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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.
 TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

CONCERNING MR. BURNHAM.

Newspapers like the St. John Telegraph which, recognizing that the sentiment of their clientele is favorable to the Government's measure of conscription of man-power, are yet unwilling to definitely take the plunge to support it, are eagerly grasping at such small crumbs of comfort as happen to come their way and are endeavoring to claim that the Government's measure is but the half-way house to what should be done. Conscription of wealth is the latest thing those journals regard as desirable, and holding such a view, whether conscientiously or for reasons of political expediency, does not enter into the case. It is natural that they should publish with much display such incidents as the break of Major J. H. Burnham, member for Peterborough West.

Major Burnham is not opposed to conscription of men, but he also desires conscription of wealth. He thinks it is outrageous that the poor man in Canada should be called upon to give all he has—his service and possibly his life—while those more fortunately situated in regard to this world's goods, and unable to go on active service, should not be asked to give what they can—their money.

It may be pointed out that conscription of wealth, in the real meaning of that term, has not yet become necessary in this country. When it does we shall have it just as we are to have conscription of man-power, now that it has been established that the voluntary system will not suffice to keep the Canadian divisions up to strength. This country has done well in the imposition of war taxes. The money asked for in the way of war loans has been forthcoming with little or no effort, and it is well known that the Minister of Finance is prepared to introduce an income tax measure when that is needed. It is only by such a measure that there can be any approach to what is loosely termed conscription of wealth. If a man for instance owns a brick building, and obtains a revenue from it, the Government can hardly proceed to conscript the building in the same sense that a fighting man can be conscripted. That would be unfair to the property owner and of no value to the country. All that can be done is to impose a tax on the income the owner of that property derives from it, and this it is Sir Thomas White's intention to do.

Even Major Burnham, if he is practical, could not hope for much more. Conscription of wealth by means of an income tax may come necessary, but at the present time it is unwise to attempt to embarrass the Government by any multiplicity of issues. It is conscription of man-power that is required now. Let us get through with that before considering other measures. Those who have read the Prime Minister's speech and the summary of the bill to provide for compulsory service will say at once that it is the Government's desire to be eminently fair to all classes. Unwise agitation at the present time for something more than the country has before it will hinder rather than help, and this is essentially a time when all the help that can be secured is urgently needed. Major Burnham is probably sincere in his position but he cannot hope to effect any good result by it, while he affords opponents of the measure an opportunity to cite his case as an instance of an Ontario Conservative who opposes the plan to reinforce our divisions at the front by the only means at hand.

THE VILLAIN IN THE PLAY.

Every tragedy has its villain, its evil genius, so to speak, and so also not infrequently has every era in the world's history that was ripe for revolution and change. Amidst the curious and somewhat contradictory reports that the censor permits to reach America from Petrograd there fits the shadow of a base fellow called Rasputin, who certainly for a time had his fill of adventure and dizzy delight. His role was that of the modern Cagliostro, whose craftiness with men and women he shamed into insignificance by the splendid abandon and proficiency of his audacious views. This man who was in reality the power behind the throne in Russia of recent years as we are told by Abraham Yarnolinsky, strange as it may seem, was himself a common adventurer and an ignorant man, who, by the power of his magnetic personality, successfully played upon the sentiments both of the late Czar and his Russian wife to such an extent that he practically controlled the will of the court. Men who were innocent were adjudged guilty of offences they never performed, while men who were guilty were shielded

from the legitimate penalty of their crimes through the influence of this rascal than whom history scarcely describes a more consummate scoundrel. A common peasant from Siberia, where, in his earlier years he had committed several serious crimes, at length, he sought the white lights of Petrograd, and once there he insinuated himself into the graces of the nobility, and at last reached the domestic circle of the Czar. The story of this fellow's escapades in the Russian court up to the time that he was assassinated by an incensed group of young aristocrats at the palace of Prince Yusupov and his body cast into the waters of the Neva, will scarcely bear repeating. His regime at the Russian court certainly casts into a rather lurid light the late occupants of the throne and their association with such a vampire as well as the courtly patronage which was extended to him by them will not tend to reinstate those deposed rulers of the Russian people in the esteem of the world. Apparently it is the old story of Versailles told over again and it is a story so sordid and obnoxious that the new age of humanity that is crowding fast upon the world, an age purified by the cleansing fires of war, scarcely cares to hear.

