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THE QUEEN AND THE WAR.

Mary Roberts Rinehart, whose articles on the war have been an admirable feature of the Saturday Evening Post, tells in the last number of an interview accorded her by Her Majesty, Queen Mary.

"Here was a great queen, who had chosen to be, first of all, a wife and mother; a queen with courage and a conscience. And into her reign has come the tragedy of a world war which has affected every nation of the world, many of them directly, all of them indirectly.

"And when at last I was permitted to see the Queen of England, I understood a part at least of what she was suffering. I had been to the front. I had seen the English army in the field. I had been quite close to the very trenches where the boyish Prince of Wales was facing the enemies of his country and doing it with high courage.

"The very fact that H. R. H. the Prince of Wales is a soldier on service brings the Queen and her people into closer sympathy. She like many thousands of other mothers has given a son to the cause. The correspondent found the Queen busy with war supplies—the work of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild—which organization has contributed tremendously to the comfort of the army since the first days of the war.

"The correspondence describes the Queen as 'very lovely to look at. So much emphasis has always been placed on her virtues, and so little has been written of her charm, that this tribute is only fair to Her Majesty. She is tall, perhaps five feet eight inches, with deep blue eyes and beautiful coloring.

"Mary Roberts Rinehart recently had an interview with the Queen of the Belgians. After seeing our Queen she writes of the two interviews:

"In each instance I carried away with me an ineradicable impression of this quality of a grave and wearing responsibility borne quietly and simply, of a quiet courage that buries its own grief and asks only to help."

THE PATRONAGE TROUBLES. No political leader or set of leaders ever succeeded in distributing what is called "the patronage" to the complete satisfaction of the army of office-seekers; but no political leader or set of leaders in the history of this province ever created quite so much dissatisfaction in the distribution of the loaves and fishes as the present Conservative leaders.

immediately after the federal election of 1911, or after the last local election, or even after the last civic election. Any one whose vote was likely to be influenced for the moment by a promise of reward in the patronage line was told that he would be appointed to something or other. In the case of one or two appointments dozens of applicants had assurances which satisfied them to the extent at least that they were soon to enter the employ of the government. These patriots looked forward to a day when they would neither toll nor spin, but merely reach out for a government pay cheque twelve times in the year.

THE MEN FOR THE WORK. The population of the United Kingdom is between five and six times the population of Canada. By keeping that in mind one gets from the following figures not only an idea as to the fighting strength of the British Isles, but also as to the number of men which can be drawn for the great cause from Canada, from Australia, from New Zealand and from the other British countries.

ENGLAND AND WALES. Age 18 822,615 19 822,694 20 806,928 21 804,131 22 809,288 23 297,065 24 296,840 25 293,308 26 295,847 27 293,980 28 297,068 29 296,187 30 310,088 31 289,698 32 290,370 33 288,478 34 286,476 35 282,107 36 284,420 37 282,420 38 284,517 39 282,680 40 282,680

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IRELAND. Age 18 48,825 19 42,731 20-24 191,616 25-29 129,905 30-34 129,188 35-39 154,740

THE CASE OF SWITZERLAND. Of the neutral nations of the world none has been placed by the war in a more difficult and trying position than Switzerland. Surrounded by countries that are fighting—two of them unscrupulous as to neutral rights—the Swiss government has exerted its full strength in keeping the little republic out of the conflict.

OF the 6,518,998 men of military age in England and Wales, 2,984,776 are unmarried. It must be remembered that a certain proportion of these men would be excluded as physically unfit, or because they are engaged in making munitions of war, or in the necessary transportation service in the country, or in raising food or carrying on essential industries.

OUR PART IN THE WAR. There is much more to the loyal stand of the British overseas dominions in this Empire struggle than mere support to Great Britain on the field of battle. It is proof that British rule and British law are just and fair, and are the basis for freedom that has never been surpassed. It is an answer to those who thought that Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Newfoundland and South Africa were not so much a part of the Empire, and as ready to share the Empire's burdens, as Great Britain. Since this war was started by the Kaiser the wisdom of Great Britain in her dealings with her overseas possessions has been demonstrated in many ways.

