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WHERE LIBERALS STAND. IBERALS stand ready to strengthen the hand of Sir compact entered into with her "sister" Robert Borden in every meas- nations. ure that will aid Canada in supporting the Empire to the full degree of its strength. So long

Just as, with everything else, there simply a repetition of these same words and phrases, it is not necessary to was in a frantic rage. He could boast the mad mix-up. guiltless of graft or the conthe Liberal party, representing half the Canadian population, less 45.000, as its firm and friendly ally. And it will be the Conservative party will believe in its good faith.

AN EXPLANATION NEEDED.

ance that the concentration of troops in this district would not be disturbed, but, on the contrary, would be augmented by larger forces, Gen. The Hon. Sem Hughes will nersist in his announced intention of removing not only the troops, but of the divisional head-

securing of the camp by Guelph, but for the present it is well to say that ter and that there is every prospect of a change in the decision. Of this, the public should be advised, however, that

In fact, on Tuesday, London was announced at Ottawa as one of the points of rare musical value is assured. for a concentration camp, and this an-

feeling of dislike for Guelph because of that city's efforts and the apparent consequences. At the same time, there are certain obligations to the city of London which must not be cast aside.

It may have been a question apology lay its case before him and ask for an honest explanation.

MORE HUN IMPUDENCE. RUST Germany to daily spring advertising column. some new impudence. The latest is a proposal to evacuate Belgium, if Belgium will engage to remain neutral until the war's conclusion. At a first mythology of the war would have however, are satisfied that it comglance the suggestion might appear sprung up by now! Unchecked by cen- menced last week. attractive to a war-sickened Belgian, sors, and the severe care of officials but a momentary reflection would show how completely it would be playing legends of heroism and cunning and Germany's game if carried out. Ger- romance would have been already many in making the offer is looking established in full glory. Robert Bruce has an explanation to make. ahead to that time when she will be and Richard Lion-Heart were the fighting permanently on the defensive. heroes in their own lifetime of adven-To withdraw from Belgium would tures that never happened. Such is tom will drop out of any Balkan symgreatly shorten her line, permitting a still the case today, in peace, with pathy for the Teutonic alliance. would make very heavy the task of in war we have decided to suppress

It would be very convenient for Germoney and material to step out now, forces to occupy Belgian ground. To lievers. Truth may be stranger than cannot hold Belgium against the Allies Andrew Lang. much longer, and this confession of But, it may be objected, fables proved great war machine is not invincible, a series of yarns about French, Joffre mination to expel the Prussians. There herds who heard "Wolf!" too often, to the limit, Kitchener and Joffre hard is probably true that, as with woman,

PRISONERS OF WAR.

s not a vestige of military chivalry

That some British officers have been mutilated, with the intention of prewas stated in a letter received not of old. with one of the Canadian field hospi-This letter The Advertiser was

power of the hostile government, but not of individuals. They must be humanely treated, All their perbelongings, except arms, horses, and military papers, remain property. The government into whose hands prisoners of war have fallen is charged with their maintenance. In default of special agreement between the belliger-

ents, prisoners of war shall be treated, as regards rations, quarters and clothing, on the same footing as the troops of the government which captured them."

Morally, legally, and humanely, Germany has been bound, but the war has been remarkable because of the non-observance of practically every

LET HIM GO.

as the Conservative party is of war especially this is brought out. take up space by extending the quotaof the proudest blood in his country. In One gives willingly of his time to his tion. Nor would the repetition make fact, it had flowed through the veins of country's service, another his money, things any clearer. We are told that sundry of its rulers when it was a kingdoning of graft, it will have another his expert knowledge. Of there is one, and told it over and over dom. And now that country was at war, course, the most exalted patriotism is again, but nowhere are we told which and the prince was not permitted to that of the man who offers his life. one it is, or what it is, or where it is, fight. He had written letters; he had formed a circle hard to break. That is the supreme sacrifice, but or what it is used for, or what we are filed petitions. He had sought and reranking close to it is the sacrifice of to do with it when we get it. It might the fathers and mothers who send be the bargain counter, or the girl that of the land. ally of the Conservative party their lads to the front with a brave sells the bargains, or the cash-box when it uncovers graft if the face and a trembling heart. They are which receives the money paid for the giving up without a murmur what is bargains. There is certainly a simthem. We believe that the majority is admirable of its kind; but it only these days of republics, though he of parents in Canada would urge their shows that simple language can be as sons to enlist, rather than hinder them, incomprehensible as whole pages of but there are some who are selfishly obscure metaphysics—each page con-but there are some who are selfishly obscure metaphysics—each page con-stables, his personal servants—these at beginning to droop limply. Not only his opposing any desire of their boys to sisting of words not less than six syllaanswer the call to the colors. The bles in length.

