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### THE GAMBLER'S LAST THROW

Germany has adopted the policy of ruthless submarine warfare, in the hope of forcing the Entente Allies to make peace. The situation is clearly described by the naval correspondent of the London Morning Post, who says:

"If Germany can destroy enough ships, both neutral and belligerent, before she is defeated on land, she will win. If the Allies can maintain sufficient sea transport they will win."

There is no doubt at all that Germany can do enormous damage by unrestricted submarine warfare. If her submarines go out with orders to sink vessels without discrimination, they can leave behind them a wake of destruction unparalleled in history; but to starve England is a more difficult matter, since it will be possible to convey vessels through the danger zone, just as they were conveyed when the first submarine attacks were launched around the English coast. Beyond question, if Germany has enough submarines, she can cause intense suffering in England for a time; but that she can accomplish her ends is not to be believed for a moment. In desperation she has resorted to this last barbarous method to save something from the remnant of her shattered fortunes, but it will not avail. We may be prepared to read grim tales of murder and destruction, but the British people will not be turned from their purpose. They and all the world will see in this last proof of Teutonic barbarism another reason for fighting to the last man in defence of civilization.

Naturally there is very deep interest in the attitude of the United States toward the German policy of unrestricted submarine warfare. President Wilson declared a year ago that the United States would not stand for such a policy, and it was then abandoned. Now that it is to be renewed he must either sever diplomatic relations or reverse his former action. On its face, the situation would seem to call for not only a severance of diplomatic relations but a declaration of war against Germany. The next few days promise sensations equally any that have been witnessed since the war began. Germany's action now announced is the gambler's last throw.

### ELECTION RUMORS.

A provincial election in New Brunswick is among the early possibilities, although definite word has not yet come forth. There have been frequent conferences and much weighing of chances by members of the government and their supporters, and no one would be greatly surprised if a reorganization of the government were followed by an election. The opposition should be alert and ready, for the interests of the province demand the defeat of the government, and those who oppose must reckon with the influence and patronage of two governments and a very large fund in the hands of government disburses of election favors. Rumors of cabinet changes which are floating about are very interesting, and it is clear that the government cannot satisfy all its aspiring friends. Whatever changes may be made, it will still be in substance the Fleming government, unrepentant and unshaken. Such a combination ought to be defeated, and a complete change effected. If the people of New Brunswick should condone the offences of this group of politicians they would deserve not only a continuation of misrule but a continued looting of the treasury for partisan purposes and for the enrichment of favored contractors. There never was a time when the people had greater reason to demand clean government, and if the opportunity is soon offered they should embrace it with enthusiasm. Possibly there will be a meeting of the legislature before the appeal is made to the country, but whenever that appeal comes it should find the opposition ready to put up a winning fight. New Brunswick should follow the example of the western provinces and call for a complete change of administration.

### NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

The Toronto Star recently sent out through the country, from coast to coast, the following questions:—

"Will you be good enough to send your answer to the following questions, such answer to be printed in The Toronto Daily Star with other interviews with other leaders and representative men in their respective communities all over Canada."

"In view of the declaration, often repeated, by British statesmen that to win the war the Empire must put into the conflict every ounce of its energy, and

"In view of the stupendous character of the work that must be done in Canada before we can be said to have put our whole power into the fight, or before we have fulfilled our pledges in men, munitions, or money, and

"In view of the experience of nearly every country at war that to effectively unite and lead the whole nation, a National Government has been found absolutely essential."

"Is it your opinion that the time has now arrived when steps should be taken

by the Prime Minister to bring into his cabinet representatives of all parties and of the ablest business men available, thus organizing a truly National Canadian government?"

The question was addressed to mayors and reeves, presidents of boards of trade and Canadian Clubs, without discrimination of any kind. It is significant to note that a very large majority of the answers received were in favor of a national government.

Of course the growing demand for a national government is due to the failure of the Borden-Nationalist, or perhaps we should now say the Nationalist-Borden government to give the country a war-administration. What the people want is a government that will devote all its energies in a fearless and non-partisan manner to the prosecution of the war, and in this the present group in control at Ottawa have utterly failed.

Sir Robert Borden has it in his power to make way for a national government or go to the people and let them declare their views. The present state of affairs in view of the war needs of the time grows more intolerable. In the words of the Toronto Star:

"There is not much use talking of National Service if those who, at a time like this, ought to be the statesmen of the country, are to make party service the first, middle, and last thought in their minds."

