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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.

A SOUND POLICY.

As Canada's third war loan was over-subscribed by \$100,000,000 many applicants will fail to obtain their full allotments of the issue. It is only natural that the subscriptions of new money will first be cared for and that consequently most of the disappointed ones will be those who sought to exchange previous issues for the new one. Canada's chartered banks figured in the subscription list to the amount of \$60,000,000 and the Minister of Finance is authority for the statement that none of the bank money would be taken. The issue will be apportioned first to the smaller subscribers, then to those of larger means and, finally, to the big industrial concerns and insurance and loan companies. Allotments to large subscribers will, however, be carefully scaled down.

The policy of declining to accept any of the money of the banks while plenty of other subscriptions are available, is a sound one. The essential function of the chartered banks is to meet the commercial and general financial needs of the people. While at present money is plentiful, and there seems no reason to apprehend a financial stringency in the near future, the government is following a wise course in taking no risks in the matter. The banks should only be allowed to become subscribers to war loans when other financial sources prove inadequate, and fortunately there is no reason to fear such a contingency for some time to come. As a matter of fact, there is little doubt that a fourth war loan as large as, or even larger than, that which has just been negotiated, would, if placed on the market, be almost immediately subscribed by the general public. Prosperity and patriotism are both at full flood in Canada just now.

WASHINGTON ACTS TODAY.

The United States Congress assembled today in special session to consider what action the American nation will take in reply to Germany's repeated murder of American citizens. It is believed that the voice of the pacifists, who will probably bring to the federal capital, will be completely drowned out by a united demand that the nation shall make common cause with the Entente Allies. It is now practically certain that Congress will support President Wilson in any action he may deem necessary. What the President's message will contain is but just now only a matter of conjecture, but it is likely that after referring to the German offences he will declare that the Kaiser's government has forced the United States into a war not of its own choosing, and that he will ask Congress to recognize the existence of a state of war practically from the date of the sinking of the steamships City of Memphis, Illinois and Villigenia with the accompanying loss of American lives.

Already the United States government has busied itself with preparation for the step that is likely to be taken today. Recruiting for the army and navy is being actively carried forward and there has been a pronounced speeding up of war supplies and munitions. If Congress acts as expected, the United States will prove a valued and valuable acquisition to the cause of humanity and is not unlikely to be the last nail in the coffin of German hopes.

Washington today will hold the centre of the world's stage.

CONSCRIPTION.

Mr. Algaire Lafontaine, vice-president of the Montreal Liberal Association, has resigned in protest against the intervention of the Young Liberal Association in behalf of the anti-conscription propaganda in that city. Mr. Lafontaine has issued a statement outlining his attitude, and his words are full of common sense. He says: "Our public men and political associations should do all in their power, instead of alarming our people with threats of conscription, to reassure the timid ones and to endeavor to calm the over-excited minds. I believe, therefore, that all agitation over this question is inopportune, and to say the least premature, before knowing exactly what policy the Federal Government intends to carry out in this respect. It is equally imprudent to judge the question on its merits before it is formally announced to the country by those in authority."

All over the land there are men who have, from the best of motives

no doubt, been engaging in an effort to force the Government into some sort of drastic action on the enlistment issue. Few among them all are capable of estimating the whole situation, of weighing it carefully and of arriving at a proper conclusion. Upon its face, conscription divides the burden of defense equally, says an exchange, but there are so many and so varied considerations entering in that the problem becomes one for governments and not for civilians or even for military officers to determine.

AN EXPENSIVE LUXURY.

If the last few weeks can be taken as a criterion from which to judge, the people of Nova Scotia are likely to find the Murray government rather an expensive luxury. One of the government's first acts was to place a tax upon the motion picture theatres, graded according to the admission price charged. This tax reaches twenty per cent. of the admission, thus on a five cent ticket the tax would be one cent, two cents on a ten cent, and three cents on a fifteen cent ticket, etc. Naturally the theatre managers will pass the burden on to their patrons for the motion picture business, already well taxed, is not the gold mine people generally think it to be and a twenty per cent. extra levy must prove quite a burden.

Following the theatre tax comes a telephone tax, by the provisions of which all persons who do twenty-five cents worth of long distance telephoning must contribute five cents to the government. There is also to be a stiff tax on the telephone company itself, which will probably be passed along to the subscribers according to the ancient and approved custom.

Now the Nova Scotia Legislature has a land tax before it which, however, has this saving grace—it will not affect those who own less than 500 acres, and, consequently, will press upon those best able to bear it.

Of the three motion picture tax will probably strike the largest number of people. The motion picture theatre is peculiarly the poor man's place of amusement and anything that tends to increase the expenses of the theatre must of necessity react upon the patrons.

