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But under the circumstances I determined that the Government was right, and I determined to place at its disposal whatever influence I had with my fellow-countrymen. I have loyally supported all the war measures of the Government, have appealed to all classes of my fellow-citizens to rise to the occasion and do their share, not only in contributing money, but in the ranks by doing battle for the great cause. And I am here today for the same purpose and object, to appeal to my fellow-countrymen of all origins to do their duty, and ask all who can go to take their places amongst those who are contending for the cause of civilization on the fields of France and Flanders.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Brome.

THE TU QUOQUE ARGUMENT.

The Sackville Tribune gives a most effective answer to those pious newspapers and individuals who readily admit that the Provincial Government is rotten to the core, but in the next breath declare that the Opposition is "just as bad." Here is the way the Tribune puts it, and there is ample food for thought in what it says:

"There is one great weakness about the present position of the Globe which we might be permitted to point out for the edification of that journal, namely, that if the people of New Brunswick do not set about the 'cleaning up' of their political affairs, no one else will do it for them. The Good Samaritan to whom we have already referred does not tamper with politics. The present government is rotten? Very well, throw it out. The future government will be rotten? Very well, throw it out also. The people will win out in the end, and the politicians must become convinced in time that the only way to keep public confidence is to avoid its abuse.

"This we believe to be the present attitude of the Liberal party in New Brunswick and all over Canada, but the Globe does not think so—just now. We have no quarrel with their opinion; that is their affair. But are we to refrain from punishing a dishonest man in office because we are afraid his successor will also be dishonest? Cannot the successor be punished also, if necessary? The duty of any honest man who perceives that the present government is not what it should be—and according to the Globe's own testimony none will deny that—is first to get rid of that government. If its successors are no better, the people of New Brunswick are quite capable of getting rid of them also in the same way. To affirm that the present government should remain in power merely because we have our doubts of what the next government will do, is only an underhand way of saying that we have a sneaking fondness for the present powers that be. Such is the position of the Globe. Far be it from us to suggest a reason for that fondness."

FLEMMING THE ISSUE.

Commenting upon the interview which Premier Clarke gave to the press on the result of the Carleton by-election, the St. John Times says:

"It is quite useless for Premier Clarke to attempt to thrust this issue into the background. The real issue before the people of New Brunswick today is Mr. J. K. Flemming and his political methods. Premier Clarke and his colleagues have themselves made the issue, and they must be judged by the company they keep. They may make as many lofty professions as they choose, but the people cannot forget the money taken by compulsion from a contractor, or the fund gathered in from the lumbermen, or the other revelations made before royal commissions. Of far more importance is it to restore honor to public life than to make roads or classify crown lands or expend the public money for any purpose whatsoever. Premier Clarke has not repudiated Flemming. The victory which Flemming claims as his own is described by Premier Clarke as a verdict for good government. Since that is his view of good government, the province must send him about his business at the very first opportunity.

As a matter of fact, to be consistent, Premier Clarke should now resign and invite Mr. Flemming to take back the office of Premier. Mr. Clarke would never have been Premier had not Mr. Flemming resigned. Now that the latter has been restored to full favor and fellowship, he is the logical leader, and should be given his full rights. Mr.

Clarke should feel very uncomfortable under the circumstances. Will he now do his full duty to his leader?"

Amherst Guardian: J. K. Flemming is a convicted grafter. He was found guilty by a royal commission on which his own political friends were in the majority. He was forced to resign the Premiership of New Brunswick because he was a convicted grafter. Later on, he was nominated for Ottawa by the Conservative-Nationalists of Carleton. Mr. Carvell conducted the case against Flemming, and obtained a verdict of guilty. Mr. Carvell has conducted cases against other political grafters besides Flemming, and verdicts of guilty were the result. Against Mr. Carvell himself no single charge of dishonesty has ever been made. His life has been without stain of graft.

Hon. Bob Rogers, Sir Robert Borden's Minister of Elections, made a bad break out in Winnipeg last week, when he declared on the witness stand that judges who served on Royal Commissions and accepted pay for their services were grafters pure and simple. The fact that the Hon. Bob was giving evidence at the time at a graft enquiry in which the late Manitoba government of which he was a member was involved, no doubt prompted the reflection on members of the bench. The late Chief Justice Landry of New Brunswick and his successor, Chief Justice McKeown, have served on Royal Commissions and accepted pay for the service. Will the journalistic admirers of Hon. Bob Rogers in New Brunswick make bold to say that these eminent jurists were grafters?

