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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.

## TRIAL BY NEWSPAPER

Under the above heading a remarkable editorial appears in the Liberal Ottawa Free Press, dealing with an attempt on the part of some of the more unscrupulous Liberal papers to prepare the public mind for a finding of "not guilty" by the Royal Commission investigating the fuse charges. The Free Press deplores a statement in the Toronto Globe to the effect that the people of Canada, from perusal of the newspaper reports of the proceedings have already made up their minds as to the guilt of all parties concerned and will pay no attention to the findings of the Commission.

Whatever may be the result of the Commission there is no doubt that in this as in the Fleming case in this province Mr. Carvell's chief object is to get his questions and partisan statements before the country whether or not the judges sitting on the case consider them. Evidence of this is found in a statement made by Carvell the other day, when on being refused permission to introduce certain evidence not relevant to the case, said: "All right, I will get it before the people in another way."

In discussing the Liberal desire to have the case judged by the people from the reports and opinions of the newspapers of their own party rather than the Commission's findings, the Free Press says:

"About the cheekiest thing we have seen in a newspaper for some time is the warning to the Government uttered by a Toronto Journal that the people of Canada have no concern or interest in the finding of the Meredith-Duff Commission, as from the newspaper reports of the evidence they have already made up their minds and found all the accused guilty."

The thing is cheeky because if the people of this country should happen to come to a different conclusion to that of the eminent judges who are conducting the enquiry, their false judgment will be due almost entirely to the shortcomings of the newspapers in reporting the evidence and in commenting thereon.

The Free Press is disposed to make every allowance for inaccurate newspaper reporting of an investigation such as this in which ten times as much evidence is taken as the reporters can get into the space allotted to them in which a great deal of the testimony, though important in arriving at a decision is too dry and uninteresting for newspapers to print, in which it is often very difficult to follow and value the evidence as it is elicited and in which the copy for press has to be prepared in a great rush. Every practical newspaper editor will admit these shortcomings; therefore for a newspaper editor to say that the public do not care what the judges who have heard all the evidence may report in their finding because the public mind has already been made up by the evidence as reported in the newspapers, seems to us to be monstrous.

"Instead of newspapers jumping to conclusions like the Toronto Telegram and Toronto Globe from more or less partisan reports of the evidence, it would surely be more patriotic of them, at least in such a time as the present, to either advise the withholding of judgment until all the testimony is in, or study the official stenographic report of the evidence which varies in many important particulars from many newspaper reports."

"In trying to belittle the coming report of Chief Justice Meredith and Justice Duff by suggesting that the result of even judicial enquiries into charges made by party politicians is invariably a foregone conclusion, slight seems to be lost of the fact that one of the commissioners enquiring into the fuse contracts was, before he became a judge, a strong Liberal. He was nominated as a commissioner, it is understood, by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. To imply that Justice Duff would be a party to a finding that the evidence did not warrant, or that he is likely to view the evidence from an angle favorable to the Conservative party, is absurd to anyone who knows Justice Duff."

"The public are not as easily gulled, especially in war time, as some partisans wish to think, and we believe they will accord greater weight to the findings of the commissioners than to the newspaper reports of the enquiry as it proceeds."

## ROOSEVELT THE CHOICE?

The world stirring events of the past two years and the great division of opinion as to the wisdom of the policy adopted by the American government on matters affecting the war will bring to the approaching convention of the Republican party in the United States an importance far in

excess of any it has drawn in recent years.

It is claimed by many qualified observers of the trend of opinion across the line that the Republicans can defeat President Wilson at the coming elections, provided of course they select a candidate who will appeal to the united strength of the party; the contention is also made that Col. Roosevelt is that candidate. Already a strenuous pro-Roosevelt campaign is being carried on. Roosevelt stands for "preparedness" and the "bigger army and navy" policies likely to be very popular over the border.

At the dinner of the New York Chamber of Commerce recently, Joseph H. Choate, describing the sinking of the Lusitania as the greatest insult to which Americans had ever been subjected, said: "If Mr. Roosevelt were president no foreign nation would dare insult the American flag or American citizens." The day following that speech a newspaper sent one of its men to interview Roosevelt and to ask him this question: "As president of the United States what would you have done after the sinking of the Lusitania?" Mr. Roosevelt replied, "Afterwards? Nothing. But before the ship sailed I would have had a representative of the American government aboard and then notified Germany that the Lusitania was under the protection of the United States. In that event she would not have been harmed." The foregoing is characteristic of the style of material being circulated through the American newspapers to boom Mr. Roosevelt, and that it will have a mighty effect on popular opinion, is assured.