Those who have been responsible for the tax seem to have overlooked the fact that the motion picture screen is a great medium of publicity. If the taxes, forced to increase the price of their admissions by the action of the government should take advantage of their power in that direction they could give to the voters of Nova Scotia a daily reminder of what it costs to keep that government in power which, in time, should have an effect. For instance, the display at each performance of a slide bearing the words "The price of admission to this theatre is increased by twenty per cent. to meet the demands of a tax imposed by the government of Nova Scotia," would hardly serve to increase the popularity of Premier George H. Murray and his associates.

The most interesting fact is that Premier Murray has already foisted three new taxes upon the people. And his "mandate" is not a year old. Truly Grit governments in war time are likely to prove expensive luxuries.

THE ALLIES ARE COMING UP.

The German voluntary withdrawal to a new defense line in France ceased some days ago. On Tuesday the Allies took five more villages and pressed forward at several points. Yesterday they again went ahead. The pressure on the German front is steadily increasing.

Germany's purpose in withdrawing has been variously discussed. It seems to have been a simple development of strategy. The Allies were prepared to pound the old German lines unmercifully on the whole Somme front. To have withstood them would have required the maximum of German man power and gun power, and the loss of both in any event would have been terrible. By withdrawing and by ruining the country over which they retired, the enemy anticipated a lengthy delay in the allied attack.

But the Allies are coming up at a pace that threatens to discount the effect of the withdrawal. They are rebuilding roads and railways with marvellous speed, as is proved by the effectiveness of their attack on the new front. It may be but a relatively few days before they will be before the Hindenburg line with all the strength that they were prepared to exert against the old line. There will

then be no escape for the enemy except by another retreat, which would be exceedingly dangerous to the morale of the German peoples.

INTO THE UNKNOWN

What National Service Means to a Girl.

No brother who has packed his kit and waved his hand to the home folk these last three years will ever realize how much greater the wrench is when his sister goes through the same process. Thousands of girls have already endured the experience; thousands more are just premeditating the same wrench.

When the brothers left the settled ways of home all they asked was food and shelter in the camp or billeting that might fall to their lot. Naturally, they hoped for luck to come their way, but they never lay awake for hours at night speculating on the kind of people they would be billeted with.

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Apprehensions

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The pieces of ribbon, odd bits of lace, and specially dainty handkerchiefs that every girl accumulates in her bedroom inspire a positive affection at the thought of parting. She pulls open the drawers and looks with a certain yearning on the garments within, and on the ornaments and pictures in her room. The very furniture, plain and ordinary though it be, is endowed with that magic distinctive air of home. She feels as if the foundations of her existence are moving when a call stronger than herself urges her to turn her back on the familiar things and stones, the familiar friendly faces. It is for her a great and real crisis.

Love of Home

Woman's love for her home is instinctive. For man it is a spot to come back to at night or after his wanderings, for woman it is ever the centre of her thoughts and plans even though most of her life may be spent away from it. She clings to it as naturally as she extends her arms to a child, and to her the break through to a new life is a part of her life.

The unknown journey, vague, undefined fears. She dreads that outside of her home she will find no real peace, none of the restfulness, the right sense of shelter, the peace of affection and comfort for which the family hearthstone has always stood. Employers of labor will tell you that women do travel most awkward, long and wearying journeys so that their own roof shall shelter them at night. "Our men," said one factory supervisor, "would have more shells than the unknown journey, vague, undefined fears. She dreads that outside of her home she will find no real peace, none of the restfulness, the right sense of shelter, the peace of affection and comfort for which the family hearthstone has always stood."

Many a girl in the past months has shrunk from the thought of leaving home to take up national work. Many a girl, while shrinking, has conquered her fears and gone forth.

The stifled sobs of one of the latter came to me through the thin wall of the partition of the strange room in the strange county where we were both spending our first night. It was only the thought of turning out at 5 a. m. next morning that saved me from a sympathetic snivel. That, and the voice.

"You want something to howl about, my girl," said the voice. "You ought to have arrived as I did, and find yourself given a bale of straw and told to make yourself comfortable in the barn." Those tears ended in laughter before the other girl had finished her tale.

"You won't tell any one, will you?" she asked the tears in her eyes. "I feel happier. I meant to stick it, of course, but I was just homesick."

The First Wrench
 "I hope I'm a sport!" came the report. She was. One of the best on the field.

"Poor kid!" she said later, "most of them feel like that at first. I was in a positive funk the day I came away."

