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THE AMERICAN METHOD.

Conscription of men in the United States is preceded by a period in which they may volunteer. If they do not volunteer in sufficient numbers they are compelled to come, each state providing its quota of men. This has not been generally understood in Canada, and it is therefore worth while to quote an official announcement just published in the State of Maine. It is as follows:

"The war department desires to bring to the attention of the people of the State of Maine the urgent necessity of filling the quota of enlistments for the regular army. For some unaccountable reason voluntary enlistments are not coming in nearly as rapidly as was expected. Maine's quota to fill the regular army to war strength is 1,470. It was estimated that this number would be supplied on or before the first day of June. To date only 470 have been accepted for enlistment. This leaves a balance from the State of Maine of 1,000."

"The war department now urgently appeals to the patriotism, fidelity, and loyalty of the people of the state to respond to the patriotic call of the president at the earliest possible time and supply this deficiency on or before the 30th day of June. To accomplish this, it will be necessary to enlist approximately fifty men per day, and your services and co-operation are urgently requested to keep constantly before the people the seriousness of the situation, and the necessity for immediate action."

"We are engaged in war with a powerful and thoroughly organized enemy. To emerge successfully available man in training without delay. We now have the facilities for training men in the regular army, but not facilities for training the new National army to be called about Sept. 1st. Much valuable time is being lost during the season of the year when training can be most advantageously carried on. Men of military age should understand that getting the time for them to get into training if they desire early promotion and the best jobs that are to be given out."

"It is the present intention of the administration to fill the ranks of the regular army by volunteer enlistments, and those states which supply the smallest number of enlistments of this class will be called upon to furnish the larger number of enlistments under the Selective Draft Law. The fact should be constantly kept before the public that the delay is dangerous and that they desire to enlist immediately if they desire to select the branches of the service in which they will serve. Enlistment is no bar to volunteer enlistment. After a man has been called out under the Selective Draft Law it is then too late for him to volunteer his services."

"Careful records are being kept in this office showing the number of enlistments for each county in the state. To date only one county has the honor of having filled its quota. Other counties are well filled in this respect. It is believed that the press of the state offers the best and most reliable method of keeping these facts constantly before the public and urge young men to do their full duty by the nation and the state without waiting to be drafted. Five states in the middle west have already completed their full quota. Other states are rapidly approaching the number required from them. Surely, the people of the State of Maine will not permit this state to be the last."

BAD SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Twelve persons living in three rooms is not conducive to health or morals. The agent of the Children's Aid Society and the secretary of the Municipal Home are now endeavoring to get conditions improved in one such case. The former has also to deal with another case where ten of a family occupy but three rooms. Only last week the problem of a family of ten living in two rooms was solved by their fitting to Kings County to live, it is said, in an old camp.

The people of St. John do not realize how serious is the congestion or how bad the living conditions in many different sections of the city. The board of health ordered three more houses closed this week. Dr. Melvin is doing a valuable work, but there is always the problem of what is to be done with or for a family which is a crying need. It is impossible to improve social conditions on any large scale until there are better homes available for many families now living under most undesirable conditions. It is also true that some of these families must be taught how to live cleanly and respectably, but the housing question is also urgent. There is need, moreover, of trained social workers to keep constantly in touch with families which need the stimulus of an intelligent and sympathetic supervision; and it is surprising how many of such families there are, where the children, because of parental selfishness or sheer inefficiency, are not getting a fair start in life. Members of organizations have to do with such families are often well-nigh to despair because of the apparent failure of well-meant and continued ef-

fort in certain cases with which they have to deal. Obviously the evils of over-crowding in poor tenements must be removed before any measure of success can be gained.

It must have been with a high degree of satisfaction that Hon. Mr. Dugal made some observations in the legislature this week. He was able to commend the opposition for diligence in seeking information, since a similar diligence on his own part had led to sweeping reform in the government of New Brunswick. Possibly he remembered the gross discourtesy which he was submitted to on that memorable day when he stood practically alone in a hostile house.