With Roosevelt as the candidate of the Republican party the people would have before them a clear cut issue between two schools of foreign policy and two vital principles of government. Mr. Roosevelt wants war with Germany and with Mexico, while President Wilson is in favor of a less aggressive course. The vote at the presidential election would not only determine the identity of the gentleman who will preside at the White House for the next four years, but would also settle beyond doubt the foreign policy of the American nation for the same period. Mr. Roosevelt is easily the strongest man available in the ranks of his party and it is claimed by many that with him as standard bearer victory is certain.

Whether a Rooseveltian policy in force in Washington will be a blessing or a curse for that nation and the world is something the future alone can determine. Certain it is that if the "strenuous one" had been at the helm of the ship of state since 1914 America, long before this, would have been an active participant in the greatest war of history.

Mr. Kyle is not to attend the sessions of the Meredith-Duff enquiry. Mr. Carvell informed the commissioners that his colleague from Cape Breton would be unable to add anything to the facts already brought out. A few days ago Mr. Carvell declared that Mr. Kyle made no "charges" but rather "statements." By and by it may be shown that the country has been put to all the expense of an investigation of the adverse advertising Canada has received in the eyes of the world, merely to gratify the partisan desire of a couple of political wind-jammers—Frank B. Carvell and George W. Kyle.

It is now reported that Austrian troops have joined the Germans fighting at Verdun. At the same time Austria has an offensive movement on hand against the Italians. Apparently Germany is determined that Austria shall play her game no matter what may happen on the eastern or southern battle fronts.

The Telegraph yesterday morning devoted a column of space to abuse of The Standard on the alleged ground that in the election in Westmorland this newspaper was guilty of a "dirty campaign." Yet no more dirty fight was ever put up in this province than that conducted in the name of the Liberal party by the journalistic acrobats of Canterbury street.

There will be very general approval of the decision of the city council in committee yesterday to grant financial

aid assistance to the Returned Soldiers' Association. The amount asked for was not large while the services rendered by the men in whose name it was requested have been very great. Consequently it is gratifying that the council decided, without discussion, to recommend the grant asked for.

## THE ROAD OF THE REFUGEES.

(Dora Sigerson Shorter, in London Chronicle.)  
Listen to the tramp! Oh, God of pity, listen!  
Can we kneel at prayer, sleep all unmolested,  
While the echo thunders—God of pity, listen!  
Can we think of prayer—or sleep—so arrested?

Million upon million feeling feet in passing  
Trample down our prayers—trample down our sleeping;  
How the patient roads groan beneath  
Of the feet in doing, bleeding, running, creeping.

Clank of iron shoe, unshod hooves of cattle,  
Pad of roaming hound, creak of wheel in turnings,  
Clank of dragging chain, harness ring and rattle,  
Groan of breaking beam, crash of roof-tree burning.

Listen to the tramp!—God of love and pity!  
Million upon million feeling feet in passing  
Driven by the war out of field and city,  
How the sullen road echoes to the massing.

Little feet of children, running, leaping, gazing,  
Tolling feet of women, wounded, weary guiding,  
Slow feet of the aged, stumbling, halting, flagging,  
Strong feet of the men loud in passion striding.

Hear the lost feet straying, from the roadway slipping,  
They will walk no longer in this march appalling;  
Hear the sound of rain dripping, dripping, dripping,  
Is it rain or tears—What, "Oh God," is falling?

Hear the flying feet! Lord of love and pity!  
Crushing down our prayers, trampling down our sleeping,  
Driven by the war out of field and city,  
Million upon million, running, bleeding, creeping.

## Daughters of Empire

Ye daughters of Empire, arise!  
Assert your nation's claim;  
Devotion true in peril's need,  
The spirit of the Spartan breed,  
Flows through your glowing veins.

Your sons remaining may not stay,  
Those loved ones that ye bore,  
Your husbands, too, the ranks must swell,  
"They could not love you half so well  
Loved they not honor more."

With burning scorn, the coward knave  
Mark well with high disdain;  
In pool-rooms, churches or saloons—  
Some careless hold a half-platoon—  
Fear not to give him pain.

Nought cares he that your sons should  
epilepsy  
Their blood, Your husbands slain,  
For him and his inglorious ease,  
Without one passing pang he sees,  
Unmindful of his shame.

