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## NO WONDER THERE IS TALK THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOMINATED BY THE "MONEYED INTERESTS."

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### FALSE INTERPRETATION.

**M**ISREPRESENTATION of Liberalism, Liberal principles and the attitude of Liberals towards the war, is the stock-in-trade of those Conservative papers which are endeavoring to bolster up the chances of the Borden Government in the coming elections. In despair at their inability to present the acts of the Government in a light which will make them acceptable to the Canadian people, they turn their attention towards falsely interpreting the statements made by Liberals and the Liberal press; statements which are perfectly clear, and in no need of any interpretation when read in conjunction with their context.

The local Conservative paper declares that when The Advertiser says "Millionaires who put the present Government in power own it body and soul," it suggests that the Government is prosecuting the war at the behest of these millionaires. Working itself up into a fine frenzy, the local Tory paper follows this with a suggestion that The Advertiser be called to strict account; not for its assertion, which is too true to quarrel with, but for the false interpretation placed upon it. The Advertiser does not say the Government is prosecuting the war at the behest of the millionaires, since it is well aware that the whole nation demands prosecution of the war; The Advertiser does say that the millionaires have dictated, to a great extent, the methods of prosecuting the war, and it is these methods the people protest.

It should not be forgotten that the London Free Press was the mouthpiece of Sir Sam Hughes while he was minister of militia, and indorsed his every word and action. What did Sir Sam say of Premier Borden and the "powers behind the throne"? Did he not publicly state that the premier, urged by the interests which were making fortunes out of munitions manufacturing, requested him to slow up upon recruiting? Has not this patron saint of the Free Press intimated that compulsory service in Canada would have been unnecessary had Sir Robert and his friends been more anxious to fill the army and less eager to serve certain interests? Should Sir Sam also be held to strict account?

It might be whispered just here that two months ago, stirred to the soul by an attack on its pocket, and discussing the newspaper situation, the London Free Press appeared with this remark:

"No wonder there is talk that the Government is dominated by the 'moneyed interests.'"

### MAKE EXAMINATIONS SEARCHING.

**I**N VARIOUS SECTIONS of the country the need for most careful medical examination of men called to the colors under the compulsory service bill is emphasized, and it cannot be over-emphasized. From different points come instances of men who volunteered for active service some time ago, and were refused because of physical unfitness, but who, on going up for re-examination before the medical boards instituted to examine those now liable to the call, have been pronounced fit for active service.

It is not impossible that both examinations were thorough and the decisions entirely right; the men may have improved in the meantime and have overcome the disability which barred them at the earlier examination. But the fact that so many hundreds, if not thousands, of those who were enlisted and were passed as volunteers were later discharged because of unfitness, casts a doubt on the efficiency of some of the examinations.

Under the voluntary system, it was the aim to enlist as many men as possible; there was room and to spare for everyone, so that there was a temptation to ignore slight defects in applicants in the hope that training would remove them.

Now there is no such temptation. It is estimated that nearly half a million young Canadians will be called to report for the first draft. Only 100,000 of these are required, at present, so that almost four-fifths will be left at home. Under these conditions, would it not be well if every medical board were instructed to make the examination as strict as possible, so that there might be none weeded out during the training? The better the physical standard of those sent overseas, the more useful they will be to the cause and the less likely to contract disease or succumb to wounds. For the Empire's sake it is essential that the men be as healthy and robust as it is possible to obtain.

The individual who is passed as fit for the firing line, trains for a few months and is then released as unfit has a grievance, unless something unforeseen has occurred in the interim to alter his condition. He has been removed from his position, has lost valuable time and may be unable to obtain reinstatement in his old post or obtain one just as good. Moreover, his training has cost the country money which cannot be afforded.

Western papers chronicle the case of a young man who, early in the war, twice tried to enlist, only to be rejected as unfit on both occasions. Believing himself exempt he lately married, but on going before a board since his marriage he

was informed that he was fit for fighting service and must hold himself in readiness to go overseas if he were among the 100,000. Another young man volunteered and was accepted some time ago. After undergoing training for several months, he was discharged because of his physical condition. He resumed civil life, being fortunate enough to get back his old position. Now he has been examined again, being unmarried and between the ages of 20 and 34 years, and has been declared fit. What is he to do?