Of late the Sir William Macdonald Toronto Globe says:—"Among Canadian multi-millionaires, Sir William Macdonald will always stand high, not merely for the amount of his benefactions, but for their number and their practical character. Directly and indirectly he did much for McGill University, of which he had been chancellor for some time past. His interest in agriculture was shown years ago by his establishment and endowment of the Macdonald Agricultural College on the Ottawa River, and the Macdonald Institute and residence for women students at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. His most outstanding personal characteristics were incurable cynicism and dislike of publicity."

The London Times advises its readers to avoid jumping to rash conclusions about the motives of those persons in Canada who are opposed to conscription. The French-Canadians it says:—"They cling to their traditions and have a rooted objection to conscription, which they have never hesitated to proclaim and justify on the grounds which they believe to be entirely consistent with real devotion to British connection. It is not too easy for us to see eye to eye with them, but at least we can abstain from rash reproaches, which must necessarily ignore their point of view."

It is not surprising that the murder of women and children in London by German air raiders has revived the desire for reprisals. By their fiendish acts the Germans have stamped themselves with such a brand of infamy as puts them beyond the range of human sympathy or consideration.

It is intimated that the correspondence between Sir Robert Borden and members of the Quebec hierarchy at the time the national registration scheme was brought up would make interesting reading. What assurances did Sir Robert give the hierarchy?

The withdrawal of the Germans from some portions of the British front is said to have created a strategic situation "full of interesting possibilities." It is also announced that the British have regained a marked supremacy in air fighting.

The Standard features the fact that the Manufacturers' Association favors conscription. Small type is good enough, however, for the announcement that the association also declares for the abolition of the patronage system.

As a newspaper the Standard declined to print the evidence of Mr. Cosentino, the report on the Farm Settlement Board, and the letters of Powell, Powell and Foster on the Central Railway affair. Is it a newspaper?

Apparently the Borden government is getting ready for an election. It is pointed out that Hon. Robert Rogers is now free to attend to his specialty as "minister of elections."

In reply to the demand for conscription of wealth Sir Thomas West promises a tax on large incomes next year. Meanwhile there may be an election.

PLANTED POTATOES IN JULY

To the Editor of The Halifax Daily Echo: Sir,—I have been a potato raiser in an amateurish sort of way for more than thirty years, and my operations have ranged over a pretty wide period. I have planted from the last week in July and the first week in August. Last year by way of experiment I planted six hills in my garden here in Wolfville, on July 29th, with very good results, the potatoes being dug early in October. As a fixed rule, however, I am strongly in favor of early planting. This year I did my first planting on May 9th and in spite of the long cold wet spell that followed they are now well up. It will be seen from this that there is still plenty of time remaining for potato planting, although the sooner they are got under the soil the better now. At a pinch they will be planted with good prospects of success well into July. Potato planters, therefore, have at least three weeks to the good and this is substantially true of peas, beans, beets, carrots and cucumbers. But time should not be needlessly wasted. R. F. DIXON The Rectory, Wolfville, N.S., June 11th, 1917.

LIGHTER VEIN

"Does Jones, the photographer, do ev-cryone justice?"

"He does more than that; he tempers justice with mercy."

John D. Rockefeller's friends say that he tells this story most frequently: It is the story about the man whose wife had him bluffed and who was obliged to do her bidding. One night she chased him under the bed. He persisted in peeping out from under to see what she was up to.

In harsh tones she bade him quit his peeping. Summoning all the courage at his command, he declared: "So long as I've the spirit of a real man, I'll take a little peek!"—Everybody's.

In Tennessee they tell of a judge, a man well versed in the law but entirely self-educated, who had to contend with the difficulties of orthography all his life. In the old days he lived in Knoxville and for a long time he insisted upon spelling it "Noseville." Finally his friends educated him up to the point of prefixing a K; so thoroughly, in fact, was the lesson learned that, a few years later, when he moved to Nashville, no thing could prevent him from spelling it "Knoxville." Then, some time later, the lawyer moved again, this time to Murfreesboro. On the day that he began to write his first letter from this place he scratched his head in perplexity, and finally exclaimed: "I give it up! How on earth can they spell the name of this place with a K?"

