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## UNDELY DELAY IN M. S. A.

"There has been undue and unexpected delay in the operation of the M. S. A. from causes upon which it is not necessary to dwell."—Premier Borden.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN has made it clear that his Government does not intend to consider the request which has come from all over the country, that the order declaring the abolition of all exemptions of men between certain ages be amended; he insists that it is the only possible way to cope with the situation, and gives the above-quoted excuse for the action.

There will be unanimous agreement with the part of his statement which stigmatizes the delay in the operation of the M. S. A. as "undue," but when he adds "unexpected," he is not speaking for a large proportion of the people of the Dominion. There were thousands who refused to vote for the Union Government and conscription because they did not believe it would be enforced fairly and effectively under Sir Robert, and the premier's admission is taken as justification for their doubts.

Premier Borden says it is not necessary to dwell upon the causes of the delay. Perhaps not, since up to the present time such revelations have not been forced from the Government; but his words would have revealed the truth more clearly had he said it was not politically expedient to dwell upon the causes.

It is the duty of Sir Robert Borden to give a full explanation of these causes of delay, since he admits that they are responsible for the recent order-in-council. The nation has demanded to know why this peremptory call is necessary, and it does not cover the case to say what he has said; he might just as well have said the men were required overseas, and let it go at that. It is fruitless to blame, as some are blaming, Quebec for the failure of the M. S. A. If there is blame there, it lies with the tribunals, and with those entrusted with carrying out the law, not with the people at large, and these tribunals and officials were Government appointees.

The premier's statement of reasons for the issuing and enforcing of the no-exemption order, condensed into a few words, is simply this: If the army is crushed, the production of foods will be futile; we must have the men to prevent the army being crushed. It is equally true and logical to say that if the armies are victorious, and there is no food for them, they will starve to death.

The nation is being called on to sacrifice to a tremendous degree: surely it is asking little that the Government which makes the call also sacrifice something, and tell the whole truth about the so-called necessity and its causes. No good Canadian will refuse to fight if he knows he is essential, but every Canadian wants to know why he is conscripted.

## WHAT IS CANE SUGAR?

WHAT IS CANE SUGAR? If the food controller's orders concerning the use of sugar are to be enforced, a definition is imperative, since "cane" sugar is specified in the restrictions.

If this only applies to sugar made from the sugar-cane, it will be an easy matter for confectioners or housewives to obtain beet sugar in quantities, and to use it in any way they please. Furthermore, it will be very difficult to prove any infraction of the law, since it will be necessary to establish the fact that cane sugar was the ingredient used illegally.

Perhaps the word "cane" is meant to cover and include all varieties, and, if this is the case, the wording of the order should be altered immediately, since in its present form it is misleading and likely to cause misunderstanding.

## MORE WASTE OF MONEY.

INEFFECTUAL as protests may appear, the necessity constantly arises of pointing out instances of inexcusable waste of money by the military authorities at Ottawa. There is no dearth of these examples of poor and careless administration, but even to the callous it must appear as almost beyond belief that it requires more than six weeks for one department to "put through" privates' discharges from the army after the men have been declared physically unfit for military service by the army medical board, and after their commanding officer has indorsed and sent to the capital their discharge papers for approval. During this time the men must continue to wear the uniform and are kept on the pay-roll, although given leave from their units and freed from duties. For one private thus kept waiting for six weeks the country has to pay \$1.10 a day, plus 50 cents subsistence allowance, or a total of \$67. Multiply these figures by scores of similar cases and the total becomes large enough to be serious.

It is not, however, the sum of money concerned which makes it so discreditable to the department so much as the evident lack of system and method which exists. Once a man has had all the necessary examinations and has been found unfit by those who have personal knowledge of his condition there can be nothing but formal acquiescence in the finding by the Ottawa authorities. Does it take six weeks for them to make up their minds? or are the communications from outside points left lying around in pigeon-holes to gather dust until someone accidentally pulls them out and condescends to have them brought to the attention of the proper official? The latter seems the more probable.