Instead of making the examination for drafted men less severe than it has been in the past, every effort should be made to increase its strictness in order to search out any hidden weakness. This would be only fair to the country and the individual. Official orders to this effect from Ottawa would be productive of good.

### THE REVOLT OF GERMAN SAILORS.

**R**EPORTS of German mutinies of a serious character in the kaiser's navy, with the necessity of executing a number of those concerned in the revolt, comes as cheering news to the Allied world.

Such disturbances, unimportant though they may appear in view of the speedy punishment meted out, show that there is a desperation that is willing to face death among the men on whom the kaiser depends for the upholding of his doctrine of blood and iron. It is the more significant that these outbreaks occurred in the navy, the men of which are comfortable compared to those in the west front trenches.

These revolts have the stamp of truth through the statement in the Reichstag by the chancellor. That he minimized the seriousness of the matter cannot be doubted. Let a few more Germans be slaughtered by the kaiser's order, and the effect will be greater than thousands killed in battle. The world will watch further developments eagerly, hopeful that the German people have at last been unduped. May the first revolt yet reach to the very doors of Potsdam.

### EQUAL PENSIONS.

**W**HILE much time is devoted by Government orators and journals to the various issues of the day, we have failed to notice reference in any speech or editorial uttered or written recently to the question of soldiers' pensions.

The fair-minded public of Canada does not place a social barrier between the enlisted man and his officer. It may be said also that the "snobs" among the officers, so far as can be discovered, are the exception to the rule. Canada's is a democratic army, made up of men from all and every walk of life. The day laborer has marched and fought side by side with the commercial traveler, and the mechanic has been the comrade of the office manager. The spirit of Canada's army has been that there should be no class distinction, and those few cases wherein brutal treatment of men by officers was revealed have been the signal for general condemnation.

Canada's soldiers have not been judged according to rank, but according to service. And, while the inequality of pay on active service is recognized, it should be urged that when the pensions are paid, the man in the ranks should be treated with the same measure of generosity as the commissioned officer.

Many a private and non-com. has given up far more than the officer commanding him. Many men have gone into the ranks because they wished to win their promotion on the field. Many a young officer has thrown aside his commission so that he might more quickly gain the battlefield. Will anyone say that it is just to reduce his prospective pension because of the great devotion he has shown?

Inequality in pensions is all wrong. The Government passed over the soldiers' pension bill at its last session, being hurried and worried to cram through the \$60,000,000 C. N. R. deal. The Liberal party, which boasts its innate democracy, should make equal pensions one of the strongest planks in its platform.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Huns are buying hides in Argentina. Surely the German hide is thick enough to use for any leather purpose.

Sir Wilfrid will lead, which is unpleasant news for those Conservative papers which have assured the public he was certain to retire.

The bacon inquiry, says the chairman of the commission, is to be "just as thorough as it is impartial." Now does that mean it will be thorough?

Everywhere that the British and French failed to make progress they were repulsed. That is the way Berlin sums up the great battle for the information of Germans.

Germany can save her cities from British bombs even yet. All she has to do is to promise to refrain from raids on Britain, and keep her word. Hers is the responsibility.

A great artist who died recently is said to have been too proud to paint for mere money, but not too proud to live on the generosity of a few friends. The artistic temperament is peculiar.

Ralph Connor adds his testimony to the high moral standing of Canadians in England and France. Possibly those who affirm differently have been looking only for the dirt and have ignored the prevailing cleanness.

Northcliffe declares a food controller in a democratic country needs the courage of a lion, the eye of a hawk and the hide of a buffalo. He needs still more—an earnest desire to serve the nation, not individual interests.

How comes it that the German crew was permitted to remain on the submarine interned at Cadiz, which has escaped? An explanation should be forthcoming, also, of the fact that the craft was maintained in readiness for flight.

