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CONSCRIPTION NOT WANTED.

Under pressure, doubtless, from the Union abinet at Ottawa, Major-Gen. Mewburn has hastened to deny the report that he is calling for a measure of conscription for the permanent force and militia in Canada. The result is that the military enthusiasts who hastened to commend his view are left rather flat on their backs. If there is one thing that the Unionist cabinet will not place in its platform at the present time it is conscription for the militia, or for the permanent force, either, for that matter It is a world weary of militarism that is starting out now on the task of rebuilding what war mad militarists have broken down. Neither Canada, nor any other civilized country. The nearest Pershing comes to claiming the for that matter, is in the mood just now to

give any encouragement to anything that might that the estimates for the militia department for next year would be \$25,000,000. The report was officially denied, but there is little doubt that the military bureaucracy at Ottawa are after this amount, or more, if they can get it. To do what? To maintain the militia, we are told, and to give the young men of Canada proper physical training. If one may judge by the character of militia expenditure in 1914, and before, the share that was devoted to actual militia training and the physical improvement of young Canada show up rather slimly beside the amount spent on maintaining a vastly over-manned department at Ottawa, with inspectors, deputy inspectors and deputy-deputy inspectors for this, that and everything the country over, traveling in style, and all landing pickings in the shape of allowances for house, for fuel, for clothing, for horse-keep, and what not; not to mention such extravagances as the building of political drill halls at cross-corners, and the sending of de luxe parties of officers on joy-rides to Europe. Canada is pretty familiar with the militia department and its ways. The era of Sam Hughes was a hevday for the honorary colonels and their lesser lights, and before the department of today gets any \$25,000,000 there will be a demand to know how it is going to

At the present time a young man, sick and under doctor's care, lies in London jail. What is his offence? Simply that he neglected, or was according to his own statement, to comply with a red-tape technicality of some military martinets. That young man served his country, offered his life, if need be, on Flanders fields, but he will probably spend this Christmas in a county jail, where he will have time to consider carefully the ideals for which he went to war, and may also compare a Christmas in jail with a Christmas in the trenches. The Great War Veterans' Association have taken up this case, as they have had occasion to take up other cases of somewhat similar character before this, and they may be counted upon to see this thing through. One can hardly think that any officer who himself saw France would be responsible for this kind of military justice, and local officers, to their credit, asked the court to be lenient. But the young man is still in jail while Ottawa thinks it over. Most of us assoclate this sort of thing with Germany and its Zabern incidents. We rather prided ourselves, too, that it was to wipe out this kind of thing that we entered the war freely and of our own volition. To have the same thing arising in our own land is rather a shock.

Canada is no pacifist country. We do not have to tell others what we did in the war. say very often what share we think we had ! in winning it. We prefer to let others make that estimate. And just because we are that kind of a people, and because we honor every man who fought or served, but refuse absolutely to deliver ourselves up to any military autocrats or bureaucrats, we will have something to say about what the measure of our service in the future shall be, who shall dictate it, and what its character shall be.

THE HEALTH OF THE SOUL.

Sanitation has grown in a few years from a fad to a science. Precautions that are common today in every civilized home used to be considered as the absurd requirements of foolish old men. The compound microscope has assembled the facts concerning preventible disease. The practical test given to modern medicine by the Japanese in the war with Russia is impressive. The abolition of yellow fever in Panama was corroborative. The testimony of sanftary practice in the great war was convincing. Enteric and tetanus, the former terrors of warfare, are definitely conquered. Experiment has proved in both war and peace that life in the open air is both salutary and wholesome. The hygiene of the body has become of commanding

There is also a hygiene of the mind. Educationists have discovered by experiment and investigation that some forms of teaching are unwholesome. The rise of cold intellectualism to a position of dominance was a disaster for Germany and a curse to the world. Much learning, in conjunction with lack of character, has been proven more dangerous than the typhoidbearing fly or the poisonous mosquito. On the other hand, the superficial education that makes s sentimental, unreal novel the book of the year is causing real alarm to the leaders of the

people. Some day our education may be revised

in the light of scientific mental hygiene. There is a hygiene of the soul Just as phys! cal hygiene has one object, to adjust the human body to harmonize with the laws of life, so physical sanitation must seek to adjust the soul to the spiritual laws of God. The world has abundant proof of the dangers of insanitary soul-life. The man who knowingly chooses to perform a wrong action, or to accept a low ideal, is destroying himself and endangering the soul as surely as the man who drinks sewage-laden water or who denies the existence of ptomaines. The insanitary soul is even worse than the insanitary mind. Ignorance is less mischievous than crime. Sentimentality is less dangerous than irreverence. Thousands of folk who are deeply concerned about their bodily health live continually in the fetil atmosphere of moral corruption. Some learned persons talk very lightly of national and individual sin They even question the existence of sin. Perhaps also, squinting personages may yet be found who deny the existence of typhoid fever or the efficacy of the serum treatment for its preven

