the war, with Russia occupying Constantinople under an arrangement with the other Allies, there should be ushered in a regime of prosperity for all the ports in the Black Sea and even Constantinople itself. Turkey's government was not stable and her policies not such as to tend to the commercial development of her ports. With Russia it is different. Already that nation has become the wonder of the world by the splendid manner in which it has borne its share of this war. If it now secures Constantinople as a reward there will be none to say it has not been earned.

A GERMAN IN THE CAMP.

That Mr. Pugsley would not hesitate to sacrifice the interests of the port of St. John if he were Minister of Public Works at the present time, is plainly indicated by his reply to Hon. Robert Rogers' question during the budget debate in Ottawa. The representative of St. John city, in unmistakable terms, criticized the Government for not reducing the public works estimates and when asked by Hon. Mr. Rogers if he would favor a reduction in the estimate for harbor work in St. John declared that he would.

It might appear to those who do not know him that in this stand the ex-Minister of Public Works should be given credit for displaying the spirit of self-sacrifice in making the suggestion he did but, unfortunately, such an assumption is not at all in accord with the workings of the Pugsley mind. He was not interested in self-sacrifice, he was not so deeply concerned over the common good as to be willing that the

interests of the port of St. John should be sacrificed on that altar. It is more likely it was his hope that the work would be curtailed and idleness increase and then, later, he would have an opportunity to take the Government, and particularly Hon. Mr. Hazen, to task, for following the course he himself said he would follow if in power. Of course he banked on the possibility that the people of St. John would have forgotten his attitude on the matter.

The Government in adopting the policy of developing the great ports of Canada is working wisely and well. Through the efforts of Hon. J. D. Hazen our port facilities have been improved and added to an extent which would not have been possible had the Laurier party been returned to power on September 21st, 1911. From time to time the Pugsley newspapers in this city have vainly endeavored to place on the shoulders of the Honorable William all credit for this policy of port development which, when completed, will give to us one of the best equipped ocean terminals in the world. It will be most interesting now to see what course they will adopt in trying to squirm out of the responsibility for the very definite statement of their political idol. In his effort to raise party criticism Mr. Pugsley has been found not unwilling to betray this constituency. He is a German in the camp.

CARVELL AND "BOBS"

While admitting that Mr. Frank B. Carvell holds opinions on every subject under the sun, and is not handicapped by the limits of knowledge in dealing with any of them, while recognizing that his superb mastery of "tactics" enabled him to beat a successful retreat when confronted by Dr. Edwards of Frontenac and to thus avoid a painful few minutes, we positively refuse to acknowledge that when it comes to judging the qualities that go to make up a soldier his knowledge is superior to that of the late Lord Roberts. Posthumous publication of some of Lord Roberts' writings on British army officers has recently been made and it is interesting to compare his estimate of General Sir John French with that expressed by the Dark Lantern artist of comparison we print both estimates:

Lord Roberts on Sir John French: "He never makes difficulties. His truly soldier-like qualities are equalled only by his unerring instinct and his perfect loyalty."

Mr. Carvell on Sir John French: "The principal cause of trouble with the Minister and his top-heavy militia is the report of a General by the name of French, who came to this country some years ago and, in my judgment, his visit was one of the greatest misfortunes that has ever befallen Canada. I told the Minister of Militia, both publicly and privately, that in adopting the ridiculous and unreasonable report made by this General (French), he had committed a great mistake. His (General French's) ideas were ridiculous."

NEWFOUNDLAND'S FUTURE

The present Empire war has brought home in striking fashion to the colony of Newfoundland the benefits to be reaped by her should she choose to merge her identity with that of the Dominion of Canada and "confederation" is a topic which now is attracting much interest in "ye ancient colony."

The St. John's Free Press of Tuesday, February 16th, contains an account of an address on that subject delivered by Mr. A. B. Morine. The Free Press says in part:

"A large gathering attended the lecture given on Wednesday at the College Hall by A. B. Morine, K. C., who took as his subject, 'Confederation.' The lecturer, who dealt with his subject in an address lasting about an hour and a half, stated he was a Confederate by conviction, but the question of union with Canada must depend solely on the opinion of the people. His arguments in favor of union were that under control of the Dominion we would be practically as free as at present to manage our own affairs, being well represented at Ottawa; that the cost of our light-house system would be borne by the Dominion, and that our denominational plan of education would not be affected. Great improvements, such as had taken place at Halifax and St. John, in the building of docks, through these places being

well represented, might also result here, and there would be no such thing as the taxing of window panes. He saw no reason why woollen, clothing and boot factories' products could not then be exported to ports in Canada as has happened in the cases of Halifax, and though biscuit factories and such might suffer, the loss would be offset by gains otherwise. The west coast fishermen would also benefit by being free of the second duty which they now pay on goods imported from Canada, and large sums would be provided for the training of military bodies, brigades, etc. He felt that Confederation would make St. John's as large a manufacturing centre as Halifax, St. John or other points in Canada, and that a delegation should be sent to Ottawa to ascertain what terms the Colony could obtain for joining wool to the United States, provided it is consigned to the chairman of the Textile Alliance.

