

Join the League *right now* by taking the pledge, "*I will not eat food that a soldier needs.*" Commence your service in abstinence at your next meal and see how quickly that *guilty feeling* will leave you.

In regard to an editorial in these columns in the issue of April 12th, entitled "Utterly Untrue," the editors have to announce that the matter of the slander of the Ottawa Service by a member of the Manitoba legislature is being taken in hand by the officers of the C. S. Association of Ottawa.

If ever you feel a little bit "blue," just turn to the column of "Decorations Won" in this issue and read how *our boys* have won their medals. If it doesn't make you proud to be a Canadian civil servant, you're hopeless.

The action of the editors in devoting the last issue of *The Civilian* almost exclusively to the new bill has been warmly approved in the Service. The Ottawa newspapers practically ignored the most important piece of Civil Service news that has appeared in years until *The Civilian* printed the whole bill. It was noticeable that certain of those who say it is not worth while to subscribe for *The Civilian* were very eager to beg or borrow a copy of that issue.

If the fakirs of Patronage, at present very busy, succeed in defeating the passage of Bill No. 53, it will only remain for us to make a strong protest by blowing up the Chateau Laurier, the hotbed of intrigues, and the East Block, and crowning A. G. Acres with a crown of laurel and setting him up on the Plaza as the emblem of Canada's new morality derived from the war.

### DECORATIONS WON.

News comes from London concerning many decorations granted to members of the

Canadian Expeditionary Force, including several civil servants. In some instances the award was previously reported in this column, but the Orders were not then available.

A decoration not previously reported is that of the Military Cross to Captain (Acting Major) John Pollands Girvan. This officer belongs to Toronto post office staff and went overseas with a unit from the 48th Highlanders. He has been wounded and was awarded the Croix de Guerre some time ago. The Order in connection with his Military Cross says: "*Throughout an attack he led his company with the greatest skill and courage, continually going forward into our own barrage at great personal risk in order to check men who were advancing too fast. He directed his men amidst the fiercest shelling, and it was due to his gallant personal example that the hostile counter-attacks were fruitless. His reports were invaluable and it was largely due to him that the enemy were held back from the captured ground.*"

Lieut. Gerald Wallace Guion, who won the Military Cross in July, is awarded a Bar to his decoration "*for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a party ordered to establish a block in an enemy trench. When formed up for the operation, the party was heavily shelled and suffered heavy casualties. He kept them together, successfully blocked the trench and held it against the counter-attack, although his right flank was in the air.*"

Lieut. Melville Gordon Anderson's Cross was awarded for the following exploit: "*During an assault on enemy trenches he led his platoon to the capture and destruction of two hostile guns and their crews, and, although severely wounded, showed great courage later in the day by personally directing his men in repelling an enemy counter-attack. His complete disregard of self and his coolness under all conditions were of the greatest possible value in steadying his men.*"

Lieut. (Acting Captain) Paul Emile Côté (died of wounds) won the Military Cross as follows: "*He led his men in the attack with great determination, and, regardless of*