THOSE INVESTIGATIONS. Mr. P. J. Veniot had no difficulty in making good by the evidence of his witnesses on Thursday in Fredericton the charges he made with respect to the pilfering of public money in connection with public works in Kent County. It is a surprising thing that Mr. Veniot was not permitted to question the witnesses who were testifying under oath, but even though that privilege was denied him the witnesses seemed to have told with the utmost frankness how the province, in many instances, was robbed by the peddling of payrolls and by making out cheques for persons who did no work.

TRADE AND THE WAR. One of the very greatest factors in the present war is the British navy, and yet occasionally one still finds in some American newspaper questions indicating that the editor or some correspondent is inclined to complain of British naval activity. It should not be difficult to convince any American of the tremendous industry exercised in this war by His Majesty's naval forces. A little evidence is at hand, taken from American statistics. During the eight months ended February 28, 1915, the value of goods exported by the United States to Germany was \$25,970,000. For the corresponding eight months, ended February 28, 1914, \$236,998,000.

Since Great Britain established a blockade against Germany business between the United States and the Teutonic peoples has practically ceased. If the United States should sever diplomatic relations with Germany, however, the United States government would shut off at once a very considerable trade still carried on with Germany through some of the neutral countries, and would, on the other hand, speed up the preparation and manufacture of munitions of war for the Allies.

proceed to Fredericton. To take them to Fredericton will be very expensive for the province and will cause the witnesses to lose much time. Moreover, the matter of procuring the witnesses will be more difficult if Mr. Chandler holds court at a point remote from the homes of the witnesses. No good purpose can be served by making Fredericton the scene of the Gloucester County investigations. On the other hand the cause of justice would be served clearly by holding the investigations in Gloucester County.

WAR TAXES AND THE TRUTH. It should not be difficult for the ordinary citizen to distinguish between taxation caused by the war and taxation caused by the policy of the Borden government in increasing its expenditures in the face of a falling revenue.

ANOTHER CANDID FRIEND. The Conservative Toronto Telegram has been taking Sir Robert Borden to task rather severely. The local Conservative organ professes to have discovered that the Ottawa correspondent of the Telegram has displayed a desire to criticize Sir Robert unduly. That would be lamentable enough, if true, even of an opposition journal. But what does the Standard think of the language employed by the Conservative Telegram in discussing Sir Robert's refusal to interfere with the operations of middlemen who have been operating a toll gate between Canadian manufacturers and the Russian and French governments in connection with contracts for war materials?

GOOD ADVICE. A distinguished Italian physician declares that it is now possible to secure immunity from tuberculosis by vaccination with a serum obtained as long ago as 1908. The world could receive no better news, if the announcement left absolutely no room for doubt, but the world has not forgotten the claims of Dr. Friedmann whose treatment not only did no good but actually hastened the end of the unfortunate victims who tried it. So the Italian doctor will have to prove his theory to the satisfaction of the medical men who are investigating it before he can hope for any general sympathy from the public at large.

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that are deaf. The Canadian troops have made a wonderful record for themselves at the front. Gallant in action, enthusiastic and cool, they have won the highest praise from their commander-in-chief. But they have paid dearly for their success, and those who are left are wondering how many at home are going to their support. Sir John French has just congratulated his old regiment on their splendid stand at Ypres, and similar praise has been given our own boys for their work in that fight. Their action cannot fail to stimulate the young manhood of Canada in responding to the call from the front. We have begun the work well. We must see that it is properly and successfully finished.

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graphic instructions in town and country. The very advice that is now repeated by the president of the National Association played a strong part in the fight against the disease, and for that reason it should be followed by every person of understanding on this continent.

