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ful pens of the country. Canada's place in the Empire is the biggest
ultimate, just as the returned soldier is the biggest immediate problem
we have. The Canadian Courier will publish its own ideas for the sake
of getting the opinions of other people. And every Canadian will want
to read it.

For the Men Who Go Down

WHEN the "Mont Blanc" was drifting across Halifax harbor,
abandoned by her crew and captain, the wind fanning the blaze
on her decks into a fiery threat of the terrific blast that was inevitable
with hundreds of tons of T. N. T. below her hatches, fourteen men-o'-
war from the Niobe dashed into a steam pinnacle and darted across
the harbor in an heroic effort to board the death-ship and steer her
away from the place to which she was heading. The pinnacle scraped
the side of the Mont Blanc just as the terrific explosion occurred.

No fragment of the fourteen has since been found.

They were Canadian men and boys who had gone down to deep-sea
water from the Great Lakes to do their bit. Fourteen families mourn
them. Some day the Nation may honor them. But until this war is
won the gallant deeds of the men-of-war and the mercantile marine are
mostly hidden in the official archives of the Admiralty. A monthly list
of tonnage sunk is the only public tally of hundreds of gallant deeds—
of courageous sacrifice and splendid service—given by men who go
down these perilous days to the sea in ships.

Will the nation honor them? On page four of this issue of The
Canadian Courier the question is pointed by the appeal of the Navy
League of Canada.

Rightly or wrongly, the Government allows no pension to the mer-
chant sailor, or to his dependents. Although they are the foundation
upon which the army and navy wages warfare, they are an unofficial
branch of the service, and as such receive no official recognition. A
work in itself but poorly paid, the plight of the family can easily be
imagined when submarine, mine, or gale claims the life of the bread-
winner, and his dependents are left upon their resources.

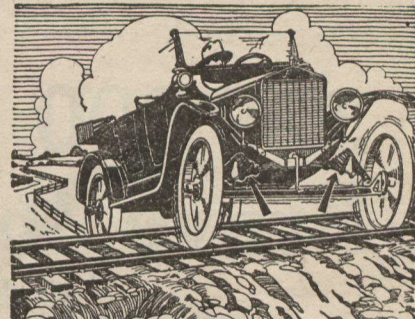
During the past year the Navy Leagues of the Empire have ac-
cepted the privilege of looking after the merchant sailors' dependents,
and as a result have been successful in relieving many cases of dire
distress. The Navy League of Canada last year set aside and sent to
England the sum of \$120,000, which was expended in relief work of
this nature. Owing to the great demands made upon the fund more
money is urgently required, and as this work is kept alive wholly
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