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Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE.
 We started to eat supper last night, and pop sed, Wal, lamb again, of all the poor excuses for meat, lamb is the worst, and it seems we don't have anything else in this house, lamb, lamb, lamb, its effort to try the patience of a pin cushion, lamb, lamb, lamb.
 Now, Willyum, don't carry on, sed ma, we haven't had lamb for 3 weeks, and besides, its the nicest meat there is, with no fat on it to go to waist or anything.
 Horse meat is very lean, we dont you get horse meat? sed pop.
 Don't be absurd, how can you tell anything about it till you've tried it. Its a luvly piece of meat, the proof of the pudding is in the eating, sed ma.
 And the proof of the lamb is in the bleating, goats meat is lean, we not eat goats meat? sed pop.
 Heers a bewillful old piece, sed ma. And she passed pop his photograph and things and brought them back, and put them in the place of the odious ploughing champion, the prize bull, and the mayor walking the foundation stone of the railway station that adorned the walls.
 She gazed round the humble cottage bedroom proudly, almost fondly, little dreaming she had obeyed the most primitive of all instincts in women—the founding of a home.
 The girls who form part of the new khaki army will be spared many of the fears of the unknown that have haunted those thousands of national workers who said good-bye to their homes before the excellent scheme of hostels had been floated. The newly awakened and growing desire for adventure, the earnest desire to do some really helpful bit, will not be dimmed by qualms as to awaiting conditions.
 Even, these, however, will feel the wrench, for one of the greatest sacrifices the nation can ask of its women is for them to leave their homes. For all the least-asked-of, the most unattractive of the modern girl, she never realizes just what an atom she is until she stands without the support of the home people and the home tree. Britain's women realize, however, that this is no time for shrinking on any pretext. If the last fence means that homes must be left, then the last fence will be taken at the gallies.
 The boys out there are giving up their lives. We are giving up . . . our comfort.

17,000 Go Hungry.
 According to the Berlin "Zeitung am Mittag," the town of Dortmund is in an extremely sorry plight.—It appears that in determining the number of food cards for the Dortmunders, no fewer than 17,000 inhabitants were omitted from the official list.

It was discovered that the persons who had been charged with the enumeration of the inhabitants in the census that was to end two months ago, being anxious to return to Berlin, had purposely omitted from their returns not families merely but whole streets of houses.

It is poor comfort to be informed that the authorities have decided to arrange for a fresh census. The half-starved people ask what they are to subsist on in the meantime, since at Dortmund there is absolutely nothing available in the shape of food save some turnips, onions and beet-root. There are no more than 50 lbs. of bread, cheese, and potatoes in the municipal larder. As for the shops and stores, they are entirely depleted and their shutters are up—London Express.

James Ryan.

Bloomfield, April 1.—The death of James Ryan, a well known farmer of this place occurred at his home today. Mr. Ryan who had reached the advanced age of 76 years, was one of the highly respected citizens of this community, and his loss will be much felt by all. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. A. B. Day, at home, and Miss Georgie, nurse of Boston. Notice of funeral will be given later.

"GASOLINE LEAKAGE" CAUSES MOTOR WEAR.

"I am not at all anxious that motorists should consider me a crank or a calamity howler," says J. E. Grady, sales manager of the Studebaker Corporation, Walkerville, Ont., who has attracted considerable attention throughout the Dominion by his frequent pertinent tips to automobile owners, "but I certainly do want folks to know more about their cars and the proper care of them."

"Take the matter of lubrication, for instance. I firmly believe motorists cannot know too much about lubricating oils. Lack of knowledge means loss of pleasure, loss of time and, oftentimes, considerable loss of money. And there is one underlying cause of the subject which is often overlooked by motorists and yet which is the base of many lubricating troubles. I refer to what is commonly known as 'gasoline leakage.'"

"Gasoline leakage is generally caused by a certain amount of mixture which is not burned and finds its way into the crank case, diluting the oil. This means that the lubricating qualities from 10 per cent. to 30 per cent. in from two weeks to a month's time, depending upon weather conditions. This means that on the compression stroke some of the gaseous mixture from the combustion chamber leaks past the piston rings and condenses in the cool crank case. This action is due to the fact that the oil does not perfectly seal the space between the cylinder walls and the piston rings. In some instances the leakage has been so marked that oil taken from a crank case, due to the large amount of gasoline present, exploded when touched with a match."

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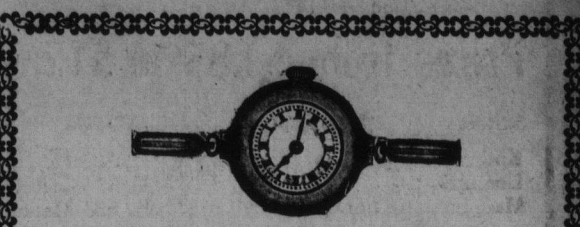
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