of course upon whom no one is dethis empire crisis is the supreme selfishness. The empire needs him. Canada needs him. For that splendid rea-"inside" facts in connection with the son he is willing to make the greatest

Many of us are unconsciously com- strenuous men and women. nouncement was printed in The Ad- placent to the sufferings of women and children in Europe. It was once said that if most men had the chance to every influence at its command to save a million Chinamen by the lifting Are we utterly selfish? The Advertiser believes that London should do much more than it has done for Belgium and Poland. Why not forego some indulgence and attend the concert, which reason for taking the camp from will place food in the mouths of children and women. The cry of the stricken of influence at Ottawa, and the city is a world cry. We are the keepers news is good news. has a right to lay its case before Gen. of the Jewish and Gentile alike. Our The Hon, Sam Hughes and without an kindness is a tarnished article if it is

> these people. The places for the purchasing of tickets for the concert appear in the

LOST ART.

concentration on her frontiers that numbers of us, great and small, But

And yet the fable is often better hismany, having bled the Belgians dry of tory than matter of fact. It reveals the having first bound Belgium to neutral- sometimes be untrue of the hero celeity, as a neutral Belgium could not, of brated, but still an index to facts in strategic value of this city. In that course, permit the British or French the spirit of the narrators and bereach the Germans they would have to fiction, and fiction frequently contains go around. There would be no short-cut deeper reality than does unimaginative such as the Kaiser took, There is not truth. Scottish history, as told in Sir the slightest chance of King Albert ac- Walter Scott's "Tales of a Grand- his crew were suffering from beri- phile as he left the room. cepting such an offer. The very fact father," is a better record of Scottish beri. Cold feet are said to be a sympthat it was made indicates that the life and character than many severer German general staff knows that it chronicles. It is better history, thought

weakness, this admission that their fables must become despised. Explode will further stiffen the Belgians' deter- and King Albert, and, like the shepwill be no graceful retirement from the people will get into that cynical Belgium for the Huns. They are much state where they won't believe anymore likely to go out goose-stepping it thing or worship any hero. Still, it Enpeck. with fiction, "she may deceive, but tended that he didn't want to part secretary of state for war, as to stale her infinite variety. While a lie the inhuman treatment of British is the child of fear, a myth or legend A lie and a legend are no relation. Amidst all the advantages of a strictly regulated official bureau, we can't help some perverse regrets for the myths

LITERARY INANITY.

HERE are still a few people not I interested in war, but we are inword uttered by Kitchener and much clined to think they would be interested Catch the breath of moss and mold, more that is almost unmentionable. | in nothing else. Here is a new paper | Hear the grosbeak's whistle bold; The latest copy of the Illustrated published in New York, called the Whilst the sprawling turtles swim News to reach Canada con- Rogue, whose correspondents are so far In the eddies cool and dim! tains an extract from the "Final act of below the average of humanity that second peace conference held at their ideas or what they possibly think The busy nuthatch climbs his tree, The Hague in 1907, to which Germany are ideas-wander away from war's was a signatory power." This extract alarms and bloody battle-fields to dwell Peeping into wrinkles grey. in sublime vacuity on other things. One Under ruffled linchens gay of them, signing herself Gertrude Stein -whether Mrs. or Miss is not statedwrites under the title "Aux Galeries Lafavette." It is not easy to discern Deep in tangled underbrush from the text what this is, unless it be a French department store. This Coos the dove, the robin trills is how she describes it:

"One, one, one, there are many of them. There are very

many of them. There are many of them. Each one of them is one. Each one is one, there are many of them. Each one is one, there are many of them, there are very many of them. Each one is one, there

"Each one is one. Each one is one, there are many of them. Each one is one. Each one has come to be accustomed to that thing. Each There are many of