The Christian church preaches the gospel of soul-sanitation. It is time for the people of Canada to overlook the health of the personality Is it wise to care for the mortal body and neglect the morsel of immortality that dwells

GEN. PERSHING REPORTS. Americans who have put an over-emphasis supreme honor for his fighters is his statement that American troops arrived in time to shatter the Huns' last drive Undoubtedly the fine dash It is only a few days ago Ottawa reported of the American soldier helped throw back the enemy with a speed and decisiveness that was line. British and French forces delivered one terrific blow after another until Ludendorff cried quits. There is no single Allied army that can take credit for the victory beyond that of any other. Combined under the incomparable Foch they swept back the German line. The glory is shared by all.

NO WET SPELL FOR SAM.

Some millions of Americans have been disappointed by the decision of the United States supreme court that war-time prohibition is constitutional. It was expected that judgment would bars open until January 17, when constitutional tion of the peace treaty between now and Janu are able to export this stock they will suffer liquor, it is said, 10,000 freight cars would be required to move it to the Atlantic seaboard. This could not be done without seriously hammanufacturer and dealer took a big chance

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Do Christmas shopping early and avoid Christmas scrambling later.

There was no truth in the report that the world was to come to an end yesterday.

The powers say the Turks cannot be wiped out, but surely a sufficiently high wall can be constructed to keep them permanently confined.

AN ONTARIO BEAUTY SPOT.

[Durham Chronicle.] In a county noted for its scenic beauty, picturesque waterfalls, crystal streamlets and unpolluted rivers, the Rocky Saugeen, where it crosses the Carafraxa road, has few peers. And the leading feature of the place is the romantic Rocky Saugeen Park, owned by Mr. George Shier, whose love of nature and his artistic taste in developing this beauty spot, has done much to develop and enhance what was primevally a place richly endowed. The park consists of nine acres of ground covered with rare clumps of twiggy cedars in places, while in others they rear their graceful heads from 50 to 60 feet almost limbless, and straight as an Indian arrow. A silvery streamlet, spanned by many rustic bridges, meanders through the park and falls in a series of cascades into a little cove on the den in an open glade, while "lovers' paths" radiate in every direction. Tents group around the central ome, which has a history all by itself, being the is filled to overflowing with all necessary campng utensils and odd-loooking specimens; but the rarest item is a fossilized human face. The fore-need is high, the face oblong. We think it must have belonged to some politician, as one eye is half losed, the other wide awake; one ear closed, the other intently open; the lips apart, the tongue thrust out, as if it was a long time between drinks. Some think the features bear a striking resemblance to the late Andy Kelly, owing largely to the shape of the nasal organ. With the old grist mill a short distance down the stream, and the power house of the furniture company just above the park, they all combine to make a spot of more than ordinary

SYMPATHY.

[Eila Wheeler Wilcox.] the way hard and thorny, oh, my brother? Do tempests beat, and adverse wild winds blow? And are you spent, and broken at each nightfall, Yet with each morn you rise and onward go? Brother, I know, I know!

I, too, have journeyed se Is your heart mad with longing, oh, my slister? Are all great passions in your breast aglow? Does the white wonder of your own soul blind

And are you torn with rapture and with woe? Sister, I know, I know! I, too, have suffered so.

Is the road filled with snare and quicksand,

Do pitfalis lie where roses seem to grow? And have you sometimes stumbled in the dark-

And are you bruised and scarred by many a

Pilgrim, I know, I know! I. too, have stimbled so.

Do you send out rebellious cry, and question, As mocking hours pass silently and slow? Does your insistent wherefore bring no answer, While stars wax pale with watching, and drop

too, have questioned so But now, I know, I know!

To love through all-this is the way to know.

From Here and There

CHRISTMAS CANADIAN.

The Christmas issue of The Canadian Magazine is attractive in cover and contents, this publication being the first to secure the rights of publishing names and verse of the prizewinners in the national literary competition. "Christ as Poet" is a new and appealing subject in an article from the pen of Dr. J. D. Logan. The illustrations. always choice, are very beautifully chosen and reproduced in this issue.

