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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 BATTLE OF ARRAS.

As the battle of Arras progresses the falsity of the German claim that the retreat of the Kaiser's forces is being conducted along pre-arranged lines, and that instead of a reverse the action in reality is a tactical success for the enemy, becomes more and more apparent. Last night's cables brought the information that the total number of prisoners taken by the British will reach 13,000 with 166 guns. Added to that number probably three times as many casualties and some idea can be gained of the weight of the blow dealt to the enemy. It was not a tactical manoeuvre on the part of the Huns. The fact that the British were able to take so many prisoners shows that the German lines must have been defended by a force which their generals probably believed would be able to check the advance. But in this operation, as in every engagement since the real British offensive started with the Battle of the Somme, the British guns were able to batter down all defenses. The brilliant charges of British and Canadian infantry completed the work. Yesterday's advances were to the effect that the British had captured six more villages and were pressing on toward the Lille region, their most recent successes bringing them to a point within ten miles of that city.

An interesting feature of the battle is that the majority of prisoners taken are Bavarians, which may indicate that the Kaiser is withdrawing his Prussians for the final stand. It is also reported that the demeanor of the German soldier has undergone a change. No longer does he comfort himself with the belief that victory is certain. On the contrary, prisoners taken are loud and bitter in their complaints against the spirit of junkism which is continuing the war in the face of assured defeat.

With such a spirit abroad among the German soldiery it is not difficult to believe that the civilian population is even more heartily tired of this war, or to forecast that if British successes are continued for the next month in the same proportion as in the past week, the German stop-the-war party may even become a source of danger to the Hohenzollern dynasty.

### IMPROVED EQUIPMENT.

The Standard this morning prints a twenty page paper in one run, the first twenty page paper so published from this office. There have been larger daily issues, it is true, and today's edition does not, by any means, set the limit for St. John publications. Indeed, in this city there has been previous to this at least one press with a capacity of twenty-four pages. This will, hereafter, be the capacity of The Standard press. In the past our capacity has been sixteen pages, with a speed as follows: 20,000 eight pages, or 10,000 ten, twelve or sixteen pages per hour. For some time, however, it has been impossible from the mechanical standpoint for this newspaper to turn out in the very limited time at its disposal, each morning, a sufficient number of papers to meet the demand. As a result, mails have occasionally been late and city subscribers have had to wait longer than should be the case for their morning paper. This condition has impelled the management of The Standard to purchase at considerable cost an addition to the press which will double the former capacity. In the future it will be possible to print 24,000 four, six, eight, ten or twelve page papers per hour, or 12,000 fourteen, sixteen, eighteen, twenty or twenty-four page papers. From four pages to twenty-four pages the only unit of two which this press will not produce will be the twenty-two page size. Thus the size of the possible product is increased by fifty per cent, and the speed of the press more than one hundred per cent.

Naturally the task of erecting this addition has caused some confusion and inconvenience in The Standard office, and from the mechanical standpoint many difficulties have had to be overcome. Perhaps these may continue for a few days, but there is every reason to believe that in a very short time it will be possible to furnish city subscribers with their papers at least an hour earlier than has been the case in the past, and that there will be no further instances of mails being delayed.

The Standard is also installing this week two of the latest models of typesetting machines and throwing out one of the older machines, with which this office was equipped some

years ago. This means an increased capacity of twenty-five per cent. in composition, and a much wider versatility in type styles. These machines will, it is hoped, be in operation before the end of another week, when The Standard will stand second to none in Canada in the perfection of its mechanical equipment.

Naturally these various improvements are in anticipation of ever increasing business, but it is worthy of note that this paper now enjoys a wider circulation than is accorded any other newspaper published in New Brunswick, and that it carries approximately forty per cent. more advertising than any other morning paper in this same territory. Advertisers find that space in The Standard produces results.

### "AIDING THE ENEMY."

Because, at a meeting of the Halifax Conservative Association, on Wednesday evening last, Hon. P. B. McCurdy and Col. Hugh Clark, M. P., made statements discrediting to the brand of Liberalism represented by the St. John Telegraph and the Halifax Chronicle, the latter paper, yesterday, editorially accused those gentlemen of "aiding and comforting the enemy."

The accusation would come with bad taste from any newspaper representing the Liberal party, but particularly offensive would it be from the Chronicle or the Telegraph. Those newspapers have never lost an opportunity of criticising the Borden Government or of attempting to create the impression that the people are not united behind the premier and his associates in the war measures. They have played the usual Grit game of opposition and fault-finding but the method of attack has been varied to suit the community in which it is to be launched. Thus, Liberal papers in the province of Quebec contend that the Borden Government is too British. Liberal workers in certain sections of this province, in the recent provincial elections, made the canvass that the Borden Government contemplated conscription and that policy was aimed directly at the French-Canadians. In Ontario, and other provinces where the English vote predominates, newspapers like the Chronicle and the Telegraph find fault because the Government is not British enough, and complain of what they term its "weak and wavering" policy. Is it not true that, by using such canvasses, one as false as the other, the Liberal party and the Liberal press are guilty of "aiding and comforting the enemy" by endeavoring to create the impression that Canada is not united in its prosecution of the war?