This is not the entire description. There is a lot more. But as it is

But perhaps, though, there is nothing rang for his own man. about war in this drivel: it may have pendent, lads and young men who are been caused by the war. If it is writphysically fit and anxious to go. To ten in France, as seems probable, it compel them to stay at home during can thus be accounted for. War correspondents tell us that the continuous listed yesterday." thunder of cannons, with the flashing of shells through the zir, not only had occupied. In a tiny silver box on diers sprang forward, shooting as they deafens the ears, and blinds the eyes, the dressing-table was a brownish went. Along the awful lane they made but creates nervous shock. These flower. The prince took it out and the voluntary color-bearer came stagthings might easily addle the brains in a comparatively empty head. We should father away to the great battie forty- not stop until he reached his commander, think that when one's cranium is full four years before. of brain matter, it could stand an had been returned the rose was found himself erect only by the staff he clung amount of shaking that would be disastrous if the cranial contents were very on the word of two of the civic heads, T ONDONERS should consider it a limited. Doubtless, here lies the cause privilege to attend the concert to of this sorry exhibition. If so, we can He remembered that his mother did not Gen Hughes to any extent that might be held Monday night, May 8, in the only pity, not condemn. If that is not the verge of tears at that moment facilitate the training of troops, and armories in aid of the Russian-Polish the case, then the best advice we can Shortly afterward she laid down the the head of the militia department Jews who have suffered fully as much give women afflicted with this wind and things of life. He remembered only one stated that the troops now in training from the war's devastation as the water on the brain, is in the form of a last word from her. would remain and that another batBelgians. Leo Ornstein, violinist, and quotation: "Go spin, you jade; go may come—must come—when we shall Mile. Verlett, a Belgian singer, are to spin"; or knit, or sew, or wash dishes, fight again. When that day comes you be the chief attractions, and an event or do something else to justify your will fight for our country as your fathers existence in a time that calls for

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It's up to Gen. Sam.

fight of his own.

"Ypres" takes its place alongside Just now a general election would be he said to the man.

about as much in place as a free fight When you have somebody at the front, it isn't easy to believe that no

Roosevelt, unable to get into the big not resent a new recruit and a couple

The Department of Militia and Defence must live up to its understandings with the city of London.

N OLDER, easy-going times, what a would commence in May. Canadians, from your department. My name is

Gen. Hughes assured London that it while the war continued. The general lagree?"

will stand together to retain the soldiers, and we believe the soldiers will

One good reason for making London

tom of that complaint.

A great German tournal declares that meet the British. If they will communicate with Lord Fisher, no doubt a trysting-place could be named.

RANK DISSIMULATION. [Exchange.] "There goes the most consummate

hypocrite I ever saw," remarked Mr. do you say that about your father-in-law? "When I asked for her hand, he pre-

with his daughter." WELL BEGUN. toward building a fashionable apart-

IN THE HAUNTS OF BASS AND BREAM. Maurice Thompson, in Charleston Mail.

"Let the contract, have you?"

Go with me down by the stream Haunt of bass and purple bream: Feel the pleasure, keen and sweet When the cool waves lap your feet:

Here a gackle chirping low,

The crows caw from the airy hills: Purple finch and pewee grey,

Ten Minutes With the Short-Story

Writers FOR THE EMPIRE THAT WAS

ceived receptions by the main governors

Under the law a man who had in him into the surging mass beyond his own the discarded blood of the royalty of men. A creeping enemy tried to break in most cases the dearest thing to plicity about the language used which the country could not fight for it in the lines. Theophile shot him on the might be willing and eager to enlist even as a private. But his racing least might be worth offering.

> A sudden impulse seized him "Theophile, would you like to go to

The man bowed. "Monsieur is very good. But I en-After this blow in the face the prince rear." mounted to the rooms which his mother

looked at it a long time. It was a rose gering and stumbling all the way, with with which his mother had sent his the great standard in his hands. He did When the body before whom he stood swaying, holding holding some of its early red.

Raoul, for that was the prince's le colonel," he gasped, and slipped to even cry, though he himself was on

fought, and you will wear my rose" The years in between seemed a mist as he thought of those moments.

he was merely facing the little old

brown rose-that, and the impossibility of her commands. Vaguely he felt that his mother's spirit was guiding him as he made his way down the broad staircase. It was almost hypnotically that he went to the stables. He looked at the splendic animals there, but hardly saw them. He looked past the respectful groom, wh saluted him with the indifference o

one who has but a single thought in his heart. "Four horses ready at 10 tonight." "Certainly, monsieur,"

sent for Theophile. The two faced each other in the big drawing-room. "Theophile," said the prince, "the company in which you've enlisted would

of extra mo Seeing the obvious astonishment his man, the prince came to closer explanations. "Please be seated," he said, and

himself set the example Leaning across the table, the prince stated his plan. "My friend," he said, "we are to Kitchener said the real fighting enlist together. I am a boyhood friend Raoul Mallot. and request that I be accepted for the

And you will forget this chateau and the Prince de Montilly. We shall each take two horses-by way of a would have troops and more troops bribe, though we shall not say so. You Theophile gulped a little, but finally said: "Yes, monsieur le prince."