REGRETS.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.] Life's poetry is turned to prose Since those old days, my dear: All withered is the red, red rose You gave me vestervear.

All tarnished is the little ring, And e'en the lock of hair Is now a dull and dusty thing That once was gold and fair!

Tis natural it should be so. And wherefore should we weep? That poetry was rot, you know, That rose was very cheap;

The ring was only plated brass, And that same shining tress You could replace today, my lass For eighty cents or less.

Unalterably true; But, oh, we must confess with pain That it was phony, too!

The boat drifted out on the sunlit sea. The ma and the maiden were silent and a little sad. His "Dearest." he breathed softly, "will you float with me always—down the stream of life?"

'The same as now?'' she whispered. 'The same as now," he said.

He was rowing, doing all the hard work; sh

ENGLAND GOES ON.

There is no wild excitement in London over the hange situation, with the American dollar at a ligh premium. There is no program in London to There is no hallucination in London as is no doubt that it will turn when the time comes

Steady old England, tried in a thousand finanbattlefields, knows that every day British exports only because they are being brought in to be manuprices than the imported material cost. England knows that though she may be selling part of these exports on credit, the date of settlement draws cean freight bills, her interest charges, her diviabroad have risen, as they are rising rapidly, to a England knows that then the pound sterling will

And England, wise old trader, knows that with the main chance, England, the veteran, impersurbably watches the exchange rates and sells the

ROD AND GUN.

Away down on the storm-swept coast of Nova Scotia lives Bonnycastle Dale, the well-known North," by Robert E. Hewes; "The Propagation o Brook Trout," by John W. Titcomb, in addition to these splendid features Rod and Gun in Canada for December contains the usual high-class fishing. uns and trap line departments. W. J. Taylor Limited, Woodstock, publisher.

TO WIGGINS. [Lenore S. Hanford.]

'E was only a dog after all," they said. 'And dogs 'ave no souls, that's sure." But the world seems a pretty poor place Since they carried 'im in 'ere dead.

'E was my dog, and I'd give my right 'and For the 'Un wot potted 'im there.

'Is little war jacket is stiff with blood The blood of a dyin' man, 'Is eyes, O 'is beautiful friendly eyes Is stopped up with coze and mud.

'E'd keep 'is 'ead in the fiercest fight. When the shells flew thick as fleas: And many's the lad that 'as owed 'im 'is life On No Man's Land at night.

And now that 'e's dead as 'e'll ever be, I've a 'ope in my 'eart that's strong, That when it comes my turn to go over West, My Pal will be waitin' for me.

CONFETTI.

[Manchester Guardian.] The Cumberland vicar who protests with very good sense against the throwing of confetti at weddings, protests in point of fact against a usage that nowadays is little more than an example of the kind of practical joke that delights in making people uncomfortable, like an apple-pie bed or a howl of water poised on the top of a door. If, as he asserts, there are people so stupid as to throw it before the bride and bridegroom have entered the church, then the believers in this particular piece of exuberance have done more than made an unseemly mess within the four walls that presumably they have every reason to respect and hold sacred. They have also managed to divest their amusement of its last shred of national significance. The original English custom was to cast wheat upon the head of the bride in her return from the church, as a happy omen of abundance in all good things. Herrick, who never missed anything from his garland of the fragrant traditions of the England that he knew, refers to this example of them when he tells the bride how

Some repeat Your praise and bless you, sprinkling you with

For a later day, when unmilled wheat would be a rarity in most households, rice furnished a not particularly appropriate substitute. Later still the confetti of the French carnival ousted the rice, though in point of any real meaning the onlookers might just as reasonably have insisted on the bride's wearing a false nose. The present usage provides an example of an old English marriage custom degraded almost out of recognition. There are many others that have perished completely, and one or two that have no recognizable standing at Some years ago a rope stretched across the road by which the bridal party returned from church dragged the driver of the first motor car out of his seat, and there was a sequel in an action for assault in the police court. The stretchers of the rope defended themselves on the ground that "it was an old custom." Very properly the plea went for nothing, for it was observed that nobody else had ever heard of such a custom, and that, if It did exist, it must have dated from a period when the essential difference between a marriage and a funeral was imperfectly apprehended. It would be hard for anyone to defend confetti-throwing with much more success. The wedding guests no longer parcel out the bride's garters between them, nor do they wear bridal favors of ribbons in their hats for a week or two after the ceremony. Is there anything more to be said in favor of confettithrowing as an omen of plenty-unless, of course, anyone is so extravagant as to manufacture privately by slicing up treasury notes:

The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

BLUFFING. By Vincent G. Perry.