NOTE AND COMMENT. Scriba is not to be soothed by carresses from Austria. The Serbian minister in Rome has made that clear.

THE GENTLE RAINS OF THE last two weeks have assured an abundant hay crop. From all over Canada crop reports are buoyant. The outlook from the farmers' standpoint is encouraging.

IT is more likely that peace would be assured when the year ended.

IT is worth noting," says the Wall Street Journal, "in view of the essential relations between hatred and fear, that the proposals for peace have come from Germany alone. But the business of the world must make up its mind that there can be no security until Germany is beaten and knows why she is beaten."

IT is a rule among the Italian Alpine soldiers not to shoot unless they can kill at least one adversary. These daring and cautious fighters appear to be doing magnificent work for Italy. The annihilation by them of a whole battalion of Hungarians makes thrilling reading.

IT would be interesting to know just how many German submarines have been sunk or captured since they began their blockade of the British coast. It is possible that for good reasons the Admiralty is not reporting their capture, except in cases where the news leaks out from other sources. At any rate the destruction of the U-14 robs Germany of one of her newest under-water craft.

MR. Massey, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, unlike Mr. Borden, says that a special war tax is unnecessary. The prosperity of the Dominion is such that the general revenue would suffice with, perhaps, a slight increase of the existing taxes.

"Great Britain is at last awake, and will not slumber again except it be in death,"—Maximilian Harden.

THE PROPRIETOR of the Toronto Telegram is in a position to obtain accurate information concerning much that goes on in the inner circle of the Conservative party in this country at all times. It is evident in going to be very awkward when he has John Ross Robertson's newspaper playing the part of a candid friend henceforward.

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER. The New York Herald noting the fact that Great Britain allowed Dr. Dernburg safe passage across the Atlantic and that Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhardt was also to travel without being molested, suggests to Count von Bernstorff that this would be an ideal time for him to cross also. The Herald sees in the German ambassador's activities sufficient reason why he should be given his "walking papers" without further ado.

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ELECTION OR NO ELECTION THIS YEAR. (Toronto Globe.) Anyone who pays the most cursory attention to passing political incidents must have noticed that in spite of the talk about a party truce the Conservative associations all over the Dominion are nominating candidates, perfecting local organizations, raising funds, and circulating literature at the public expense. Liberals are not complaining about these obvious preparations for the general election which Mr. Rogers went to Montreal to proclaim. The bomb he is doubtless at work preparing now seems to be launched at any moment that seems to his faction of the cabinet opportune.

WHILE the Conservative managers are keeping up their election activity, Liberals would be foolish to rest on their laurels. It is to their credit that they are making preparation with preparation and nomination with nomination, for the best way now to prevent an election from being held prematurely is to convince the Conservatives that they stand to lose more than they gain by trying to catch the Liberals by surprise. Fortunately the Liberal nominations are generally good, and they have been made at well-attended and enthusiastic meetings, all of which Mr. Rogers understands as well as the Liberals themselves do, and only as the Liberal meetings well attended, but public questions are discussed at them with exceptional grasp and studied brevity.

IT would be useless to overlook the fact that the revelations of corruption developed by the Manitoba Royal Commission have greatly discouraged the Conservative of western Canada. The man who is their self-appointed election director, and who boasts of knowing "how to win elections," graduated three years ago from the Conservative organization in Manitoba, which he had under his thumb long before he turned to the Dominion parliament as a sphere of sinister activity. He knows one way of carrying elections, and for a long time to come he will be unable to make effective use of that one. He may erelong come to the conclusion that a longer time will be required for deodorization than a premature election would afford.