For answer Raoul walked across the

oom without showing that he had heard

proceeded poor Theophile, getting desperately embarrassed. Without glancing over his shoulder, Raoul said:

It is careless and disrespectful to address the dead. "But, monsieur-" began Theophile.

Raoul interrupted him. "My name is Raoul Mallot," he said When we are lucky enough to get to the front it will be 'Raoul' and 'Theo regard it is one of the most important phile.' The Prince de Montilly is, i think, dead forever. However you feel about it, Theophile, it is my intentior to die for my country. Do not forget,

"Yes, monsieur le prince," said Theo

Restlessness stalked like a spectre that day. The men lay in mile-long trenches smoking and waiting for the enemy. No body was completely tranquil. They had been in three battles that week; many the German fleet is most anxious to of the wounded were bandaged inte some sort of shape to meet the coming charge. In Madrid they do much the same to the horses in their bull-fights It was sunny on the battlefield. Th coutrements of men and officers glittered like gold and silver. The big hospital-tent, which was being put up far to the rear, looked uncannily white and

bright. Some of the cavalrymen were still grooming and watering their horses but the greater number, knowing the ghastly ordeal ahead of them, had picketed their mounts and were getting what comfort they could from smoking, grumbling, and war-talk.

One man was painfully arranging a [Exchange.] stained bandage on his leg. The next 'T've taken the most important step man to him, who was much more badly wounded than he, was jeering at his grunts of agony. "A fine time to make fun of a man!" "No. I've selected a fancy name for blurted out the soldier with the hurt

> the other. "that a man has an excuse or even can-be brutal. Carnage all about us-death; worst of all the death that takes two or three days. Dieu! I think if there is a hell, the soldiers won't have to go to it!" He rolled over in the trench. His

"It's the only time," quickly returned

hand had been shot to pieces. But it was not his right hand with the all-essential trigger-finger, so he had to go back to the lines. In wars such as these the last least available or valuable bits of tissue have to be thrown back upon All at once-out of space, as it were-

came the bugle-calls. To the swarming soldiers, so suddenly surprised they seemed a spasmodic medley of notes. "To the colors!" "Advance!"-and how many more?--while men jostled against men trying to get in line and mount their excited horses. Then across the plain they caught

sight of the grim, greenish-grey ranks, galloping steadily, lance in hand. In a moment it was on-one of the great battles of history. What fol-lowed can never adequately be told by any pen, however glorious-men lanced even while trying to help wounded comrades; gunners guarding their guns until the last defender was gone; horses fall-

ing with wild, animal shrieks. Even the appalled by the mass of wounds that soldiers themselves could not keep their lay before him. self-control. Hideous scenes were en-"Dieu! The man has been shot to

came on, shouting their battle-cries.

were almost tipped to the ground. On the instant two of the defenders

dashed arm to arm into the middle of

"Raoul, you are wounded again!"

Not Theophile alone, but a dozen sol-

made him, for a second the colonel stood

was deep scarlet.

harshly.

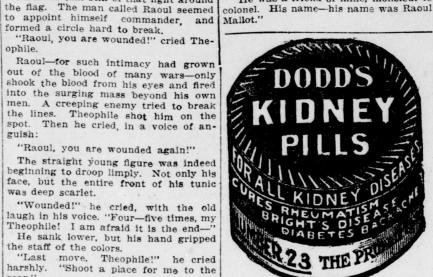
the staff of the colors.

acted that men afterward tried for years leces!" he muttered. "Orderly!" But Theophile was there before may orderly. He lifted the quiet, red-stained But one thing remained supreme, laughing at the world. The colors had body in his arms and was about to carry it away when the colonel stopped him. not been taken! Unit after unit of the great regiment had forced their way to the men who defended them. Relievers and relieved, there was hardly a man He looked at the great flag at his feet;

then lifted his eyes.
"What was his name?" he asked. not filled with wounds. Yet still they "Though dead, some special honor should be done him. Tell me his name" But men were falling, crushed, beaten Theophile looked on the still face, A back-and at last the beloved colors

noment's hesitation shook him. Then he recalled the Prince de Montilly who had "Do not forget. And do not talk." He steadied himself, and said gently

"With you, Raoul!" responded the the words his prince would have had him Veterans talk still of that fight around "He was a friend of mine, monsieur le



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