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attempt was made to read Liberals out of the party for supporting conscription there might be some reason for the Globe's diatribe, but so far as can be gathered from a careful reading of reports of the meeting, no such attempt was made.

The fact is, that North Huron Liberals, along with others, read reports of Mr. Proudfoot's speech in the Legislature in which he was quoted as saying: "The results of the recent election contest showed that the people at home were prepared to back up the boys at the front." They interpreted this as equivalent to saying that all who did not support the Government were averse to giving the help on the chance of escaping the death which purneeded at the front, and how else could they understand it? If it be granted that this was the meaning intended by Mr. Proudfoot, was he not reading out of the Liberal party and out of patriotic and loyal citizenship all who did not support the Borden Government? Naturally, North Huron Liberals expressed their disinclination to accept as their leader one who placed them outside the

disapprobation of those who supported the Bor- plishes in Washington, even if the nation is not den Government as have the supporters to reprove | enthusiastic. those who refused to countenance the war times election act and those who consented to take advantage of its provisions.

Liberal principles: "Parties attain power and in- estly for the ideal job. creased usefulness by attracting to their support men of independent thought and men who were port of this influential and independent portion he probably does not want. of the directorate." Do they? Is the Borden Government out of office? Did it have the confidence of the nation? Did it have the confidence around in fear of the law? The next thing to repower when it fails to think up some trick or sub- tration receipt on your person. terfuge to induce the electorate to give it another

EXPLANATION LACKING,

THE IMPORTANCE of taking the people fully with whom it made "peace." into its confidence is something which the Borden Government seems unable to grasp, objects of national registration be given publicity load. by the authorities so that all could understand and help, but nothing was done in response. The people were urged to express their willingness to do farm work in order to increase production, but no explanation was given as to what methods be worth while. There is no telling to what we may resort were proposed to take advantage of this willing- | before the war is over.

History shows that any kind of census taking is regarded with suspicion in some quarters, even in peace time, and commonsense should have told the Government that this feeling would be more general under present conditions in Canada, especially among the more ignorant. In Quebec. slowly to a "brass hat." men have been writing to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, asking him what was meant. He was unable to do answer the question, not being informed by the Government, but he did his best to encourage all to obey the law and strongly advised them to register, pointing out that the word of a cabinet minister had been given that there was no thought of conscripting labor. Doubtless Sir Wilfrid's effort has been attended with success, but there are some whom it did not reach, and others who interior. were inclined to believe that Sir Wilfrid was too trusting in his views.

The result of this ignorance of motives has The result of this ignorance of motives has been that there were disturbances in Quebec Province, dispatches reporting parades in some particle United States had answered the great call with the

There should have been no excuse given for these doubts and fears. The Government must have had certain aims in view when deciding on have had certain aims in view when deciding on registration and these should have been given as wide publicity as the call itself. Sir Wilfrid Laurier ought not to have found it necessary to explain or indorse a measure with the framing of which he had nothing to do; that duty was entirely the Government's and should have been fulfilled before the premier left for England.

[Our Dumb Animals.]

Just in proportion as we carry the spirit of love into the struggle, we carry the Cross; in so far we may say In Hoc Signo Vinces. Lift your eyes and behold! Link the sacrifice that awaits you with His. Let the will to power be conquered by the will to love. So shall we attain the ultimate victory." These words of the Archbishop of York to American Christians probably stand for a level of life too high for the most of us. Alas that in war hate and revenge become to some, almost Christian virtues!

It may be that only a small minority of the people have failed to register, and the smaller the better, but the fact remains that some have become lawbreakers who would not have been in since this war broke out, the Government reports 353,000 more horses, on farms in this country, January 1, 1918. cluded in that category had the reasons for regis- than January 1, 1917.

tration been given. It was not sufficient for some one or other unauthorized federal or provincial minister to give what he believed to be the objects, especially since these disagreed; it was a subject for an official, full statement.

Sometime, somewhere a Tory Government will discover that a civilized nation must be led; it will not be driven blindfold.

MAZEMENT has been expressed that the German leaders should show such utter disregard for the lives of their men as they by throwing them against the Allied defence walked to the bed where lay a frail, old walked to the bed where lay a frail, old walked to the bed where lay a frail, old walked to the bed where lay a frail, old walked to the bed where lay a frail, old walked to the bed where lay a frail, old walked to the bed where lay a frail, old walked to the bed where lay a frail, old walked to the bed where lay a frail, old walked to the bed where lay a frail w do by throwing them against the Allied defence positions in wave after wave; even greater wonder has been caused by the apparent readiness of the German troops to fight under such conditions. Perhaps there is an explanation, which has a strong and direct bearing on the length of time the war will last.