And the example of the Liberal press has been followed by Liberal speakers and alleged party leaders. As good an authority as Dr. Beland tells how extracts from the speeches of Lucien Cannon, the Laurier endorsed candidate in Dorchester, were circulated through the German newspapers, probably much to the delight of the enemy. Yet the Chronicle lacked the patriotism to declare at any time that Sir Wilfrid's proteges in his loose-mouthed disloyalty, was "aiding and comforting the enemy." To do so would be to tell the truth and that is not a part of the Liberal game.

This newspaper has not seen a report of the addresses delivered by Messrs. McCurdy and Clark. It is not necessary. The public and private record of those men is a sufficient guarantee that they would not, on any occasion or under any circumstances, be guilty of a disloyal utterance or anything that could be construed as comforting to the enemies of Empire. As much cannot be said for some of the politicians supported by the Chronicle and Telegraph.

### BUSINESS-LIKE ACTION.

Citizens generally will approve of the action of the City Council, yesterday, in deciding to assess for all grants. This is decidedly in line with the principle that if an institution or organization is worth while to the city it should be supported, at least in part, by all the citizens, and citizens should know what they are paying for. In the past civic assistance to such institutions has been largely a matter of how much money was available for the object under consideration, and the merits of that object. Usually delegations appeared in support of the cause in which they held interest and made their applications. These received consideration and the grant was made or refused as the council deemed wise.

To a certain extent the same principle will be followed in future, but the advantage will be that institutions to receive civic aid will be definitely provided for in the year's estimates and assessment for their support will be duly made. Of course it is not to be expected that the sums levied for will be sufficient to wholly support the institutions referred to. There still will be need for private aid and it is to be hoped that citizens will contribute as generously as in the past.

Mr. Carvell's personal organ, the Carleton Sentinel, had this gem for a recent issue:

"Peter J. Veniot, who will be Minister of Public Works, is an outstanding figure in the public life of New Brunswick. By his untiring efforts in ridding the Premier from the grafters and bootleggers he has earned the respect and confidence to a rare degree of the whole province."

The spectacle of Peter J. Veniot "ridding the premier from grafters and bootleggers" must have been highly diverting. The Sentinel should be more careful in its wholesale laudation of the new ministry. There is a limit to human credulity.

### They Cured Him And They Did it Quick

WHAT GEO. W. GARDNER SAYS OF DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

"Symptoms All Said Kidney Trouble and They Yielded Readily to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Fern Creek, Alta., April 13th.—(Special).—After suffering for three years from kidney trouble, Geo. W. Gardner, a well-known farmer living near here, is again in the best of health and he gives full credit for his cure to Dodd's Kidney Pills. "I think Dodd's Kidney Pills are wonderful," Mr. Gardner said, "in telling of his cure. 'My trouble started from a strain or a cold and I noticed it first about three years ago. 'My eyes were puffed and swollen and had dark circles under them. I was very irritable at times and my skin had a dry harsh feeling. My sleep was broken and unrefreshing, and I had a bitter taste in my mouth. 'I took medical advice, but got no permanent benefit, till I used Dodd's Kidney Pills. Just two boxes of them fixed me up and I feel as well as ever I did.'"

Every one of Mr. Gardner's symptoms is a symptom of kidney trouble. That's why Dodd's Kidney Pills cured them so quickly.

### SHEDIAE

Shediac, April 13.—The monthly business meeting in connection with the Red Cross was held Tuesday afternoon. A good attendance was present. The report read by the secretary was very satisfactory. Over \$100.00 sent to various sources had been added to the funds, in the past month. The last tea and sale of tickets on a barrel of potatoes had realized over \$78.00. Donations of \$1.00 each had been received from Mrs. Tomlin, and from Mrs. King of Pt du Chene. Mrs. Ernest Rees, Quebec, (nee Miss Hazel Tait) of Shediac, had become a life member of the branch here, and the fee of \$15.00 had been added to our funds. The society is in receipt of letters acknowledging for a recent contribution to St. John and for \$50.00 sent towards the upkeep of our two prisoners in Germany. It was decided at the meeting to send \$25.00 to Red Cross headquarters to be spent to the best advantage for the wounded soldiers. Considerable money has recently been expended for yarn, flannel, etc. The Society appreciates a yearly donation of fourteen pairs of socks from the ladies of Pt du Chene. Posters are out for a tea to be held in Tipperary Hall, Saturday afternoon the 14th inst.