Let it not be imagined that this long delay and waste of money exists only in the case of

men who have been overseas and have suffered from injuries or disease; for these it might be thought there was sympathy, which dictated their being kept on the pay-roll as long as possible. The same is true of men who have been in the army only a few weeks or months and who have broken down in training and in some instances the money paid these for the time of waiting amounts to more than they earned while training. There is no suggestion that the military departments at Ottawa are under-manned and over-worked. Is the trouble due to too many "cooks" spoiling the meal?

## WHO IS RIGHT?

WHO IS RIGHT? County Judge Smith of Essex County, chairman of one of the exemption tribunals at Windsor, makes the statement that farmers of that county who are protesting against the new M. S. A. regulations have not been able to back up their objections by facts. He declares there is no shortage of farm labor in the county, and that many youths who offered to work on the farm have been told their services are not required.

In its official report on crop conditions on May 6 the Ontario Government Department of Agriculture makes this statement: "High school boys are said to be helping materially, although there is a decided shortage of experienced men."

## TO THE ORIGINAL FIRSTS.

THERE WILL BE nothing but rejoicing over the fact that about 50 per cent of the first contingent men of Western Ontario who were allowed home on furlough are to be retained for home service, and will no longer have to bear the brunt of battle. All of them, with their wives and families, would be quite willing to hear from the doctors that they were not fitted for more active service, so long as there is no dangerous wound or impairment of health to make the future enjoyment of life impossible. Many of them would cheerfully have returned to France had they been called, but it would be superhuman to feel anything but gladness over the fact that no more is required of them.

What a pity the stay of all furloughed men of the original firsts could not be made permanent! They have all done their share and earned their release, but stern necessity demands that they do more. The military service act has not sent enough men to France to allow of the withdrawal of those survivors, who suffered in 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917. Its failure to come up to expectation means much to those who must go back to France.

Short as has been the visit of those who will be leaving again in a few days, it has been worth while. It has brought joy to those who have watched and waited for over three years, and has renewed the spirit of the men themselves. Others have shared in the pleasure of greeting the unwearied heroes, and will share in the pain of parting. Some there are, in London, as in other places, whose loved ones could not come, because they have made the great sacrifice, but these sorrowing ones do not grudge their more fortunate sisters the joy of reunion; rather they share in it.

Good luck to those who are again to face danger overseas! May each one come back again safe and sound when the war is won.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

There is a chance that Constantine's illness will prove fatal. Let's hope the kaiser becomes infected.

Finland's freedom has been saved by Germany, says von Payer. That's a new role for the Huns.

Sir Sam Hughes is not so amenable to discipline in the House as he wished soldiers to be during his regime.

If there are over 500,000 Americans in France the outlook is decidedly bright. That is a respectable little army in itself.

Austrians discover an American force on the Italian front. They're getting nervous and seeing foes all around them.

Mexican bandits slay four British subjects, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that German gold paid them for the murders.

The charge has been made that Canadian farmers would not unite, but there seems to be little division of opinion on the cancelling of exemptions.

As punishment for the kaiser, how would it be to attach to him an iron cross weighing about 150 pounds, and make him wear it until death relieves him?

The Irish Nationalists and Sinn Feiners have one thing in common with the Ulsterites—they both distrust the Government. One fears conscription will be enforced without home rule, the other suspects home rule without conscription.

It was a bright thought of an Advertiser reporter to name the soldiers deputed to meet incoming drafted men "Blue-Bonnets," because of the blue band on their caps. It has appealed to the authorities, and is now used in official orders.

Farmers continue to wait on the Government with a view to having the no-exemption law amended, in spite of all refusals. They remember so many times that the Government has promised one thing and has done the opposite that they are not discouraged.