According to the annual report of the inspector of prisons of Ontario, for the year ending October 31, 1916, which has been issued recently, there were 16,100 persons committed to jails and lock-ups, and of these 1,995 could neither read nor write. This means that one-eighth of all inmates had absolutely no education. A rather serious state of affairs.



Willie's ma had been very pleased at being able to get him a sword with no edge and no point.

By FONTAINE FOX.

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Byplay  
by Luke McLuke**  
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**POLICE!**  
He has big muscles on his arm.  
And he can do hard work in haste!  
But, when he makes a maid of charm,  
He lets his strong arm go to waist.

**CORRECT.**  
"Isn't it wonderful how nature has provided for the needs of humanity?" remarked the Old Fogey.  
"Yes," agreed the Booby. "How could a man with poor sight manage to see if nature hadn't provided him with ears and a nose to hold his spectacles?"

**SAFETY FIRST.**  
The Asbestos Burnt Casket Company is located at Lowville, N. Y.  
**HO, HUM!**  
A man's mishaps oft make us grin,  
When they should make us sigh;  
He'll outstep a banana skin,  
And trip upon a lie.

**THE LIMIT.**  
"Smith is a lazy cuss, isn't he?" said Brown.  
"He sure is," agreed Jones. "Why, even his liver refuses to work."

**ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS?**  
A Maryville (Tenn.) reader nominates Governor Tom Rye for president of the club, and says the latter should have no trouble in defeating James Drinkwater.

**BARREN.**  
She wed a tit, I'll confess,  
I speak of Dora Donner;  
But what she is a baroness,  
It is a baron honor.

**THE WISE FOOL.**  
"Man is but clay," observed the Sage.  
"Yes," agreed the Fool, "and often only half-baked at that."

**GOSHI!**  
We have it on the authority of a member of a selective draft board in Ohio that Hart and Jim Brick are clerks employed by the board.

**FOOEY!**  
A real good-natured man I know is garbage wagon driver Humpus; He never takes the blues, although He'll often find him in the dumps.

**ENGLISH AS SHE IS TANGLED.**  
From the card of a dancing academy:  
"You are invited to be very pleased to subscribe to this season's dancing class subscription dance cards, for which may be obtained of class-members only and assuring of the enjoyment of these cards are not transferable."

**FOR PRINTERS ONLY.**  
What has become of old Slug Thirteen who used to stick type from the case, and who was always watching the hook for a fat take, and who used to sell his dupes to the foreman for enough coin to get bed money and a drink?

**SIGNS IS SIGNS.**  
Sign on a store at Rocky Hill, Ohio: General Merchandise.

**FIRMS IS FIRMS.**  
Black & White are automobile dealers at Benton, Ky.

**"DOPING IT OUT."**  
As well as we can figure it from the German newspapers printed in this country, the Allies had 4,877,000 men originally, and since the beginning of the war have lost 14,654,000 in dead, 1,288,000 in wounded, and have lost 18,694,000 captured.

**WUFF!**  
"Beware of woman," said Dan Dharma. "She'll get your goods and lands; And when she falls into your arms, You fall into her."

Just falling into her fair hands Ought not to strike us dumb; The trouble is that then—my lands! We get beneath her thumb.  
—Newark Advocate.

**NAMES IS NAMES.**  
Arthur C. Spies, of 726 W. Seventh street, Cincinnati, has joined the club's battalion and will aid in locating those who are seeking to hinder our participation in the war.

**OUR DAILY SPECIAL.**  
Opportunity never comes with a letter of introduction.

**LUKE MCLUKE SAYS**  
A chronic dyspeptic can always tell you about four hundred ways to cure your dyspepsia.  
It is foolish to judge a man by his clothes. The poor fellow may have a wife and some grown daughters who have to have glad rags.  
What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to be pointed out with pride by the natives as the champion domineer of the town?  
Isn't it funny how a woman can look pretty to you when you know very well that she isn't?  
You may make enemies by taking a stand on a question. But they will have more respect for you than your friends would if you were on the fence.  
Of course, you won't admit it, but the truth is that a man is usually what he suspects the others of being.  
When the worst comes to the worst, the kaiser can recall those 5,897,000 iron crosses and melt them into ammunition.  
The average man believes that he is entitled to a lot of credit for keeping out of jail.  
Vanity has done a heap more than

compacted his bunions from Devonshire many a year ago, asked us the definition of a lie. The conductor knew James had something. "A huntrath," muttered James in his well-known South accent. Rather good, too, when you gaze into its depths.