The world is well rid of such occupants of the throne, and the morsel of honey that has been extracted from his decaying carcass has well been described by a Russian writer who has said that "Rasputin's historic role consists in that he united all Russia in a general hatred for the dark, irresponsible forces." Russia, whatever be its problems and trials, is well rid of its royal aristocrats, and those who are acquainted with the story of the doings of this Siberian muzzik at the palace will understand why the audience gathered within a Petrograd theatre answered with a mighty cheer when one of the performers started his number with these words, "Ladies and gentlemen, let me congratulate you upon our common joy" referring to the news of Rasputin's violent death.

But little sympathy will be entertained for the late Czar who was truly a weakling to permit this creature to enter his house. Of his wife we say nothing. It is perfectly apparent that neither of these people possessed those qualifications that modern nations demand of those who are permitted to occupy the place of honor and authority. The Russian writer to whom we have referred above concludes his very significant article in the Bookman with these words: "The heroes of the mysterious drama a la Ponson du Terrail, which took place in the palace on the Neva, were no revolutionists. They deemed it their duty as faithful servants of their Emperor and country to put an end to the career of the mystic blackguard. But their act resounded in the ears of the avenging nation like the first rumbling of a coming storm. These young aristocrats knew not that they had given a signal to the most radical and thorough of revolutions that has ever shaken up a body politic."

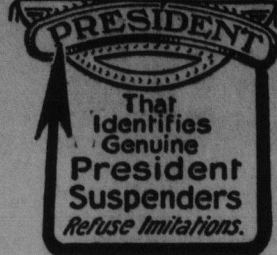
MR. POWELL'S LETTER.

The Telegraph and the Times, with the idea of creating sympathy for Mr. Pugsley, have printed in full, three letters purporting to be written by the Hon. George E. Foster, Mr. George W. Fowler and Mr. H. A. Powell. The attempt to extract comfort from the letter of Mr. Powell is really very funny. One thing is clear from the letter—that Judge Landry and his fellow commissioners are responsible for the report. Mr. Powell thought the commissioners were in error in finding that 250 of the three per cent. bonds had been signed with the provincial guarantee and delivered before they should have been delivered. The commissioners found differently. Whether they were delivered too soon or not is a matter of very little difference. The main point is that they were delivered.

In another matter Mr. Powell apparently wished the commissioners to be careful in their statement so that the local government would not be prejudiced for any claim it might make against the Dominion for double subsidy, but the commissioners thought it was their duty to set forth the facts as they found them, regardless of the effect upon obtaining a subsidy or their effect upon the reputation of the government. The action of the commissioners is distorted by the Telegraph into a conspiracy on the part of Judge Landry, Mr. MacDonnell and Mr. Teed, commissioners, to falsify the record in order to injure Mr. Pugsley and the government.

The Telegraph editorially said in yesterday morning's issue that "This

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letter (Mr. Powell's letter) has remained concealed until the present day and has been in existence eight years, during all which time Mr. Pugsley's enemies have rung the changes on the charges made against him by the commission, and "Now comes the production of these letters which have been on record in Fredericton but which have been kept in concealment by Dr. Pugsley's enemies while they were in control in this province."

This is very rich. After Mr. Powell's letter was received by Mr. Hazen, then Attorney-General, it was stolen from the latter's office. Either the original or a copy came to Mr. Tweedie's notice over five years ago. Mr. Hazen was unable to fix the guilt upon the official or other, who had stolen the letter and he publicly said nothing about it. The government has changed and the letter now crops up in the hands of the present government. How long the simple advice of the letter was not known, but The Standard does know that it is over five years since Mr. Tweedie first knew of its existence and contents, and the public being aware of the relations between Mr. Tweedie and Mr. Pugsley will assume that Mr. Tweedie did not during all these years conceal his information from his friend.

