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James W. Robertson, for the reason that his message is always of serious import, presented with a clearness and force that command instant and sustained attention. On his message is always of serious import, the present with a clearness and force that fertility out-of-doors are scattered, in big stretches, all over this great country. tion. On his present visit he asks the try. We very much doubt whether there tion. On his present visit he asks the citizens to join in a practical, nation-wide movement to release more food for export to the war-stricken lands across sider the problem of such importance, the sea where humanity's battle is be- as to putting business acumen, and enthe sea where humanity's battle is being fought, and where suffering of the most terrible nature is being inflicted upon millions of people.

as to putting business acumen, and end of land, anathema to all the world, ergetic accomplishment at the task is nothing short of criminal. Surely it is not too late yet for the Dominion Department of Agriculture to shake itself free and Amity from her high throne have

universal because it does not involve there is no excuse for a condition under The any real sacrifice or any suffering at all which there is certain to be less fall on the part of the people of St. John. plowing this year than usual in the Though, for your downfall, men in No man, woman or child will be one eastern provinces, while in the west there whit worse off as a result of the carry- has not been any concerted action to The tale of your dark crime appar ing out of the food controller's sug- bring new areas under cultivation, algestions. The family physician invar- though next year's need for food sup- Once awed by your achievements at iably warns us against over-eating, and plies will be infinitely greater than that Now you have grown a madman, f good in time of illness is not bad in

There is an inspiration in the mere consciousness of marching shoulder to shoulder, and the people of St. John will have that consciousness as they sign their pledges and place the pledge cards in their windows. They may very properly resent the failure of the government to control food prices and eliminate the profiteers, and they may also condemn the government for not doing something the consciousness where in the country.

Many are lying idle half the time. practical to increase production in the great and fertile areas which ought to be producing wheat and other crops; but the thing to do in that case is to aid in the defeat of the do-nothing government at the first opportunity. Its failure, to do its duty does not absolve them from theirs. Therefore the seed sown by Dr. Robertson should bring forth good fruit in this city and prove
Others are resting in fence corners for the lack of competent operators. Let the government establish training schools, and each one finds new pressing tasks to do,

Stung by the lash that's weilded well by you!

To Win Trieste

Vienna The Real Object?

The plain home kitchen, land and sea and air,

Where once was merely mildew, sloth, and blight.

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have kept up the normal in each succeeding year, where would all our urgent exhortings have been? And what about 1918, the year that will see the world normal in each succeeding year, where would all our urgent exhortings have been? And what about 1918, the year that will see the world normal neglect relatives of soldiers everses are sick to nausea of advice. Producers have done wonderfully well this year. No one who knows what is going on in the big open spaces of the whole country can guestion the president of the farmers. open spaces of the whole country can question the patriotism of the farmers. Talk is cheap, and plans are as numerous as the sands, but it takes man power, horse power, up-to-date machinery, mechanical power, soil fertility, good seasons and markets, that are not here today and gone tomorrow, to greatly increase the nation's food supply. Foremost of all what is wanted is leadership in this agricultural wilderness. Some in this agricultural wilderness. Someextra supplies to come out of a soil that opposition is not less clear. needs the fertility of phosphates and potash in many cases; out of a depleted

DR. ROBERTSON'S MESSAGE | if we want it. Lloyd George is getting comes to St. John is ing to lose out. In Canada we have, as interest than Dr. every student of agriculture knows, an

The response to Dr. Robertson's ap- and to get something done." peal should be the more prompt and The Farmer's Magazine contends that Have slain fair

prescribes simpler dict, and what is of the present year. Then it goes on:-"It is useless to say that more could Your seeming aim to ravage and "It is useless to say that more could not be done. Leaders do things. If we had a wide-awake leader of the Agritothe extent asked, will be no real hardsnip, and as a matter of fact the high price of meats has already produced many forced abstainers among the poorer people.

There is an inspiration in the mere consciousness of marching shoulder to the marching shoulder to the country. He could have had a wide-awake leader of the Agricultural Department at Ottawa the cultural Department at Ottawa the whole plan of crop production could have been drafted long ago and all the forces mobilized to that end, in a way that would have amazed the Empire. He could have carried the tractor into every part of the country. He could have had tractor plants producing the engines just as the munition plants are turning out. the government for not doing something
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forth good fruit in this city and province. Let everybody help.

answer is not forthcoming. Why is it?

What are our exhorters waiting for?
Why don't they do it?"

In chemicals labratory, on the timbered hill. Why, indeed? Simply because the Parted action, effort, every-GOVERNMENT SHOULD ACT.

"If there is such a crop failure in 1918 as was experienced in 1916, from all points controllers who do not control, LIGHTER VEIN.

human judgment can discern, there will and commissions that are of no practical be the inevitable starvation of millions service. In conclusion the Farmer's

nearest to the starving point since the time of the Ptolemies. Practically there given the franchise, thus discriminating is nothing done. Incapacity, bustling from one proclamation to another, draws nothing big but its salary. The excuse for inaction cannot be hidden under the creation of new offices to handle the who have to the full extent of their abil-

That the bill has been framed for thing ought to be done, in a big states-man-line way to markedly increase the strument to record the will of the people production of the chief food crops, such as wheat, oats, rye, and beans. And be done now. It is criminal to expect these

The announcement of the capture of man-power on the farm, out of a low equipment of mechanical power, with the Monte San Gabriele by the Italians was equipment of mechanical power, with the ever hovering bogey of uncertain prices before the producer, without the active intervention of the state in the controlling of transportation, in the marshalling of power machinery into the fields, or the turning of skilled labor into the

work. A state justifies itself only by serving all its people. The getting of vesterday, declared his conviction that Premier Lloyd George, in an address food supplies is as amenable to the laws of cause and effect as is the over-supply of shells. We get what we go after—in the right way. We can get the wheat well-founded and that it will be soon.



