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Universal Service.

Conscription hinted at a few months ago is now being openly advocated by many members of Parliament in Great Britain.

The voluntary system has responded splendidly. A great army of volunteers has been raised, drilled and equipped by Lord Kitchener.

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More, he probably feels reasonably sure that when the moment for decision arrives, the country will shrink from taking the extreme step.

The Pope is not the first man, nor is he likely to be the last, to have his words distorted by an enthusiastic interviewer.

The United States note dealing with the Frye incident leaves no doubt in regard to the state of mind of the people.

The Dominion Government is appointing a commission to deal with the greater production movement, and its relation to immigration, agriculture, transportation, cheap money, marketing and other problems associated therewith.

War orders are coming through for all sorts of supplies. Since the outbreak of hostilities American wire manufacturers have sent nearly ten million dollars worth of barbed and plain wire to the Allied nations.

The first edition of Falconbridge appeared in 1907, and is now well known and was much used.

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NEWFOUNDLAND'S RESPONSE. (London Canadian Gazette.) The town of St. John's, with 20,000 people, contributed four-fifths of the contingent of 1,040 men.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN" You never see a pessimistic promoter.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Lawyer—So you went out and waited for some time on the pavement. Now, did you strike the man in the interim?

Defendant—No, I didn't. I patted him in the jaw.—Chicago Herald.

Young Barnes had married contrary to his father's wishes. Meeting his parents soon afterward, the father said, angrily:

"Well, young man, I have made my will and cut you off with a dollar."

"I am very sorry, father," said the youth, contritely; and then added, "But you don't happen to have the dollar with you?"—Ladies' Home Journal.

He—Say, I'm going to have the softest job this summer of any man in college.

Hi—What's her going to do? Go to summer school?

He—Nothing doing there. I'm going to work in a bread bakeryshop.

Hi—What doing?

He—Loafing.—Dartmouth Jack O'Lantern.

When the train stopped at the little Southern station the tourist from the north sauntered out and gazed curiously at a lean animal with scraggy bristles, which was rubbing itself against a scrub oak.

"What do you call that?" he asked curiously of a native.

"Razorback hawg, suh."

"What is he doing rubbing himself against that tree?"

"He's stropping hisself, suh, just stropping hisself."—Ladies' Home Journal.

A visitor dropped into the outer office of a large equipment company and asked for somebody who wasn't in.

"The gentleman of color in attendance told him he expected Mr. — in 'every minute,' and advised him to wait.

"Fine lot of men in this company," remarked the visitor to the darky when the other man had gone.

"Yessah," replied the colored attendant. "Very fine bunch of gentlemen throughout." Then after a thoughtful pause, "Yessah, you'll find 'em jes exactly as nice all the way through; 'jer exactly the same temperature."—Wall Street Journal.

An old circus man tells this one: "The usual crowd of small boys was gathered about the entrance of the tent in a town in Illinois.

A benevolent looking old gentleman standing nearby watched them for a few minutes with a beaming eye. Then, walking up to the ticket taker, he said, with an air of authority:

"Let all these boys in, and count 'em as they pass."

"The gate man, thinking that the benevolent looking old gentleman was indulging in a bit of philanthropy, did as requested.

When the last lad had gone in, he turned an announced: "Twenty-four, sir."

"Good," said the benevolent looking old gentleman, as he walked away. "I thought I guessed right."—Exchange.

TO MY SON. (Wounded: "Somewhere in Flanders.") From the British Baker.

Last of my race: As brave a lad and true As ever rejoiced a father's heart.

How long it seems since we looked on you As you fared forth to play a hero's part.

Dry-eyed we gazed, although our hearts might bleed; Proud that you went, yet sad that you should go; Proud that you failed not in the hour of need, Sad unto death, because we loved you so;

How slow the hours! Six moons have waxed and waned, Each moon a year to those who every thought Followed your fate with anxious hearts and trained, Hoping, yet fearing, what message brought:

And now you wounded lie—we know not where, Nor how, or when it was you were laid low, Nor yet what hand it is whose tender care Dresses your wound; but this at least we know—

You kept unstained the ancient name you bore; You faced the foe with heart serene and high, Holding your faith that honor still is more Than life itself; that freedom cannot die.

While one remains who will not bow the knee To might alone? All hallowed is the place Where blood like this is shed for liberty, Hero of mine, my boy, last of my race!

REQUIESCAT. A Canadian officer in France sends to a friend in Toronto the following poem by Canon Frederic George Scott, Major-Chaplain, written after Ypres:

In lonely watches night by night Great visions burst upon my sight, For down the stretches of the sky The hosts of dead go marching by.

Strange ghostly banners o'er them float, Strange bugles sound an awful note, And all their faces and their eyes Are lit with starglight from the skies.

The anguish and the pain have passed And peace hath come to them at last, But in the stern looks linger still The iron purpose and the will.

Dear Christ who reign'st above the flood Of human tears and human blood, A weary road these men have trod, O hush them in the home of God.

—Frederic George Scott, Rebecq, France, May, 1915.

CROWDED CARS. (New York Commercial.) When the Board of Health of New York City ordered the street car companies to limit the number of passengers at any time to fifty per cent. more than seating capacity many persons thought that the corporations would fight the rule.

Russia's most pressing problem is ammunition, with more weapons and more men as a second necessity. Men and weapons are useless without ammunition.

THE DEPOTED DERNBERG. (Louisville Courier-Journal.) "The Herr Doctor Dernberg's room is better than his company. If an honest man he was a most mistaken man."

The Day's Best Editorial GENTLEMEN BATTLING FOR RIGHT. (Ottawa Journal.) Mary Roberts Rhinehart, one of the best beloved of American women writers, who has been visiting the various armies in Europe writing her impressions for the Saturday Evening Post, recently completed a trip along the British lines.

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AMERICAN BANK CLEARINGS. New York June 29.—Cotton range: Open High Low July 9.32 9.39 9.32 August 9.79 9.85 9.77 September 10.01 10.10 10.01 October 10.14 10.15 10.09

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