Although there are not available exact figures of the food rations allowed Germans, it leads to the sun both of the window, the sun bothers are figures of the food rations allowed Germans, it leads to the sun same the window, the sun bothers are figures of the food rations allowed Germans, it leads to cut off the bright clare of der has been caused by the apparent readiness of

figures of the food rations allowed Germans, it is known that they are exceedingly small, and of the poorest quality. Austria's weekly ration is known and may be taken as indication of Germany's. It is: Twenty-two ounces of bread, one pound of potatoes (of which half are not edible), by William Proudfoot, K.C., M.P.P., leader of the Provincial Liberal party, both during the December federal election campaign and in his speech on the address at the opening of the Ontario Legislature, they are subjected to a scolding by the Toronto Globe, which proceeds to read into their expressions meanings which only a vivid and hostile imagination could include.

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**Reer of an old woman, to say nothing of twice a day like he's been hanging for woman, to say nothing of twice a day like he's been hanging for woman, to say nothing of twice a day like he's been hanging for wice a day like he's been hanging for with a day low long and bowlegs seemed strangely at variance. He smilled encouragingly at Zeblah. "How did she sleep last night, Miss Seages and low tone. The entrance of a quiet, earnest-look ling man, whose bald head and bowlegs seemed strangely at variance. He smilled encouragingly at Zeblah. "How did she sleep last night, Miss Seages and lands where food is to be found. They are faced with the alternative of attack or death by starvation, and of the two there can be but on the seemed alive.

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If Austria's plight is anything approaching as desperate as is believed, she must either gain victory and food within a month or throw up her hands. Her collapse would leave Germany stranded.

Now, if never before, the Teutons are fighting for life. They are driven on relentlessly not by courage, not by ambition, not by patriotism, but by fear of starvation. They are in the position of a man, who cannot swim, fleeing from a blazing house on the brink of deep water. He will plunge into the depths without hestitation sues him. If massed attacks are the only way the Teutons can see of escape, this way will be tried without protest.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Whales are victims of mistaken identity, beng blown to pieces by shells aimed at them under the impression that they are submarines.

There's one thing about Sir Thomas White-Liberals have fully as much right to state their he's always well satisfied with what he accom-

A St. Thomas youth, accused of loafing, admitted he had held seven positions in the last The Globe says further in its exposition of month. That's not loafing, merely looking earn-

Hon, C. J. Doherty, minister of justice and former opponents. Parties go out of office when acting premier, is obtaining considerable adverthey have ceased to enjoy the confidence and sup- tising through the Guelph Novitiate trouble which

Have you registered or are you wandering of the Globe? The Borden party will go out of member is that you must always carry the regis-

> Independent Socialists are beginning to justify their name when they call for the overthrow of the Government which murders those

Aerial mail service in Canada is begun by the and, because of the failure, trouble is experienced sending of greetings from Mayor Martin of Monwhich might be avoided. Some time ago The Ad- treal to Mayor Church of Toronto by airship. vertiser asked that a clear statement of the There won't be anything very weighty in that

THERE'S A HAPPY MEDIUM.

EXCUSE FOR CALLING

[Exchange.] A member of the American Lafayette squadron had to make a precipitate descent and was fortunate, enough to come down at a British aerodrome behind the lines, not,

"Are you the big noise of this joint?" he asked.
"I am the commanding officer, if that has anything to
do with it," was the reply.
"Well," said the American, "I just looked in to tell you.
I have spread the gasoline tank on your front grass plot."

A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION [New York Herald.]

Americans are not much interested in bulletins from the

HATS OFF TO US AGAIN!

[Boston Evening Transcript.] ishes, openly in opposition to registration, and other manifestations elsewhere.

promptness and with the proportion of its man-power with which Canada responded, the German armies would have been hurled back beyond the Rhine long ago. Yes—we take off our hats to Canada.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S WORDS.