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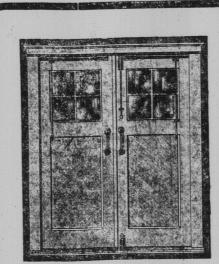
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Of Austria

View That General Cadorna is Aiming to Encompass Destruction of Austrian Army as Military Force "

(New York Times Editorial.) What is General Cadorna's objective It is perfectly clear that but for the extraordinary efforts put forth by farmers and by the people of the cities, towns and villages, this year's crop yield would have been wholly disproportionate to the needs of the time, and next year's demands will be far greater than those of the present year.

"An agricultural crime" is the designation the Farmer's Magazine applies to the failure of the Dominion government to make a real effort to speed up farm production, especially in the line of wheat a stream of the properties of the time, and next year's the next wheat a real effort to speed up farm production, especially in the line of wheat and the speed a Mr. Younghusband reached home late He will not permit a word on the sub

the failure of the Dominion government to make a real effort to speed up farm production, especially in the line of wheat, oats, rye and beans. Reviewing the three years of the war, this magazine declares that while advice has been poured out to the farmers, there has been mered out to the farmers, there has been mered out to the farmers, there has been mered out to the farmers, where incapacity, bustling from one proclamation to another, draws nothing big but its salary." What an apt indict ment of the government is found in these words. Let us quote more fully:—

"What has been done? How have we shown up at the end of the third year in our total returns of field crops and animal produce? Had a kind Providence not showered on us, in 1915, one of the greatest harvests in recent times, even to the extent almost of the miraculous, and have kept up the normal in each succeeding year, where would all our urgent.

at once, south and north, toward Trieste and toward Klagenfurt—"toward Vienna," as the latter direction is sometimes called, in the sense that if there were railed, in the sense that it there were nothing in the way he would proceed from Klagenfurt to Vienna. In his northern movement he is gradually mastering the Bainsizza Plateau. When he has that plateau in his possesison he can descend from it into the Chiapovano Valley and when he gets there he will

It is true that no hint of Cadorna's aims has come from him. We do know that he set out with a definite plan, a definite object, two years ago, and that he has steadily moved toward it, never abandoning even a detail of it and slowly adding success to success. We also know that this unusually silent general permitted himself to say the We also know that this unusually silent general permitted himself to say the other day, after his troops had gained their footing on the Bainsizza Plateau, that the bright the confidence of the country their footing on the Bainsizza Plateau, has torrested the commence of the comm on that statement and that initial realizing that the government could not

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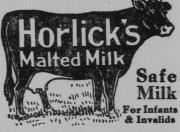
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has that plateau in his possesison he can descend from it into the Chiapovano Valley, and when he gets there he will be able to strike between the two wings of the Austrian army and separate them. That will leave their flanks in the air, and he can turn on either or both and roll them up.

If Cadorna does that, the description of his northern movement as "toward Vienna" will cease to be merely geographical and become military. In other words, his objective at present appears to be neither Klagenfurt nor Trieste, but the Austrian army, and he seems to, be working to encompass its destruction as a military force. It is a vaster objective than any that any allied commander has aimed at since the war began, If he can break through the Austrian army in the Chiapovano Valley and then turn on and defeat its separate wings, Italy can begin a campaign that has Vienna for its object.

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The present indications are that the pending election will be run on straight party lines.

government is responsible for the present muddled conditions of affairs at Ottawa, The government has persisted in a policy which, while it had the approval of the big interests, has alienated the support of the great mass of the people of Canada. Not only in military affairs, but in all matters affecting the wessare of the people there has bungling and mal-administration. government has openly encouraged the war profiteers and food pirates and the mmon people of the country, the farm-

ers and working-men have been bled white. The Toronto Globe put the case plainly and accurately a short time ago "The failure of Sir Robert Borden to organize the National sentiment of Que-bec behind the war is a blunder that bec behind the war is a blunder that could not have been made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier had he been at the head of the war cabinet in this crisis. The lack of vision and statesmanship shown by the prime minister in his dealing with Quebec might be forgiven, but the country cannot overlook the fact that when the opportunity came to him to fill the role of elder statesman and leader of the nation in a great war, he chose instead the crooked path of the partisan, and played politics when the grave necessities of the times called for wise leadership and unity of action.
Canada is the only country that is muddling through this war. Every other

belligerent nation is organized to the highest point of efficiency More has been accomplished in a month in the United States in the mobilization of that country's war resources than has been attempted during the thirty-four months of war in Canada." Every Canadian worthy of the name anxious to win the war but all are

tired and sick of the bungling and rank partisanship of the Borden government and will vote for a change of rulers just as soon as the opportunity is afforded.

ONE WOMAN'S DEVOTION

The war numbers its victims tar beas well as men. Such a victim is the young wife of a man in the Royal Naval Air Service who was employed in a mu-nition factory and lost her right arm in an explosion last year. Subsequently she became a mother, and handicapped as she was, did her best for the child. It was heavy work, but at this stage the Royal Surgical Aid Society stepped in and provided her gratuitously with an artificial arm and hand, which enabled her to carry on her work. By means of its special war fund this well-known society has helped many such victims.



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