THE WAR CONTRACT GRATER. (Toronto Telegram, Con.) New York is today infested with Canadians, some of whom have lived by their wits. Others lived off the country. A few weeks ago some of these Canadians could not have raised sufficient money to buy a box of paper collars out of pawn. Today these same Canadians are unanimously housed in palatial apartments. They are approached with difficulty. Cards have to be sent in by Canadian solicitors, contracts. The amiable, confiding weakness of Sir Robert Borden has allowed a horde of middlemen to thrust themselves in as high-priced intermediaries between European governments that wish to place orders for war supplies and the Canadian manufacturers who wish to fill these orders. Let Sir Robert Borden prove himself as big as his solicitors, and the whole race of contract jobbers will be scoured out of the line of communication between the demands of the Allies and the factories of Canada.

OFF IN THE SHILLY NIGHT. (By Thomas Moore.) Off in the shilly night, Ere slumber's chain has bound me, And find me aving me the light Of other days around me.

When I remember all The things that have befallen me, I've seen around me fall, Like leaves in wintry weather, I feel like one Who treads on half deserted, Whose lights are fled, Whose garlands dead, And all but he departed.

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SUSPECTS IN LUMBER. Officers Foster and Tured Smith Without Any T Denv Knowledge Death.

Woodstock, N. B., Green, father of the you the River St. John and son, Fred, Green, left his home after swearing for Charles Smith and whom he charges with his son during a fracas bridge early in May.

Chief of Police Kelly Armstrong went to F to make the arrests, but or Darrah could be found that they are in O bique, peeling bark. C went through by train Friday night, and was Mrs. Kinney, who lives says that Green and S house that night and in term, as Smith had said Green's face was blood, and she heard Green: "If you bother I will kill you. We ed the lantern Darrah Both men seemed ve and kept repeating: and when invited to s until morning would then left and have not Chief Kelly examine says it is quite possible bridge or a man could The father of the de forehead looks as if it a bottle.

The preliminary ex held here before Police Hartland, N. B., Jun The arrest of Charles S Darrah on the charge of Green of Fielding was Friday night, he was in the hands of Foster day morning. They h them to a lumber cam from Bath. A part of by auto, but seven of to Florenceville, where the men listened to little concern and put. While cautioned by F anything both seemed talk. Darrah denied affair, saying he was time to recall the night Smith said the three tol where they got lig to Florenceville, where moving picture show, a more. After the show drunk to walk across and the others underd When the journey was (Smith and Green got i and there was a fight. over the bridge and di became a case of law made about dusk and was at once commen night Foster and Bell, along and Kelly, who were handed over to t The incident is ree recalls an instan years ago when John S supposed murder of same spot where Gre named Dooly was crime but was clear of the Smith in this ca manded, Smith bring little children.

HOUSEHOLD Quick Fruit Mix ingredients for b cuts, adding three-qu of cleaned currants a cupful of sugar, a loaf, brush over the sugar that has been in an hour. This may enough to drop from a case sprinkle over the butts and serve hot.

Potato A Two and a half cup potatoes, half a cupful one and a half tablesp butter, three-fourths of an ounce of salt, two eggs yolk cayenne and a few grains of nutmeg. Boil the potatoes through the potato salt in these, butter, salt well beaten, cayenne and these into the potato, like small apples, roll then in egg diluted with a cupful of milk, and dip the blossom end of the deep fat.

Dumplings are delici must be mixed with d Shortening should not It is apt to make the Do not remove the l in which they are cool likely to be heavy. Fill dumplings with salt, sweeten milk and The flour and baking sifted together. Then mixed with them and Cooked in a little water are cooking see that ing. Only enough du dropped in to cover th or soup.

Cold Fruit Cuts thin slices of st cake and fill the c lining for a mold or p ready hot freshly stee rably currants and ras sure to have some ric the fruit into the line a further slice of br plate over the top the heat of a stove to place. When the pu out, and serve plain o.

Not Passed by the Censor. City Editor—"What did you do when you wrote 'The statement is official'?" Reporter—"Mrs. Blinks wouldn't let me get the story from her husband's

Your name, please 'Carry'." "Oh, do you? Wh