AUSTRALIA LIFTS THE EMBARGO ON MERINO WOOL TO U.S.

London, Feb. 25.—A Reuter despatch from Melbourne says the Australian Commonwealth will permit the export of merino wool to the United States, provided it is consigned to the chairman of the Textile Alliance.

MAYOR OF MONTREAL PLEADS "NOT GUILTY"

Montreal, Feb. 25.—Mayor Martin of Montreal was summoned before the recorder's court this morning and entered a plea of "not guilty," to the charge of driving an automobile on Mount Royal, contrary to civic by-laws. Action was taken by members of Hackmen's Association, and considerable interest centres in the case. Argument of counsel is now being heard in Empress-Storstad case and will probably occupy several days. R. A. Holden, K. C. counsel for C. P. R. is summing up for plaintiff today.

INTERNED GERMAN OFFICER SUICIDES

Honolulu, Feb. 25.—Walter Brandt, paymaster of the German gunboat Geier interned here, committed suicide last night. The fact that he was unable to rejoin his family or the colors is believed to have played on his mind.

THE CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—The following casualties among the Canadian Expeditionary Force are announced:

Seriously Ill.

Driver A. J. S. Davis, Third Brigade, C. F. A., admitted to French Military Hospital, Saint Nazaire, with spinal meningitis. Next of kin, Albert Davis (father), Birmingham, Eng.

Injured.

Private E. D. P. Corridan, Seventh Battalion, admitted to French Military Hospital, Saint Nazaire, fracture of thigh. Next of kin, Mrs. Edward Corridan (mother), 325 Nepean street, Ottawa, Ont.

Capt. McMulkin's Funeral.

The funeral of Captain John McMulkin, who passed away suddenly, Wednesday night, will be held tomorrow afternoon from his late residence, Bridge street. There will be service at the house at two o'clock and at St. Luke's Church at half past two.

Captain McMulkin was well known on the river and had a wide circle of friends in all parts of the province. The members of the family surviving are Charles W. J. Willard, Fred R. A. G. and A. Frank, sons of this city, and Mrs. A. F. Kierstead, of Fredericton, a daughter. Two sisters, also surviving, are Mrs. Enoch Currier, of Upper Gasquet, and Mrs. Sydney Currier, of Boston.

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By LEE PAPE.

I showed my cousin Sue a trick yesterday, saying, 'Hav, Sue, do you want to feel my mussel.'

No, sed Sue.

Go ahead and feel it, its pritty big, awl rite, I sed. And I dubbed my arm up like you do wen you want sumbody to feel yure mussel, and Sue started to feel it and I quick straightened my arm out and my flat hit Sue rite awn the end of her nose wate it turns up and she started to yell like anything as if she was hert, which she properly was, and pop stuck his hed in the setting room, saying, 'Whose killed.'

I am, he panted me rite in the nose awl his mite, sed Sue.

I did not, if I punched you awl my mite you woud be killed, awl rite, I sed.

Sinta wen have you bin going about punching lady's eether awl yure mite or half yure mite, sed pop.

I didnt punch her at awl, I jest showed her a trick, I sed.

Then show it to me the saim way, sed pop, and ill be the judge and award the damidges.

Awl rite, feel my mussel, I sed.

And I dubbed my arm up and pop put his fingrs awn it, saying, 'Considir yure mussel felt.'

Yes sir, I sed. And I straightened my arm out agen slo as anything and touched pop awn the end of his nose with my fist.

That wasent yure painfull, sed pop.

No sir, no sir, sed Sue, that aint it at awl, it aint anything like it, he jest touched you insted of hitting you awl his mite the way he hit me.

Its a very difficult case to decide, even for me, sed pop, you see, yure nose may be tender than mine is, and then agen, the prisoners arm mite of bin so tired from doing the trick awl day that he is now incapable of outting his usall spirrit into it, but howsevr and notwithstanding, speak now or forever hold yure tung, I hereby award the fare plaintiff damidges of wen sent, wich as a consenshass judge I will now persed to pay her myself.

And he gave Sue a sent and she stopped holding her nose and stuck out her tung at me, proving she wasent hert much, and I sed, 'Pop, ill let her hit me awn the nose as hard as she wants if you give me a sent.'

The court has adjurned for the day, sed pop. Meening Sue was the ony wen that was going to get a sent, wich she was.

Heine-McAllister.

A quiet wedding took place last evening at the home of Ira D. Farris, Wall street, when Rev. Dr. Roscoe Heine, Immigration Secretary for the Bible Society, was united in wedlock to Miss Annie J. McAllister. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Wellington Camp. Miss McAllister has been

employed in the office of the Bible Society and was also secretary of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Sunday School Association. Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Heine will reside in West St. John.

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