The Advertiser does not publish anonymous letters. From time to time it becomes necessary to make this statement, as letters are received, interesting in themselves, but bearing no name to assure the good faith of the writer. Every letter must be signed, but the name will not be published if its omission is requested.

## OR POWER IN NOVELTY?

A few of Pershing's veterans from France drew a bigger crowd in New York for the Liberty Loan than the Charlie Chaplin-Douglas Fairbanks combination, which shows there's still a lot of hope for democracy.

## SOLIDIFYING THE EMPIRE.

[Detroit News.] Instead of loosening, the war has solidified the bonds of empire. Canada's tie to Great Britain is purely sentimental, but nevertheless it is peculiarly strong. Already self-governing, the Dominion has no reason either to seek independence or any other change in her status, except, perhaps, closer union with the empire as a whole. As for annexation to the United States, that is desired neither in this country nor Canada. So far as Canada is concerned the vote against such a step, despite the natural sympathy between the two countries would be overwhelming. In this country—in spite of our Champ Clark—there is a definite feeling that both Canada and the United States are doing quite well as they are.

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## American Voiles, 39c

40-inch American Voile in a range of plaids, checks and floral designs in pink, sky, black, rose, both white and colored grounds. Extra value ..... 39c yard

## Parkhill Gingham, 35c

American-made Gingham, noted for their washing qualities, in a big assortment of plaids, in pinks, blues, browns and greens. We are showing the most fashionable designs obtainable. Splendid value, 35c yard

## May Flower Voiles, 59c

These are shown in dainty little conventional designs, in pink, blue, green and tan, also darker grounds in navy, saxe, grey, purple, tan, 40 inches wide. Exceptional quality ..... 59c yard

## Plain Colored Voiles, 45c

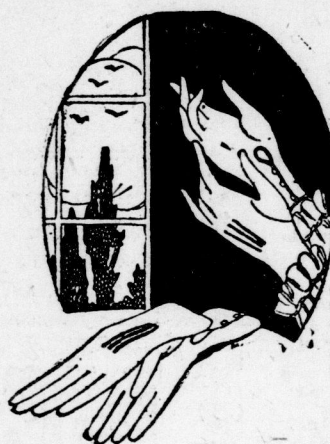
A big run on Plain Colored Voiles, in white, grey and sand. This material is 40 inches wide, nice even weave, much used for waists and dresses. Special 45c yard

## Plain Colored Voiles, 50c

Fine-Quality Voile, in flesh, sky, mauve, black, very soft finish, 40 inches wide, particularly good for waists and dresses. Special value ..... 50c yard

## New Plaid Voiles, 95c

The vogue of Plaid Voiles is stronger this year than ever. We are showing this number in tan and green, tan and rose, blue and white and tan and white; 36 inches wide. Special ..... 95c yard



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Good Quality Lisle Gloves, in black or white, two dome fasteners, self-stitched points, sizes from 6 to 8½. Extra value ..... 59c pair

## Silk Gloves, 85c

Good Quality Silk Gloves, in white or black, double-tipped fingers, with self or contrasting stitched points, two dome fasteners, sizes 5½ to 8½. Special ..... 85c pair

## Silk Gloves, \$1.00

Better Quality Silk Gloves, in black or white, double-tipped fingers, self or contrasting stitched points, sizes 5½ to 8½. Extra value, \$1.00 pair

## Chamois Gloves, 85c

Good Quality White Chamois Gloves, medium weight, two dome fasteners, sizes 6 to 7½, self-stitched points, good wearing and washing quality. Special ..... 85c pair

## Girls' Smart Dresses, 2 to 14 Years

### 2, 4 AND 6 YEAR DRESSES AT 59c

Children's Print Dresses in a range of plain colors and checked patterns, both light and dark. Special value ..... 59c each

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Children's Print and Gingham Dresses. Included in this lot are a number of sample dresses, one-third less than regular, light and dark colors ..... 75c each

