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and would continue to do so, without resorting to fiat money as in the case of the Central powers.

Reply to the criticisms that he had gone back on his trade policy, Mr. Carvell stated that he was still in favor of removing the duties on the necessities of life, but that this was no time to talk tariff as Canada needed every dollar that could be raised from all sources. "Therefore," said Mr. Carvell, "I cannot say where I will stand after the war, but if I have anything to say, I will favor raising a large part of our revenue by income tax."

The real reason for Union government, Mr. Carvell said, was that it simply came to a question of supporting the soldiers at the front by means of conscription when voluntary recruiting failed to meet the case. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been asked to go into a Union government but had refused, and then the premier had offered a position in the Union government to Mr. Carvell, which was accepted.

Coming to the details of the conscription scheme, the Minister pointed out that the local tribunals were working matters out satisfactorily, and that Canada was the last civilized country to adopt conscription.

"I am not going to say that our 100,000 men will win the war," said Mr. Carvell, "but some 100,000 men will, and it may be ours."

England fifteen months after war began introduced conscription, and the bill was put through the House of Commons of Lloyd George, the greatest radical in the Empire, and the United States immediately adopted it without any referendum or appeal to the people.

"Suppose," said the speaker, "that the Laurier party win. They are pledged to a referendum, and if they can win the election why can't they win the referendum? The result would be that Canada would quit as Russia has quit. Even if the referendum carried, the men couldn't be put on the firing line before 1919, by which time the war would be decided one way or the other."

At the conclusion of his address the Minister was heartily applauded.

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## A Born Speculator

By EUNICE BLAKE

"Jim," said Mrs. Martin, "the jig's up. We have nothing in the house for dinner, no money to buy anything, and our credit has been exhausted. I have begged you again and again to get a position, and you have not even tried to do so. I'm afraid I'll have to give up trying to live with you."

James Martin looked very ingenuous. Unlike his kind of druggery, he had not found a way of making a living without it. He had been a soldier and conspicuous for bravery, but it is notorious that a man especially built for war is not likely to be fitted for anything else. When Jim had married he had just made \$10,000 on a real estate deal which he had put through on paper—that is, without any cash bit before he could strike another such bit. Just his profit was all gone.

"Well, Betsy," he said, "you married a man unfitted for the ordinary humdrum of life, and you must take your medicine. I'll go out and hunt for something to do, but if I find anything it won't last very long. I'll probably be discharged within a few weeks."

"Not if you attend to business, keep a close mouth and don't try to advise your employer."

"I won't if I don't see him making mistakes, in which case I'll probably throw your advice to the winds."

Jim Martin found a position with a man named Summers, doing a conservative business of small capital. Jim had been with him but a month when he told him how he could make a very little capital.

"I don't like you to tell me how to run my business," said Summers and, drawing a check for his salary due, discharged him.

Jim was walking home cursing himself for a fool when he encountered a red flag at the door of a warehouse. Having a fellow feeling with red flags, which usually denote forced sales, he went in and learned that a stock of copper was for sale for a man who had gone bankrupt. The bidding was just beginning. A man sidled up to Jim and, slipping a ten dollar bill into his hand, whispered to him to raise the last bid. Jim did as requested, and was relieved by hearing the man who had paid him raise his bid.

But the rise in the bids was very slow. The great European war had just broken out and it occurred to Jim, who was familiar with a soldier's requirements, that copper entered into the composition of ammunition, and if the war lasted long enough the stock of the metal would be used up.

He had no idea of buying it with, but somehow he could not resist the temptation to go on bidding. But the excitement of the contest got the better of him, and he suddenly awoke to the fact that \$100,000 worth of copper had been knocked down to him. He had reached the price copper was selling at in the open market, and no one had any use for this lot at any higher figure. The buyer was at once called upon for 10 per cent of the price to be paid.

Jim was equal to the occasion. Taking advantage of his position as a speculator, he said: "You wanted this copper, so did I. I don't know why you wanted it, but I have been a soldier, and, knowing the necessity for copper in the manufacture of ammunition and considering the amount of ammunition that will be required by the combatants, I believe copper is going up. Within a few weeks or a few months this stock will be worth a great deal more than it is today. If you'll pay the 10 per cent required to carry it I'll take you for 20 per cent of the profit."

### VAMPIRE OF THE OCEAN.

"Ironing" the Devilfish is a Mode of Flirting With Death.

"Ironing" the devilfish, the largest of all the rays and one of the largest creatures of the sea, means flirting with death. The devilfish is also known as the ocean vampire. Its scientific name is Manta vampyrus, and all these names tell something of its habits. It gets its name devilfish from the fact that projecting from either side of the head is a hornlike appendage which in reality is a detached part of the pectoral fin or wing. The horns, sometimes three feet long and freely movable, are used to bring food to its mouth.

These fins have been known to circle above the bow of a boat, lifting the vessel out of the water and deluging the occupants of the boat with gallons of water. When they stop back to the surface they make a noise that can be heard far off. Exciting? Dangerous? The sport is both. The only thing that saves devilfish hunters at a time like this is preparedness. Every man must be at his station, all must obey the will of the harpooner, and if a bit of luck is thrown in the manta is killed.

The devilfish gets its name of manta, meaning blanket, from the pearl divers of the Caribbean sea, who are of the belief that it devours people after enveloping them in its enormous wings. The fish has prodigious strength and has been known to tow a hundred ton vessel far out to sea. An authenticated story is told of a manta that towed eight boats, lashed together, for hours until finally the crews were compelled to cut the rope and let the devilfish escape.

Its vitality is wonderful. There are records of specimens escaping after having been harpooned, lanced and shot many times with rifles of heavy caliber. It fights even after the brain and heart have been pierced. Death comes only when the spinal cord back of the brain, is severed.

### TRAVEL IN THE AIR.

The Safety That Goes With Transportation by Aeroplane.

It is a new idea that the aeroplane is a safe means of transportation in safe hands, yet it is an idea that we must firmly get into the popular mind. The average citizen is still frightened at the prospect of leaving the ground and having no support except the air itself. Yet at the speed which we expect an aeroplane to maintain—seventy or eighty miles an hour—there is no means of transportation that is so safe.

The obstacles that cause accidents with trains and automobiles do not exist for flying craft. A locomotive has to follow a definite track, which may cause a frightful calamity. The aeroplane is not so circumscribed. Its tracks are wherever it wishes to go. There are no obstructions in the air—unless we regard "air pockets" as such—no bridges to cross, no mountains to penetrate, no signals to obey, and no switches to be misplaced.

Or compare this new craft with the rough road of the automobile. The slightest mistake or even intention on the part of the driver, going say, forty or fifty miles an hour, may hurl the machine over a precipice or overturn it on an embankment. But such a lapse on the part of an aviator has no such deplorable results. There are no precipices to fall from and no obstructions to collide with.

The aeroplane is even safer than some forms of water travel. The motorboat, going at a speed of forty miles an hour or even slower, is a more risky mode of transportation than an aeroplane. If such a boat strikes even a small obstruction, such as a floating plank, its side is punctured and it sinks in a few seconds. But there are no such dangers in the air.

**Marines.**  
Marines—soldiers serving on ship-board—date back to the year 1694, when an order in council, dated Oct. 16, authorized 1,200 soldiers to be raised and formed into a regiment. More regiments were later on formed, and in the latter years of the French wars they numbered 32,000. The marines are today a feature of every navy, and in most countries officers of the marines are equal in rank with those in the army and navy.

**Slaves of the Gown.**  
Some women live in a state of perpetual preparation of wardrobe. They never seem to acquire one in any approach to completion, and they are always in the act of either planning or of obtaining some separate portion of one in such a way that it would seem as if they lived to and for no other end or purpose. The materials of which their gowns are made must be of the nature of Penelope's web.

**Womanly Retort.**  
"Women are terribly inconsistent," protested Mr. K. W. Bibles. "John," replied his wife, "you know the poet says, 'Consistency's a jewel.' And you told me yourself that much jewelry is not good form."

**The First Question.**  
"Opportunity is at your door. Wants you to go with him."  
"Has he a car?"

**Ventriloquism.**  
Ventriloquism was first described in 725 B. C. Greeks ascribed it to the operation of demons.

**Tired Eyes.**  
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**His Cruel Critic.**  
"I shall now give out the effect of distance," he said to her, and he sang so low as to be scarcely heard. "A little further, please," she said cruelly, and he picked up his voice and went away with it into the chilly night.

**Commissioned Officers.**  
An officer never "enlists." He is commissioned by the president of the United States. Only private soldiers, including corporals and sergeants, can "enlist."

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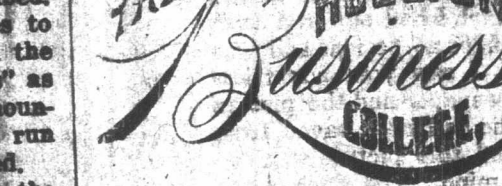
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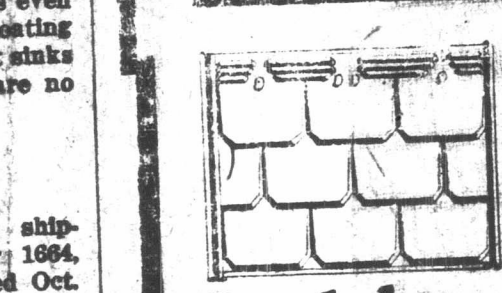
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