"Life is made up of bluffs and love is the biggest bluff of all."

Terrance Conway, artist, threw the paper aside and fairly snorted with indignation. For a man with an artistic temperament, Terrance Conway could be aroused.

be aroused.

"Why in heaven's name do newspapers use gaif like that?" he exclaimed, angrily. "Every day the writer of that column comes out with some ridiculous epigram on life that is nothing but a bare-faced lie. Life isn't a bluff and love—real love—is the direct opposite to bluff. An epigram like that might pass down to posterity just as did that other foel epigram on love did. The idiot who wrote "True love never runs smooth' was just as crazy as this idiotic newspaper writer. Love is the truest and the smoothest thing in the world, there's an epigram for you, Mr. world, there's an epigram for you, Mr. Newspaperman, and if you were here I would punch it into your empty head." He had taken up the newspaper again and was yelling right into

Up to that time Conway had no rea-

artificial about her. Her innocence was her greatest charm, although her charms were many. Love came as a matter of course. He had not stopped to think who she was, or where she came from: he had told her all about his love and they had become a proposed. his love and they had become engaged and were happy in the thought of what they were to each other. Certainly, up to that time, their love had run smooth

first rough spot was reached. Tremu-lously and breathlessly, Beatrice unin the spirit of adventure. Her love for Terrance would never be coun-

enanced by her family, she felt sure f it. What was she to do? Terrance told her what to do. He told her family where to go. His outburst only shocked her

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"But I owe a debt to my family," she pleaded. "We are rich in blood, but poor otherwise. I must marry a millioneire and save the family from everlection.

In vain did he plead. She left in tears, and he sank in a chair and wished he could cry also. For a long, long time he sat there, his mind working in revolutions. Suddenly it stopped upon a plan.

one lone bandit, a terrible thought entered her mind. What if Terrance had fess brokenly. committed that robbery in order to get the wealth she had made him believe was necessary for the man she married to have. They were on his story about a family to test you," she half-sobbed, "If I had known what it track with bloodhounds. It was terrible, the thought made her shudder. She threw the paper aside in an effort to dispel the suggestion, but it was not is all my fault." She was really cryso easily dispelled. After nearly an ing by

in on him so unexpectedly, he was too enamored with it to stop to analyze it. A year before he had not known, or believed, in the existence of such a thing; but even that was before he had met, or known the existence of Beatrice Flanders.

From the very first time he saw Beatrice, he knew she was different from the other models. Her beauty was real: there was nothing patched-up or the suspense longer. With a shaking hand she turned the knob and opened tended the door quickly, just in time to see Terrance shove something under the Terrance shove something under the cloth on the table. But she had been too quick for him. A number of bills were spread out on the table, and a closer glance told her their denomination—Thousand dollar bills! Terrance Conway was a thief! It had been all through her! Her soul revolted against the injustice of the whole thing, and with a little plaintiff cry she ran to his arms.

"I painted these and was going to use them to try and make you believe I was rich," he explained. "This story says that the bills stolen from the bank were of a small denomination."

"It has all been a bluff—we have both been bluffing," she gasped, as it suddenly dawned upon her.

"Life is a bluff and love is the biggest bluff of all," Terrance found himself repeating.

strate.
"We have no time for words, we

hurry," she implored. We can be mar-ried before we catch the train, but there is no time for anything else." The mention of marriage had the de-

had a club bag packed. He was about to close it when Beatrice intercepted. Quickly she gathered the bills on the "Then money comes before love," his tone was harsher than she had ever heard it.

"No, no, love to me is everything; but it is my family. I must consider them."

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her brain did all the thinking. It was she who remembered that a license would have to be purchased before they could be married Five minutes before the train for the \$100,000 IN BILLS
TAKEN LAST NIGHT
FROM SUBURBAN BANK
In glaring type these headlines caught Beatrice's eyes the moment she righted up the moment she righted up the moment she seat they occupied some one had left a paper with the robbery story in it. picked up the morning paper. As she read the story of the daring robbery by

speak, and then she started in to con-"Our engagement had come in such sooner than told it.

we must go away quick, before they come. It is all my fault and I will see you through. Oh, hurry, hurry!" she cried excitedly.

"But dear—" he has the beautiful to gest bluff of all," Terrance found him self repeating.

"True love never runs smooth," Beatrice signed.

"And yet, love to the plant of the beautiful to the plant of "And yet, love is the truest and the smoothest thing in the world," Terrance added as he placed his arms around her and drew her closer, "why it's heaven itself."

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g by this time.

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