Daughters of Empire fair, arise!  
The Spartan duty's yours,  
Yours to complete the sacrifice,  
To loosen up the family ties,  
Yours to inspire the timid heart,  
To boldly, bravely act its part,  
That Spartan duty's yours.  
29th Battalion —A. A.

## NEW SERVICE INAUGURATED VIA CANADIAN PACIFIC BAY OF FUNDY STEAMSHIP AND DOMINION ATLANTIC RAILWAY.

Effective May 30th the Canadian Pacific placed into service the new and palatial S.S. "Empress" between St. John and Digby. Length, 235 feet; breadth, 34 feet, 2 ins.; depth, 22 feet, 3 ins.; gross tonnage, 1,341; net register, 612; passenger capacity, 436; guaranteed speed, 17 knots.

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The dining saloon is situated in the forward part of the saloon deck, where meals are served a la carte, conducted by the Canadian Pacific Dining Car Department, and maintained to the highest efficiency.

The "EMPRESS" leaves St. John, Atlantic time, 7.15 a. m., arrive Digby 10.00 a. m. Returning leave Digby 2.15 p. m., arrive St. John 5.00 p. m. A Transfer Train is operated between the Pier and the Station, making connection with the Dominion Atlantic Through Express Trains to and from Halifax, thus affording the public a comfortable and interesting trip across the Bay of Fundy, and through the Land of Evangeline with its myriads of apple blossoms and foliage unexcelled, relieving any monotony of a day trip, besides being the Shortest Route between St. John and Halifax. This new service affords the citizens of St. John an excellent opportunity of a Rest Trip across the Bay of Fundy, and permitting four hours in Digby, and an opportunity of playing a game of golf on the new Digby Public Golf Course, and should prove a Popular Day's Outing.

## Little Benny's Note Book

Ma was reading up in her room and I was laying on the floor waving my legs in the air and saying, Crick, crick, crick, crick, and after a while ma sed, Fur marsey sakes, are you going to keep up that reedickles noise the rest of your life.

Im giving a immertation of a crickit, I sed, crick, crick, crick, crick, crick.

All rite, let that suffice for a while, and then I started to wave my arms and legs at the same time and say, Butter, butter, butter, butter. And after I had bin doing it a while ma sed, Benny, didnt I jest tell you sum-thing.

This aint a crickit, this is a butterfly, I sed.

Well stop it jest the same, sed ma, how do you expect me to read. Wich I stopped it, and pritty soon I rolled over on my stummick and started to slide along the floor going, Meow, meow, meow, keeping it up all around the room.

Benny, sed ma  
This is a immertation of a caterpillar, I sed.

Suppose you go around to the store and get me a spool of white cotton, sed ma, I dont need it jest yet, but perhaps it will relieve your excess energies.

I aint immertating anything now, I sed.

Heere the munny, dont lose the change, sed ma.

Aw, ma, I wont do any more immertations, I sed.

Go and get the cotton, sed ma.

Wich I did, meeting sum of the fellos on the way back and playing hand ball aensent the empty corner house till pop came down and wanted to no if I wanted a spehll invitation to come to supper.

Week-end rate of \$2.35 is now in effect between St. John and Digby. Further information on application to M. G. Murphy, D. P. A., C. P. Ry.

## CANADIAN FARMERS SHOULD GIVE ATTENTION TO SHEEP RAISING

Lamb and mutton are dear all the world over. Scotch mutton is now selling on the Smithfield market at 22 to 23 cents per pound, and English at 21 to 22 cents per pound. Both Australian and New Zealand frozen lamb on the same market are selling at 17 cents. Yearling lambs in Canada have reached the record price of \$14.00 per cwt., while in the United States they have been fetching as high as \$11.80. By way of comparison, these prices considerably exceed the advance in values for other live stock but no appreciable reduction need be expected except through a rapid and general expansion in production.

The wool situation needs little comment. While it is probably true that the mills in Canada have, at the present moment, sufficient stocks of Canadian grown wool to meet their requirements for the current months, such is only a temporary condition and is not a similarity the fact as regards their requirements for wools not grown in Canada. The position of the world wool market is very firm indeed. To quote from the report of the wool sales held in London on the 11th April "Competition was thoroughly strong and well distributed. The demand for cross breeds has been lively." There is no indication from any quarter that the market for wool will be

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## BRITISH POR...

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Androsan, May 26.—Sid... dal (Nor), Pedersen, Hal... Avonmouth, May 26.—S... chne, Sergeant, Montreal.

## FOREIGN POI...

Boston, May 30.—Sid...