THE HORSE IN AMERICA

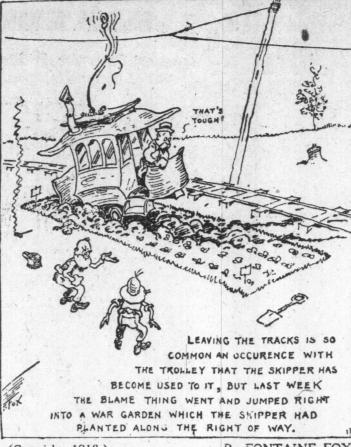
The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

FROM THE BEGINNING.
[By Lincoln Rothblum.]

DRIVEN BY DESPERATION.

Male and of uncertain age, pulled the cane-bottom rocker closer to the window, and folding her thin hands

THE TOONERVILLE TROLLEY THAT MEETS ALL THE TRAINS



(Copyright, 1918.)

-By FONTAINE FOX.

with her sobbing. Doctor Merrifield entered the room.

"Come, Miss Seagrave," he comforted, patting her head, "you mustn't take such things so to heart. Your mother has been ill a very long time and you know she has been getting steadily worse."

Zeblah rose and wiped her eyes in a handkerchief already sadly wet. "Oh, it's not that."

"I know you have been very patient and good," the doctor continued, and he added in a hesitating manner: "I hope you will be rewarded."

The pent-up gates of suppressed emotion gave way. "What has my goodness and patience brought me? I have become a recluse—even the children can point out 'old maid Zeblah, our minister questions me what disposition I will make of her money, and but yesterday I heard Widow Bliss refer to someone 'as homely as Zeblah.' What reward can atone for all that?"

"You must not let such unkindness weigh upon your mind, Miss Seagrave. We all have our crosses to bear. Even my life has not been a bed of roses—"

Zeblah losked up at the kindly face

"We are both along in the world" "The world "

"We are both along in incredulous amazement."

"We are both along in the world "

"We are both along in the world"

zebiah looked up at the kindly face in surprise.

"For a great many years," he continued, or not noticing the interruption, "I turned over every cent I earned as a machinist to support my crippled father and invalid mother and to put my brother through school. I longed to study medicine, but—"

The memory seemed too poignant a pain to recall. Zebiah's faded countenance assumed a look of sympathetic understanding. "And for how long did it last?"

"We are both alone in the world," he continued, gently taking her hands. "Your goodness to your stepmother has aroused love I long thought gone. Don't you think you could learn to care for me?"

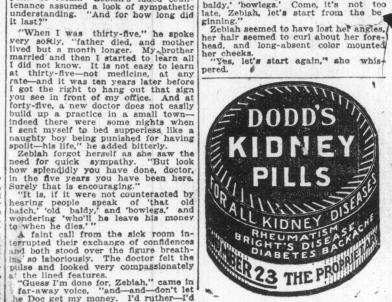
"But. doctor, doctor," Zebiah's volce seemed another part of her. "I'm only 'old-maid Zebiah, 'homely old Zebiah'. "And I'm only 'that old batch,' 'old baidy,' 'bowlegs.' Come, it's not too late, Zebiah, let's start from the be ginning."

Zebiah seemed to have lost her angles,

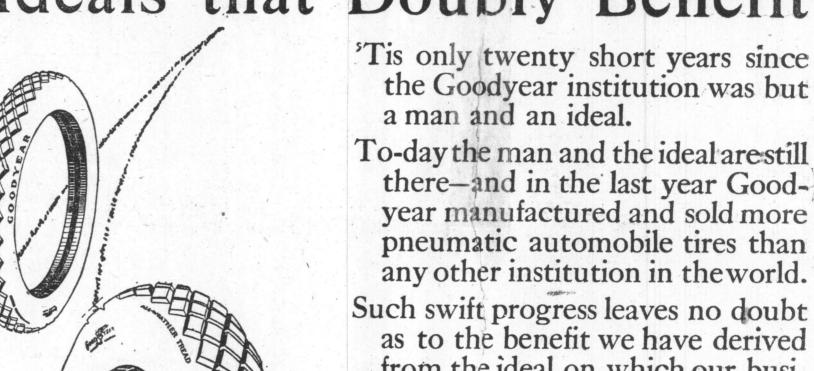
to when he dies."

A faint call from the sick room interrupted their exchange of confidences and both stood over the figure breathing so laboriously. The doctor felt the pulse and looked very compassionately at the lined features.

"Guess I'm done for, Zeblah," came in far-away voice, "and—and—don't let he Doc get my money. I'd ruther—I'd



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