A pleasant event took place, on Thursday afternoon, when the W. A. S. of the Methodist church, met at the parlour, and was entertained by Mrs. Edwin Turner. After the routine work in connection with the meeting had taken place the members of the society made the closing hour a very enjoyable occasion, at which Miss Lena Tait was the honored guest. Miss Tait has for some years been a most valuable and efficient secretary and her departure from the society and from the work of the church in all its branches, will be felt by all. To show the appreciation of the branch for the services rendered by Miss Tait, Mrs. Turner read a very complimentary address, while on behalf of the members, Miss Beatrice Harper handed her a very handsome volume entitled "Belgian Art in Exile." Miss Tait expressed her thanks in most appreciative remarks of the honor done her, and kindness shown her, on this pleasant occasion. The hostess then served refreshments, having as

## Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE

Me and Puds Slimkins and Leroy Shooter was setting on my front steps doing our arithmetic homework, and I sed, I tell you wat, lets have a short story contest, lets see wich one can rite the shortest short story.

Wich we startid to do, anything being more funt han doing arithmetic homework, and we jest finished them wen pop came home, and I sed, Pop, do you want to be the judge in a short story contest? Ive always wonderd how people get to be judges in short story contests, and now I know, people jest come up and ask them, sed pop, And he sat down on the top steps and we startid to read him our stories. Leroy Shooter going first, his story being called Artchibald Fearless, as follows:

Artchibald Fearless, Wats in this bottle? Sed Artchibald Fearless. Dolly poison, sed the pirate. Not any more, sed Artchibald Fearless. Wy not? sed the pirate. Because I jest drank it, sed Artchibald Fearless. Is that all? sed pop, and Leroy Shooter sed, Thats all, and pop sed, And he sat down on the top steps and we startid to read him our stories. Leroy Shooter going first, his story being called Artchibald Fearless, as follows:

Hands up! Your money or your life! Ah heers 18 thousand dollor bills, Good by.

Wat are you laffing at, sed a friend. He missed a dime in my vest pocket. Is that all? sed pop, and I sed, Thats all, and pop sed, Next, and Puds Slimkins red his, being the shortest of all, called Naming the Baby, as follows:

Naming the Baby. Dont let us call the baby Lizzie. Wy not? Because for the simple reason wy its a boy. Is that all? sed pop, and Puds sed, Thats all, and pop sed, Well, I like that one the best, it seems so true to nature, and literature and nature shoosd always go hand in hand. And he got up and went in the house, and some more of the fellows came erround and we got up a name of Lay sheeple lay.

her aches, a number of the guests present.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. George A. White and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Avard White, were hostesses at a very pleasant dinner party to a number of young lady friends, in honor of Miss Tait.

A number of guests were in town for Easter. D. W. Harper of the Provincial Bank, St. John, and Mrs. Harper, spent Easter at Mr. Harper's old home in Shediac.

Messrs. W. Fraser, New Glasgow, and E. O'Brien, Halifax, were in town for Easter.

Mrs. C. Elliott, Sussex, and Miss Rhoda MacDougall of St. John, were guests at Easter of their mother, Mrs. S. MacDougall.

The Misses Margaret Belliveau, Laura Faurel and Georgie Coffey were home from Mt. St. Vincent, Halifax, for the holidays.

Miss Marie McQueen, was home from Mt. Allison, for Easter. Mr. Arthur Melanson came home from St. Joseph for the holidays.

Miss Gladys Smith entertained a number of her young friends at a pleasant party, Tuesday evening, at her home "Bellevue."

Shediac people in Moncton during the week, included, Mrs. Patrice, Miss Patrice, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Roberts, Miss June Roberts, Mrs. Jardine and Miss E. Jardine.

Mr. L. F. Ogden of the Bank of Montreal, St. N., spent Easter-tide with friends in Riverview, N. S.

Miss Marie Ray, was in Moncton for the holidays. Miss Jean Webster has been the guest of Moncton friends, the past week.

F. J. Robitoux, M. P., and Mrs. Robitoux, spent part of the week in Riverview.

Special music and sermons appropriate to the festival took place in 13 different churches on Sunday. The death occurred Wednesday evening of Mr. Allan Legere, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anselm Legere. The late Mr. Legere, who was in his thirty-eighth year, had not been in good health for some time but was able to attend to duties, and attended the church services during Holy week. At Easter he was unable to be out, and since then the symptoms grew very serious, until he passed away. He was a very industrious, young man, a most obliging neighbor, and willing and ready to lend a helping hand wherever needed. His death has come as a great shock to his family. He is survived by his parents, and by two brothers: Dr. Anselm Legere, of Montreal, and Marcel, serv-

ing his country "Somewhere in France," and four sisters: Mrs. Aube, Chatham Zilica (Sister Margaret) in a Moncton Convent, and the Misses Lea, and Marie at home.

GERMANY RELEASES MGR. LOUIS LEGRAIVE

Rome, April 13, via Paris.—The Corriere d'Italia announces that as the result of Pope Benedict's intervention Germany has released Monsignor Louis Legraive, vicar general to Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium.

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