## PRINT AND GINGHAM DRESSES AT 98c

To fit girls from 2 to 14 years. Here is a range of Light and Dark Colored Print and Gingham Dresses that we cannot repeat when these are gone. Make your selection early ..... 98c each

## GINGHAM DRESSES AT \$1.50

Plaid Gingham and Plain Chambray Dresses, in a range of designs and colors, including several sample dresses, one-third less than regular, sizes 2 to 14 years. Special ..... \$1.50 each

## GIRLS' CHECKED GINGHAM DRESSES, 45c

For little tots 2, 3 and 4 years, Gingham Dresses, in blue and white and black and white check. Special ..... 45c each

## ALL-SILK SWEATER COAT, \$21.50

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Jap Silk Waists, in white, black, rose, pink, maize. Extra value. \$2.50 EACH

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# Bits of Byplay by Luke McLuke

Copyright, 1917.

Modern Nursery Rhymes.

Choke a babe, choke a babe, soldier

Choke it and kill it as fast as you can.

Cut it and hack on it Kultur's big "K."

And you'll get an Iron Cross for your work today.

Oh!

"I see that an Indiana man was fined

for calling a telephone girl a cameo,"

said the Old Fogey, as he looked up from his newspaper.

"Maybe he wanted her to get a hump

on," commented the Grouch.

Quick, Doc, the Eichloridel

"The man won't talk," Reporter Land

Announced. "I don't know what to

do." "Just use an X-ray, and

You're sure to get an inter-view."

Foey!

"Why do you use such a long cigar

holder?" asked Smith.

"The doctor told me to keep away

from tobacco," replied Jones.

Gosh!

A woman doing housework is

a puzzle to us men;

She slaps the dust round with a whiz,

So it will fall again.

The Wise Fool,

"Dead man tell no tales," quoted the

Sage.

"How about those who have written

their own obituaries?" asked the Fool.

Bloey!

He swore off swearing, did Hank Hix,

And then, someone the luck;

His wife insisted that he fix

A window sash that asked the Fool.

But doesn't it give you a Tummyache?

(Monroe (N. C.) Inquirer.)

McCorkle Brothers, painters, are do-

ing interior painting just now for every

person in the county.

Correct.

Once upon a time there was a working

man's wife who admitted that her hus-

band supported her the way he should.

As you say, all fairy tales begin with

Once Upon a Time.

The Horrors of War.

Before the war coconuts cost only \$5

a thousand in Honduras. Now they cost

\$5.25 a thousand.

Oh, Joy!

"I dreamed of the Kaiser," the Irish-

man said.

"And I dreamed I was fillin' the baste

full of lead;

An' so many big bullets in him I did

put,

It took sixteen men to carry

him out."

—Luke McLuke.

"I had a more elegant dame yet than

that,"

An' begorry, I think it'll come true,"

said Pat;

"I've wan' o' them Huns got so deaf to

his call

That he couldn't get carried at all, sir,

at all!"

—Newark Advocate.

The K's Have It.

K. K. Kaye lives in Union County,

N. C.

Betcha.

Hammer says that the fellow who is

always playing a mouth organ must

have a taste for music.

Help!

I went to a dance for the deaf and dumb.

It made me want to fight!

I felt as if a gymnast

For I swung dumb bells all night.

Neither did we.

Very.

Isn't it appropriate that Seal Brothers

should be in the fur business in Cin-

cinnati?

Oh, Joy!

Some of these days we are going up

to Barnesville, Ohio, and see Joseph

Leap.

Names Is Names.

Carrie Broom Lives in Waxhaw, N. C.

Our Daily Special.

Always Put Off Until Tomorrow the

Things You Shouldn't Do at All.

Luke McLuke Says.

A man always knows where his enemies

stand. But he can't say that much for

his friends.

If time were money, there is a loafer

in every neighborhood who would own

the regional bank.

We are glad we do not dance. Life

is too short to learn the bolero all over

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