### THE SQUABBLING TORIES

The speech of Sir Sam Hughes and the reply of Sir Thomas White, in parliament on Tuesday, when read together, show very clearly how much the Tories, and especially the soldiers of Canada, suffered because of a lack of leadership at Ottawa. Sir Sam tells of contracts let to middlemen, and inferior goods delivered at prices greatly exceeding the market. Of inexcusable delays due to kickbacks in the cabinet. Sir Thomas White asserts that there were irregularities in expenditure, unnecessary purchases and a lack of proper safeguards in the militia department. Sir Sam and Sir Thomas had in turn written to Sir Robert Borden each protesting against the action of the other. Sir Sam, however, in Tuesday's speech did not not only make good his charges, made at the time of his retirement from the cabinet, and it is clear that he has been induced to abandon the attack foreshadowed in his correspondence with Sir Robert. The appeals of his Tory friends have evidently had their effect. Enough was revealed, however, in his speech and that of the finance minister, to show how badly Canada has been led during the war, and the recent triumph of the Nationalists makes it equally clear that no improvement can be hoped for while the present government is in power. Sir Sam Hughes, with characteristic self-confidence, asserts that all would be well if he were at the head of the militia department and had the ear of the prime minister. That is what the people expect Sir Sam to say. They know, however, that he had his opportunity and that there is no possibility of his being restored to favor in a government which has been betrayed by its present leaders, and the remedy is a clean sweep, for it is very evident that Sir Robert Borden has not the slightest intention of providing a national government. A grossly partisan government represents his ideal of national service in the greatest crisis in Canadian history.

### PATRIOT BLONDIN.

The Hon. Mr. Blondin, Nationalist leader of Sir Robert Borden, and one of the pillars of the Empire, says: "I told the people of St. Rose that I did not believe conscription would be necessary, because so many Canadians were eager to go and fight for the cause of liberty and humanity. I added that if any of them were afraid of conscription, if conscription should be passed, and they did not want to go to the war, they had a remedy left. They could go across the United States line, which is near St. Rose, and escape military service."

At the time of the Civil War in the United States, certain persons locally known as "bounty jumpers" or "skeedaddlers" were not unknown on this side of the border. Mr. Blondin apparently believes that it is his duty as a minister of the crown to point out how easy it is for Canadians to become "skeedaddlers" if they are asked "to fight in England's wars." Fine type of patriot—Blondin.

Uncle Sam now has an illustration of German money-breaking that cannot be misunderstood.

The Times prints today some interesting comments by the Chatham World on the political situation in the province.

The latest war developments should wake up the people of Canada to a deeper sense of the need of leadership at Ottawa.

The tone of the United States press is unmistakable. If Germany attempts to carry out her new policy at sea she must reckon with the American people. President Wilson's hand will be forced.



### LIGHTER VEIN

"Do you, Mr. Stacks, think that a rich man can go through the eye of a needle?" "I don't know, I wish, however, admit that my lawyers have dragged me through some very small loopholes."

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Gerard—Ah, love makes the world go round!

Octavius—Yes, but I didn't think it would go round so fast as to make me lose my balance!

A Belgian cripple stumped about Brussels declaring, "We gave these Germans a rare hiding before they got to Brussels." He was hauled up before a stony-faced circle of German officers, who decreed, "You will be shot, unless you become a German."

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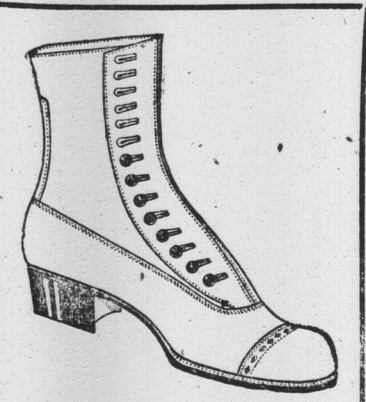
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Gem's New Programme Delights All—Plenty of Fun Feature of Good Entertainment

Everyone who attended the performances at the Gem last night left delighted with the new programme. Waiter, for it was excellent in every feature and was pleasantly diversified in character. The picture feature is a five act (Aashouser) presentation of "Her Father's Gold."

With its exciting and intensely interesting plot built around a tremendous fortune in gold which has been stolen from an American mine owner in Mexico and buried on a deserted island, "Her Father's Gold" is one of the most thrilling dramas of adventure in modern literature. The leading characters in this absorbing story are a young reporter, played by the handsome juvenile star, Harris Gordon, and his sweetheart who is also the daughter of the mine owner, portrayed by Barbara Gilroy, famous on the screen for her youthful beauty and clever emotional acting.

The gold is originally stolen by four crooks and carried by boat to Florida. But one of the thieves plans to oust his partners and possess himself of all the wealth for himself. After many exciting incidents the gold is buried at a lonely spot known only to this one man and his untimely death promises to keep the hiding-place of the treasure a secret for all time.

From this point in the drama the interest centres about a crude water color painting which is made by the dying crook as a means of acquainting his wife with the location of the gold. For the possession of the picture a life is sacrificed, and at the same time a beautiful romance is born which leads to the discovery of the location of the island through the correct reading of the painting. The action of the drama then deals with the hunt for the gold, during which the reporter and his sweetheart are the central figures of a most unusual and thrilling adventure, which leads up to a powerful and extraordinary climax.