NEW SHOES WON'T HURT AFTER THIS

Cincinnati man tells how to shrivel up corns so they lift out

Ouch! ? ? ? ! This kind of rough talk will be heard less here in town if people troubled with corns will follow the simple advice of this Cincinnati authority, who claims that a few drops of a drug called freezone when applied to a tender, aching corn stops soreness at once, and soon the corn dries up and lifts right out without pain.

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Little Benny's Note Book.

Yesterday afternoon me and Ed Wernick and Sid Hunt was setting on Mary Watkins front steps telling Mary Watkins different things we wasn't afraid to do, and Ed Wernick sed, Do you see this ice wagg'n coming up the street, I aint afraid to run rite in front of the horses heads, and I can prove it.

Which jest then the ice wagg'n started to go past fast as anything, and wat did Ed Wernick do but jump up and run across the street rite in front of it, the driver looking around the side of the wagg'n and swearing at him farsee till the wagg'n turned around the corner.

And wen Ed Wernick came back and sat down agen, Mary Watkins sed, Goodness, Ed, how do you get that brave?

You haft to be born that way, sed Ed Wernick, and Sid Hunt sed, That aint anything, do you know wat I aint afraid to do? I aint afraid to climb up on the letter box and stand there without holding on with my hands, thats as dangerous as anything and its agens the law, to.

And he went and did it, taking him about 5 minutes to get up, and some man had to catch him while he was falling off, and Mary Watkins sed, Wat aint you afraid to do, Benny?

Heer comes a cop down the street, Benny, I bet you're afraid to run between his legs, sed Ed Wernick.

I bet I aint either, I sed. And I started to go up the street and the cop keep on coming down, being a fat cop with plenty of room between his legs, and I thawt, G, that aint to be hard. And I kept on going up and the cop kept on coming down and I wawked rite past him, thinking, Maybe it will be easier to run throo them from the back. And wen I got past I looked around and thered didnt seem to be quite as much room between them from the back as there was from this front, and I thawt, Aw, wat do I care, Ill jest keep on going.

Which I did, wawked around the corner and going home by the back way. Proving jest because you aint afraid to do a thing, that dont say you haft to do it.

WHY WOMEN FEEL UNFIT

Nature's best handiwork never was intended to be handicapped by illness as so many women are. Nature's intention never was that women should be less capable, as women are, than men are as men. Yet how frequently young girls, business women, housewives and mothers complain of feeling unfit. What makes the growing girl so languid, the business girl so often depressed, the housewife and mother so often overwhelmed with worries and cares. Why gives rise to the headaches, the backaches and weakness that unfit women for life's joys and duties. The answer is bloodlessness. Girls grow into unfit women if they lack the help of new blood during their teens. Business girls become bloodless from too much indoor occupation, heavy meals and lack of exercise. Housewives overtax their blood by overwork, over-anxiety, nursing, neglecting the need of sufficient sleep, regular meals and fresh air relaxation. Hence the blood becomes watery and impure.

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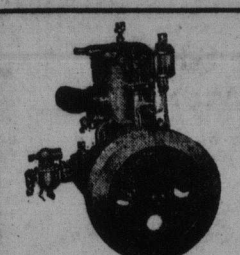
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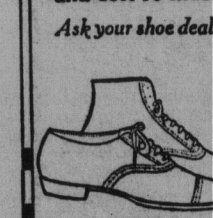


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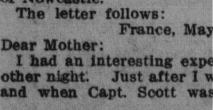


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Captain W. T. McF... Newcastle Escapes Shell Passes Throu... —Explodes Short Away.

In a letter to his parents, Capt. W. T. McFarlane of an interesting experience front. Captain McFarlane of School Inspector P. G. McFarlane of Newcastle.

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