The inspired printer on a well-known journal set up an obituary of a soldier, and underneath were five lines:  
We miss him and mourn him in silence unseen,  
And think of the days that might have been,  
And Christ shall link the broken chain,  
When in heaven we meet again.  
We have a few nice ferrets on hand.

Jawn McGraw thinks well of White Sox prowess, says an inspired sport writer. Most anybody would after getting mauled like sin.

As we understand it, the Australians claim that rabbit food will keep humanity about four jumps ahead of starvation.

Civic fish will cost 13 cents a pound. The numerals are not exactly unlucky for the home folks.

There is one thing about Canadians. We will never fail for lack of advice. There are a flock of folks, including Lord Northcliffe, doing a lot of work running the show right now.

Bill Hanna is not saying anything of late. Bill is as busy as a greased pig at a picnic.

"American had better look out after the war," the kaiser once said. The U. S. A. is looking out while the war is on, beating the kaiser to it.

A wise guy says to conserve eggs. Does this bird imagine that we are going to decorate actors with them at \$1 a look?

There will be a number of kings doing a farewell stunt soon, and it will be no fair affair either.

As we gather this grain argument, the women folks want it all fed to regular hogs, not the humans.

Let's go. The fishing is good on the Atlantic coast.

The city commission of fish did not contain many cheap heads, said bony varieties of heads being numerous enough here.

Von Tirpitz says that America will cut no figure in the war. This gent would kiss a rattlesnake and call it a chorus girl.

A lecturer is giving a talk on "The Unadjusted Child." Somebody must have thrown a monkey-wrench into its works.

Walk four miles a day, says a doc. Chase a few chestnuts in the country.

**A Perfect Day.**  
Talking-machine across the way is playing "The End of a Perfect Day." "What is a perfect day?"  
Ty Cobb says three doubles and a homer, with two steals thrown in for good measure.

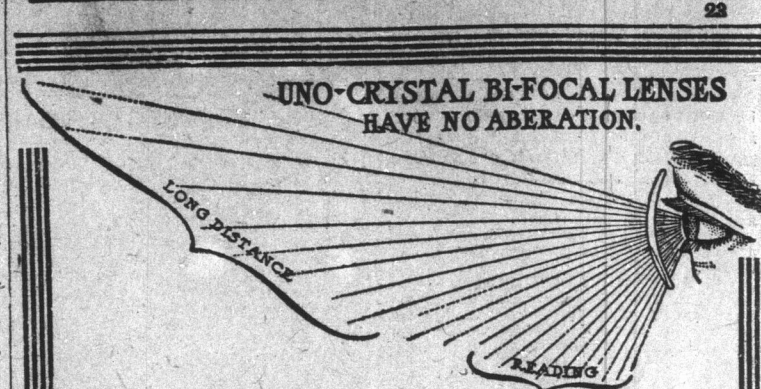
"Doux Fairbanks" conception is a series of brick walls and insurmountable obstacles.  
The merchant's sale that fulfills expectations.

The banker's unlimited money coming in at 3% per cent and going out at 4.  
The lawyer's a wealthy client with a complicated case.

Mine? Oh, a day off and a fishpole.

**THE DREAM.**  
The world shall know our little name  
To speak of comfort, hope and cheer;  
Then leave us to our friends  
To live and love, my dear.  
We'll hail and pass all gypsy folk,  
That roam the hills with grey mist  
hung,  
And hoard the gold of sunset skies  
in lavish glory fure.

There'll be no clamor at our door  
When night comes on and you are there,  
Beside my fire for me to watch  
its light upon your hair.  
It's such a little dream to keep  
Of when there shall be no more war—  
But just dear happiness renewed  
We've dreamed in days before.  
—Amy R. Campbell.



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