"Her Father's Gold" is an exceptionally strong drama, beautifully mounted and presented by a strong cast of well-known artists.

Allie Johnson opened the vaudeville hit at the outcome in his ludicrous monkey gab with his comic actions. When he mounted the wire it was seen at once that he was master of his act. He was perfectly at home there and did all sorts of difficult feats which held all keenly interested, while at the same time he kept up his comedy work, combining fun with a very clever exhibition of work on the wire.

Tempest and Henry gave a singing and talking comedy number.

The dialogue was bright, there are lively songs and fifteen minutes of the latest fun. It never slackens for an instant and there were uppers of merit all through. The performers sent everyone away smiling and happy.

This bill will be repeated tonight and tomorrow afternoon and night. There will be a complete change on Saturday afternoon.

### THEDA BARA NEVER SO GREAT AS IN "CARMEN"

Fox Production at the Star a Master Picture Superb in All its Details

The five act William Fox production of "Carmen," which will be shown for the last time at the Star Theatre tonight, is outstanding among screen productions. Very few can forget the following part of the story of "Carmen":

"In the great building outside the ramparts, near the Gnaquiver, heaves of girls roll the paper cylinders. They clasp and chatter as they work. As they go out for dinner, young men pay gay compliments. Carmen—Miss Bara—is attracted by Jose Lizarabengon, a young, handsome, homesick soldier from Elizondo, employing himself in making a gain of brass wire to sustain his principal. The strange and savage gypsy beauty quickly has him under her spell."

Returning to the cigarette factory, she is haunted by a girl comrade, Carmen, whose herself into a frenzy. Her face distorted, her teeth clenched, her great eyes rolling like a chameleon, she springs upon the unfortunate girl. They battle on the floor, fists and overturned chair. The girl succumbs to Carmen's demoniac strength, and as she stretches helplessly and half-conscious, while the panic-stricken onlookers scream and gesticulate, Carmen jerks her stiletto from her stocking and slashes at St. Andrew's cross on her victim's face!

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and smiles, as they progress prison-ward, until he is ready to commit any folly. He allows her to escape, and glorifies in the military jail sentence, given his offense.

In every conceivable way, this feature marks an era and chronicles an epoch in moving pictures. It has no prototype in sumptuous and colossal magnitude, scenic equipment, properties, cast, costumes, lavish expenditure or extraordinary treatment. It stands supreme among achievements of the silent stage. Five thousand people participate in the festa scene. Theda Bara as Carmen, the gypsy flirt, rises to historic heights not attained in any previous triumph. Spain's mountains and woods were ransacked for gypsies. A real Andalusian bull, wild, raging, and wary picaresque, banderillas and matadors came with them. If you intend to see this picture tonight, prepare to rub your eyes in amazement.

FREDERICKTON OFFICER WAS IN BULLETS IN ONE OF THE TANKS

That the famous British tanks are put to more use than just mowing down German trenches, is shown by the information contained in a letter received from Lieut. Alvin G. Good, son of Major F. A. Good, of Fredericton, who is now a member of the British Flying Corps.

Writing to his mother, Lieut. Good states that he has recently been billeted in one of the massive tanks, back of the firing line, the great land ship having been "resting" after a strenuous campaign against the Huns. Lieut. Good said the billet was not the first on the firing line, but served to meet U. S. requirements. Later on, however, his billet was moved, the tank being necessary for more important work than billeting soldiers.

This officer, who is now Fredericton's only representative in the Flying Corps, has successfully passed his observer's examination and is entitled to wear one

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wing on his breast. Later he will take the pilot's examinations and if successful will be given two wings, marks that distinguish the members of the Flying Corps from those of the other branches of the service.

Leaving a doubt two minutes before it was blown to pieces by a German high explosive shell that killed six and wounded four Canadians, Lt. Alvin G. Good, second son of Major Good, escaped being wounded or perhaps killed. In a letter to his mother, he states that he had just left the dugout when the shell came over, bursting through the twenty-five feet of covering, killing six and wounding four. The dugout was destroyed, despite the heavy covering.

Lieut. Good is now with a trench mortar battery. He was overseas with the 140th Battalion and transferred to one of the units on the firing line.

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all the others, as I have not been troubled since last winter. I consider it to be the best remedy for piles I have ever used and shall always carry a box with me, although I don't think I will need it for piles. We have used it for other purposes in the family, such as burns and cuts, scratches, etc., and my wife says it is one of the best remedies for such purposes we have ever had in the house. Although you only charge \$5 a box for it, it is well worth the price for anyone afflicted with piles. Now, you can use this letter if you wish that in my business I am known all over the English portion of Quebec, and am sworn before me this first day of April, 1916. M. M. Holbrook, J. P., Island Brook, Que." Dr. Chase's Ointment, 60c. a box, all dealers or Edmundson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto.