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Half the dust in your living rooms comes from the coal fire—there is no dust with a gas fire.

No work is entailed—no fire irons, coal scuttles or shovels to trouble about, no smoke, dirt or ashes to cause annoyance—no noisy poking or replenishing to disturb and irritate. That is why the gas fire is ideal for the sick room.

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We are, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

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National Service Card

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—La Patrie published last night a fac simile, in English of the card which is to be issued by the National Service Commission to every male in Canada between the ages of 18 and 65 years. It is in connection with the proposed inventory of the man power of the country. There are twenty-four questions as follows:

1. What is your full name?
2. How old are you?
3. Where do you live? Province.
4. Name of city, town, village or post office, street, number.
5. In what country were you born?
6. In what country was your father born?
7. In what country was your mother born?
8. Were you born a British subject?
9. If not, are you naturalized?
10. How much time have you lost in last 12 months from sickness?
11. Have you full use of your arms?
12. Of your legs?
13. Of your sight?
14. Of your hearing?
15. Which are you—married, single or a widower?
16. How many persons besides yourself do your support?
17. What are you working at for a living?
18. Whom do you work for?
19. Have you a trade or profession?
20. If so, what?
21. Are you working now?
22. If not, why?
23. Would you be willing to change your present work for other necessary work at the same pay during the war?
24. Are you willing, if your railway fare is paid, to leave where you now live, and go to some other place in Canada to do such work?

German Children Die For Want of Sugar.

Extra Half Pound Month Will be Allowed For Children Born After December 1

LONDON, Dec. 12.—An investigation into the mortality in Berlin has established that the rising death rate is due to an insufficient sugar allowance, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The despatch says that it has been decided that each child born after Dec. 1 shall receive an additional half pound monthly of sugar, the rations of the rest of the population being proportionately produced. The allowance up to this time has been 750 grammes monthly for each baby.

A real novelty for the skating equipment is the long mousquetaire glove that fastens to the elbow of the sleeve.

Last Night's Cables New French Ministry In Difficulties

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The disappointment shown by the press over the new administration is emphasized in the comment at yesterday's sitting of the Chamber of Deputies. Even Premier Briand's sensational announcement of his intention to prohibit by decree the sale of spirituous liquor, passes almost unnoted. The steady supporters of the Premier, such as the Figaro, are but lukewarm in their appreciation. In the Senate to-day the Ministry will have to face another onslaught, this time from Georges Clemenceau, who characterized the new Government as an attempt to mend a broken down engine by putting on a new pair of tires. Henri Brenger and Adrien Gaudin De Villaine and others intend to interrogate the Government on their general situation. If Briand accepts the debate the Senate will go into a secret sitting, for which all preparations have been made. It will not, however, be as long a one as that Chamber held, as the Senate is unanimously of the opinion that the sitting should not last more than three or four hours.

DAILY BILL \$28,500,000

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Fully alive to the dangers of delay in dealing with what he termed "the unsatisfactory situation in Greece," Lord Robert Cecil told the House of Commons this afternoon that the Entente Allies were about to present certain demands to the Greek Government for the purpose of clearing up. Andrew Bonar Law announced in the Commons that the daily average expenditure of Great Britain in the war had risen to \$5,710,000 (\$28,500,000).

H.M.C.S. GRILSE O.K.

HALIFAX, Dec. 14.—H.M.C.S. Grilse reported lost with all hands yesterday, arrived at Shelburne to-night, and reports the loss of six members of the crew. Lieut. Fry with wrist broken, the wireless carried away, and other minor damage to the ship.

CAPT. BLAIKIE

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons to-day that the government had taken such action as it considered necessary regarding Capt. Blaikie who was taken prisoner by the crew of the German submarine which sunk his steamer, the Caledonia.

The fellow who does his own thinking is never afraid of what the other fellows think.

NO OFFER TO BELGIUM

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Belgian Legation in London has published a denial of the story printed in the Morning Telegraph of yesterday, of a peace offer to Belgium by the Central Powers.

VERDUN OFFENSIVE

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—French troops took offensive in Verdun region this evening, says to-night's supplementary war statement, advancing on both banks of the Meuse.

CONCERT TO-NIGHT.

The concert in aid of the Presentation Convent Association, to be held to-night in the new C.C.C. Hall, Mechanics' Building, promises to be most enjoyable. Teas will be served; an excellent programme will be discussed and all who attend will certainly receive more than the worth of the admission fee as some of our best vocalists and instrumentalists will be heard.

STARTS FOR FRANCE.

A wire was received by Mr. Harold Andrews of Port de Grave yesterday from his brother Harry saying he was going to France. Harold joined the R. A. M. C. in Montreal and was at Valcartier Camp all last summer, where he applied for a transfer for the firing line. He is a private in the 148th Battalion, C. E. F., and went to England in October.

THE "FIONA" GOES WEST

The S.S. Fiona, which had been at the dry dock premises for several weeks past getting repairs to her hull and machinery, came off the dock Wednesday and will sail West in command of Capt. Edward English to-morrow. She will go to Bay of Islands to look after the herring fishery there and to see that the laws in regulation thereof are properly carried out.

When luncheon time came Mrs. Robinson asked Willie Jones if he wouldn't stay.

"No, thank you," said Willie, "I'd better go home. Mother will be expecting me."

"Suppose I telephone and ask her if you may remain," suggested his hostess.

"Oh, no, please don't do that, Mrs. Robinson," said Willie. "We've got coconut pie for dessert to-day and your cook told me that you only got prunes."

Plan to Re-unite Ireland.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Daily Chronicle to-day gives a prominence to the following article:

"Plans have been maturing for some time for a settlement of the Irish question in the event of a Government coming into office, in which Sir Edward Carson should be a prominent member. If the scheme is carried through it will be the most dramatic event in Irish history. Sir Edward Carson should be a prominent member. If the scheme is carried through it will be the most dramatic event in Irish history. Sir Edward Carson, who no doubt got the consent of his Ulster Colleagues for the plan, proposes that a Home Rule Parliament should be established for the whole of Ireland, and that Protestants should be represented on the basis of proportional representation. Ulster would be included for the period of three years, after which there would be opportunity for a revision.

Would be Conscription.

"One condition of the acceptance of this scheme by the Nationalist party is that they agree to the extension of conscription to Ireland. It is estimated that conscription, if applied to Ireland on the same basis as now prevails in Great Britain, would bring an additional 150,000 men. A settlement of the Irish problem on these lines would, it is expected, have a soothing influence on the discontent throughout the world. Martial law would, of course, be abolished.

"In view of a settlement of the Irish question on these lines, it is probable that some members of the Nationalist party would join a Government of which David Lloyd George was the Premier. Sir Edward Carson, would, of course, be a leading member of the Government as a preliminary indispensable condition. Discussion of this subject in view of the possible reconstruction of the Government or of Sir Edward Carson becoming a member of the Cabinet, has been going on for some time between Mr. Lloyd George, the Irish leaders and Sir Edward Carson."

Detachment From Crisis

Although Sir Edward Carson is universally mentioned as a member of the next Administration, one of his

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friends is quoted as saying that Sir Edward's position is one of detachment from the crisis and that he has not been approached with a view to joining the War Council. One thing only was certain, namely, that Sir Edward would not take office under Mr. Asquith.

According to the Times Sir Edward Carson, since he resigned his post as Attorney-General in the Coalition Government, has made a great name for himself and gained the respect of many members who previously were his bitter opponents.

Summing up the outlook, the Times says everything is in the air at present and there is no telling what will happen. "The suggestion was made here and there Tuesday night that Mr. Asquith was not done with politics, and that the Parliamentary situation might compel his return to power," adds the Times.

RUSSIAN LADY DOCTORS.

From the middle of the last century the women of Russia have asserted their eagerness for professional training. Teaching, surgery, medicine and government service have attracted the greatest number, writes Richard Washburn Child in the Century. When the medical schools were closed to them they went to Switzerland and other foreign countries. A Russian girl took a doctor's degree at Zurich in 1867. In the early 70's the admission of women to medical courses became a settled practice in Russia.

In 1876 women surgeons in numbers distinguished themselves at the front in the Serbian-Turkish war; the same distinguished service has been given by them in the Russo-Japanese war and in the present conflict. To-day women physicians are as prominent as men, and in some cities there are many more female than male dentists. More than 62 per cent. of the teachers in the Zensvo schools are women, and the census of 1897 showed that there were four women to every five men in the state and public services.



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