Recently the sergeant of a certain battery in France sat down to an exceptionally fine dinner, the crowning glory of which was a large plum pudding. "Seems mighty hard," remarked the sergeant-major, as he vainly tried to stick his fork in it. "Have you boiled us a cannon ball?" "Where did you get the flour from?" questioned the sergeant-major again, still struggling vainly. "Where from?" the cook retorted. "From Store No. 5, of course." "You did?" roared the quartermaster-sergeant. "Then hang you, you've made the pudding with Portland cement!"

HAVE FRENCH-CANADIANS IN ARMY

Ottawa, June 14.—According to a return tabled in the commons this afternoon by the minister of militia, there were 14,100 French-Canadian soldiers in the total of 212,000 men of the Canadian expeditionary force sent overseas up to the end of April last. The number of native-born Canadians speaking the English language who had gone overseas, is given as 128,245 and the number of British subjects born outside of Canada, French-Canadian in descent, is 83,755. About twelve per cent. of the native-born Canadians in the Canadian army now overseas. The British-born members of the C. E. F. outnumber the Canadian-born by approximately fifteen thousand. There are no figures available as to the number of speaking English subjects in the Canadian army.

The return show that 5,443 French-Canadians are serving with units organized in Quebec and commanded by officers speaking the French language, while 1,866 French-Canadian soldiers are serving with Quebec battalions commanded by the English-speaking English. The number of French-Canadian soldiers serving in units organized outside the province of Quebec is given as 6,904. These figures, however, do not include the 12,177 French-Canadians in the first contingent. These were all re-attested at Valcartier and their original place of enlistment is not shown on the records.

VANCOUVER OFFICER WAS A HERO OF SEA FIGHT

London, June 15.—A Vancouver officer was a hero of a sea fight announced, in which a drifter engaged five sealiners, destroying two. This was Lieut. H. B. Bell-Ising, a member of a fighting family. One brother was killed, dying in England; another, Capt. Malcolm, holds the D. S. O. and the M. C., and a third, Lieut. A. D., brought down two enemy planes on the front.

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WHERE TO LOOK FOR IMMIGRANTS

J. S. Dennis, of C. P. R., Says Canada's Hope for New Population Lies in U.S. and N.W. Europe

J. S. Dennis, assistant to the president of the Canadian Pacific, in a letter to the Toronto Board of Trade, says: "If and when Canada begins to prosecute a vigorous campaign for the attraction of settlers, it is obvious that it can be carried on in the British Isles only incidentally. In the United States, in Northern Europe and certain other European peoples, including Russia, is where it must be most vigorously pushed."

"In the United States alone there are a large number of young men brought up on farms who leave them every year and flock to the cities, because of the impossibility of securing land at a low price. Every effort must be made to intercept these men, and, by placing inducements of Canada before them, to attract them to this country."

"The resumption of immigration is not a question that can be idly dismissed as a matter of the past. Very big will probably have a permanent effect upon the Canadian nation. It is a common habit, for instance, to deplore the foreigner's 'hyphen' and apparent lack of ability to assimilate our ideals of citizenship and freedom, whereas, on the contrary, the newcomer's impressions are generally gained from personal contact with natives; his memories and natural

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A BACKWOODS TRAGEDY.

Blk Lake, Ont., June 15.—A backwoods tragedy occurred west of here a few days ago. An Indian named Neas Twain, with his wife and adopted baby, was traveling the Waboose river. They were crossing the Floodwood just above the High Falls, which have a total drop of about seventy or eighty feet, when a tree on which they were crossing gave way, and the wife and infant were swept over the falls. The baby was killed, and the wife sustained a compound fracture of the leg. Twain managed to rescue his wife and recover the body of the infant, and brought them both to Elk Lake, a seven-days journey. From here the woman was sent to a hospital.

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