According to an alleged subscriber, whose letter is published in large type, it was the "great influence" of the local graft organ that won the recent election in Carleton, and not Hon. B. Frank Smith and Mayor Sutton, as was generally supposed. The writer of the alleged letter says: "You have won the fight, and I hope you will be long spared to take your part with the loyal people of Carleton in other contests that will be quite as important as the one in which Hon. Frank Smith and Mayor Sutton were elected by such large majorities." If B. Franklin is as shrewd as his friends claim he is, he will take the hint and pay up.

Through Our Sieve

An engagement ring is a girl's idea of a band of hope.

A sceptic doubts everything but the immortality of his own opinions.

It is the woman who becomes the kimona, not the kimona the woman.

The Germans don't seem to be properly "thankful" for those new British war machines.

We watch for the first robin in spring but never bother about when the last one leaves.

"British have achieved more Somme success." We don't care if it does sound like bad grammar.

At school we learned to say "shell creature," but the war writers are saying "shell crater" and getting away with it.

"The new Canadian war loan has been over-subscribed by about \$75,000,000." Well, if they don't know what to do with it we'll take some.

Does the victory of the 70-year-old golfer prove that it is "an old man's game," or that the winner has kept young?

The best that can be said of mediocre men is that the majority of them make good husbands. No one ever heard of a superior man helping wife the dishes.

You never can tell how things will turn out. Sometimes a girl who wears black patches on her complexion marries a man who wears them on his trousers.

The Germans refer to the "tank" the cars of the British as cruel engines of warfare. And they must be shocking to the soft-hearted conquerors of Belgium and the victors of the naval fight in which the Lusitania was sunk.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON THE MACEDONIAN FRONT

London, Sept. 26.—The following official account of operations on the Macedonian front was issued here today:

"On our Strima front Karaska was shelled by French artillery and as a result the enemy was compelled to move one of his camps.

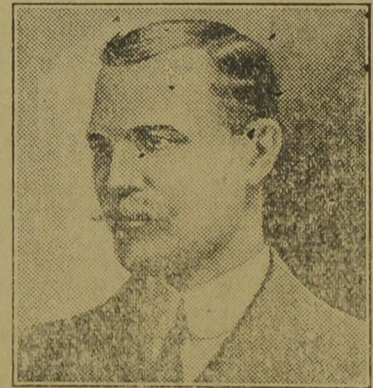
"Our patrols made successful raids on enemy trenches.

"Hostile aircraft and artillery displayed considerable activity. Our aircraft engaged enemy machines on three occasions, and drove them off."

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French Troops Capture Village

Paris, Sept. 26.—Continuing their offensive north of Somme, the French last night captured all the village of Freigicourt and penetrated the Comblès cemetery.

A French reconnoitering party reached the southern border of Comblès, says today's official statement. Eight hundred unwounded prisoners were taken in the fighting of yesterday on the Somme front.

THE TEUTONIC FORCES COMPELLED TO RETREAT

New York, Sept. 26.—A News Agency despatch from Bucharest published here today says:

"Teutonic forces in Dobrudja retreated on the left wing in Sunday's fighting after several lively engagements, the War Office reported. The German and Bulgarian losses have been very great. One Roumanian division picked up 3,000 rifles abandoned by the enemy."

THE ROADS ARE BAD.

Auto Accidents Numerous and Many Complaints are Heard.

Automobile accidents have been quite numerous in this section during the past week, and there have been many complaints in regard to the condition of the roads. Last week an auto party came to grief at Clarendon, in Queens county. A relief car was sent from this city, but it also went to the bad, and the rescuers and the rescued party did not reach the city until the following afternoon.

Last week an auto party on its way to Stanley broke down on the Gibson road and had to return to the city. Autoists who travel into the country these days of terrible roads expect trouble, and they are seldom disappointed.

AWAKENING STIRS BRITAIN.

Demand for Reorganization of Industry Practical Education, etc.

London, Sept. 26.—Fresh evidence of the exceptional mental and moral vigor of this country at the present moment develops almost daily. The feeling is widespread that the nation and empire narrowly escaped disaster, scientifically, industrially and in respect to its whole attitude of life. The British people, it is believed, had been yielding to lax and dangerous tendencies.

Better education is now demanded and there is a call for thorough reorganization of industry on the principle not of low wages and minimum output, but of high wages and maximum output. It is realized that if the Empire is to prosper capital and labor must work together more harmoniously and intelligently than in the past.

It is realized also that key industries such as the spelter and yestuffs, must be developed until a sudden war cannot embarrass the British as did the outbreak in August, 1914.

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