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More Loyal than the Queen.

(Mail and Empire.)

It will be noticed that the Imperial Government, instead of refusing Lord Strathcona's offer to pay the expenses of a mounted corps in South Africa has gladly accepted this evidence of His Lordship's enthusiasm for the Empire.

The circumstance is a commentary upon our own contingents.

Sir Charles Tupper said that in rendering assistance we should also intimate that we intended to pay for what we gave, just as Lord Strathcona is doing.

In reply, Sir Wilfrid declared that he was following a Colonial Office despatch, which said nothing about pay, and he added: "I question whether 'in a matter of this kind it would be 'advisable to be more loyal than the 'Queen'—as Lord Strathcona evidently is.

While Sir Wilfrid was resisting payment on the ground that it would not do to be "more loyal than the Queen," his colleague, Mr. Tarte, was giving another reason for the refusal to pay; he asked, "What have we to do with 'Britain's war in South Africa'?" and exclaimed, "not a man; not a cent;" then he proceeded to say:

"For our part, we have no hesitation in declaring that if the Laurier Government were to take upon itself the responsibility of engaging the future of Canada by sending to the Transvaal at the expense of the State a military contingent, we would condemn that policy." After it was all over, Mr. Tarte explained what had occurred (La Patrie, Oct. 14.)

"The Government had to decide between two policies—the official sending of a contingent at the country's expense, or the payment of the passages and the clothing of those who had manifested a desire to go and fight in the Transvaal. The sending of a contingent was put aside."

It will be observed that Sir Wilfrid's statement that he was bound by the Colonial Office despatch is denied by Mr. Tarte; for Mr. Tarte says the policy of sending a contingent at the country's expense was up for decision in the Cabinet.

That policy was "laid aside;" it was open to the Government, but the Government would not follow it. The decision reached was (see Mr. Tarte's statement in La Patrie, Oct. 14) that the volunteers might enroll themselves or enlist under the colours of the British army.

"But when once on shore they will be incorporated into the ranks of the Imperial troops and paid, clothed and fed by Great Britain."

Lord Strathcona, a friend of the Empire, does not mind paying for 400 men and horses; but the Laurier-Tarte Government, representing that it would not do to be more loyal than the Queen, "permits" Canadians to enlist in the British army, stipulates by order-in-Council that this permission is not to be a precedent, requires the Imperial Government to pay the troops when "once on shore," and apologizes for having done even that much, its excuse being that it was driven to it by public opinion.

Pte. Dudge, of the 3rd Battalion; Grenadier Guards, writes to his mother, "I am not happy unless I am having a go at the Boers. They will only stand a few hours and then run like the devil, leaving everything behind them—their horses, food and clothes. We are like officers when we return to camp after every battle. We come in riding on horses and with overcoats on."

The latest arrivals from Johannesburg report that Boer methods are

A MODERN HERO

George was taking his tea with his best girl. In fact, George was having tea with his only girl, he having wisely dropped all the others in her favor; and to be still more explicit George was having tea not only with his best, but with his best girl's family. They were all there—George's future father-in-law, his mother-in-law, three sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law. It was quite a legal law abiding sort of a gathering, and George felt that if he ever got out without costs, he'd be extremely fortunate.

"Have another piece of cake," said the mother-in-law.

George hesitated; he had already taken one piece of that cake and rather dreaded another.

"Yes, have another piece of cake," commanded George's future father-in-law.

"Do have another piece of cake," beseeched his three sisters-in-law.

"Better try another," advised the two brothers-in-law.

George still hesitated. He knew his digestive organs were not as strong as they should be. He knew that the cake was indigestible. He knew that if he ate any more he would suffer for it. But he didn't know that Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets would have prevented any ill effects.

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working ruin to the mines. The Boers pick out the rich ore, leaving the cost of further development to the shareholders. Stores are being robbed wholesale. The safe deposit vaults under the Stock Exchange have been broken open and jewellery and plate left by refugees have been extracted. Grass is growing in the streets and cattle are grazing in fashionable thoroughfares. There are still about 2,000 Uitlanders in the Transvaal.

LETTER FROM LT. COL. DRURY.

Lt. Col. Drury, who is in South Africa with the first contingent, writing to Mr. J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., from De Aar on December 14, says: I have just returned to this place from Modder River. I reached that place on the eve of the engagement at Magersfontein. It was a terrible sight to see so many dead and wounded. It has been put down as a repulse, but it is far worse than that. This and General Gatacre's misfortune will most likely cause the Cape Colony Dutch to rise. The most wonderful part of the campaign is the ease with which everything goes on in the way of transport and supplies. This place and Orange River are huge base store stations. Everything from safety pins to anchors can be obtained for the requirements of an army in the field. Troops by the hundreds come and go without the least confusion. The only uncertainty which exists is the ultimate plan of campaign. General Buller's plans have been so upset by the necessity of the relief at Kimberly and Ladysmith that one can't even guess what will happen next. One thing seems pretty certain: at this rate we won't be in Pretoria for at least six months more. This place is nothing but a big dust heap, and as the wind always blows it is most disagreeable."

Mr. Carnegie has been telling the young men of New York something more about the burden of riches. "In these days," he says, "we hear a lot about poverty, but it will indeed be a sad day when poverty is no longer with us. Where will your inventor, your artist, your philanthropist, your reformer, in fact, anybody of note, come from them? They all come from the ranks of the poor. God does not call his great men from the ranks of the rich." Mr. Carnegie continued in this strain for some time, and at the conclusion of his remarks he was warmly congratulated by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, who was on the platform, and who may fairly be said to know something about the disadvantage of being rich, as well as Mr. Carnegie.

LIFE'S ABLANK.

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Show me what high and stately pile
Is reared o'er Glory's bed.

Go, stranger! track the deep,
Free, free the white sail spread!
Wave may not foam, nor wild wind sweep,
Where rest not England's dead.

On Egypt's burning plains,
By the pyramid o'erthrown,
With fearful power the noonday reigns,
And the palm-trees yield no shade.

But let the angry sun
From heaven look fiercely red,
Unfelt by those whose task is done!
There slumber England's dead.

The hurricane hath might
Along the Indian shore,
And far by Ganges' banks at night,
Is heard the tiger's roar.

But let the sound roll on!
It hath no tone of dread,
For those that from their toils are gone;
There slumbers England's dead!

Loud rush the torrent-floods
The western wilds among,
And free, in green Columbia's woods,
The hunter's bow is strung.

But led the floods rush on!
Let the arrow's flight be sped!
Why should they reck whose task is done?

There slumbers England's dead.
The mountain-storms rise high
In the snowy Pyrenes,
And toss the pine-boughs through the sky,
Like rose-leaves on the breeze.

But let the storm rage on!
Let the forest wreaths be shed;
For the Roncesvalles' field is won—
There slumbers England's dead.

On the frozen deep's repose
'Tis a dark and dreadful hour,
When round the ship the ice-fields close,
To chain her with their power.

But let the ice drift on!
Let the cold-blue desert spread!
Their course with mast and flag is done,
There slumber England's dead.

The warlike of the isles,
The men of field and wave!
Are not the rocks their funeral piles,
The seas and shores their grave?

Go, stranger! track the deep,
Free, free the white sail spread!
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