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### THE WAR SITUATION.

The reports from Russia are so conflicting that at this distance one can form no reliable opinion as to the future course of that country in the war. The government is strongly committed to the policy of no separate peace, and the new Russian ambassador to the United States, now en route to Washington, declares that the war will go on, and he believes his country will soon be able to launch an offensive against the enemy; but we find on the other hand that the organ of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates is not in harmony with the declared aims of Britain and France, and also that attempts are being made to create disorder in the interests of the old regime. To unite the various factions and carry out a settled policy appears to be almost beyond the powers of the government; but the situation is by no means hopeless. The new Russia may not have full sympathy for the Allies, but she can have none at all for the German autocracy. Moreover, her armies are still doing some fighting, and therefore still keeping large forces of the enemy on the eastern front. Italy continues to drive back the Austrian defenders of Trieste, and her armies have taken nearly 24,000 prisoners and many guns since May 14. On the western front the situation is without change. It is worthy of note that Col. Repington, military expert of the London Times, estimates that Germany still has 6,000,000 men in the field or in reserve. If he is right, the magnitude of the task before the Allies is very clear. We may as well make up our minds that the war is to last a long time and that Canada has yet much to suffer and to give before victory is assured.

**SIR ROBERT BORDEN**

A Conservative newspaper asserts that "the one big man in the present situation is Sir Robert Borden."

A big man, who is big enough for his task, is wise, courageous and resourceful. Had Sir Robert Borden been wise, he would have given the country a definite time to produce a given number of recruits, announcing at the same time that failure would result in immediate conscription. Had he been courageous, he would, after making his announcement about conscription nearly two weeks ago, have proceeded at once to give effect to his words, instead of giving the anti-conscriptionists so great an opportunity to arouse opposition. If he had been resourceful, he would long ago have had all of the province of Quebec lined up with the rest of Canada in the struggle for the life of democracy.

The prime minister must be judged by the state of affairs in Canada today. When the war broke out he was tendered the hearty support of the Liberal party. The whole country was in his back. Why is there discord today? Why has Canada failed to send the promised half million men? Why has there been no conscription of wealth? Why have there been so many scandals in connection with the war? Why is there talk of coalition at Ottawa today? History, which is not a newspaper kept alive by public plunder or partisan contributions, or a politician moved by the consideration of anticipated favors, will tell who were the really big men and the greatly over-rated men in Canada during this life and death struggle of democracy in the world. While we await the verdict of history we may reasonably ask what Sir Robert Borden is doing today to prevent the domination of the situation at Ottawa. Every day's delay makes bad worse.

**AT OTTAWA.**

It is quite clear from the Ottawa correspondence of this morning's Standard that the word has gone forth that Sir Robert Borden is in difficulties and it will not be prudent to go on abusing Laurier. The Standard's correspondent says a coalition government is being considered and that there is a feeling that the time has passed for ordinary party warfare. The same correspondent refers to the "pure patriotism" of the speeches of Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier in welcoming Mr. Balfour. The Standard cannot quite swallow this tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and is evidently still hoping he will give his enemies an opportunity to denounce him and all his works. The people, however, are asking what Sir Robert Borden proposes to do. Will he provide a real national government, committed to a policy of conscription as well as men, taking control of food, removing tariff barriers and mobilizing the whole country for war-making real equality of service? If so, he will find the people responsive. If not, he should stand aside. Every day's delay makes the situation worse.

### INTERESTING FACTS

Some interesting answers to questions were given in the legislature yesterday. Take, for example, the query concerning the \$1,764.98 found among the effects of Daniel Canning the insane man who killed his sister and her husband. After Fowler & Freeze had been paid \$1,100 for legal services; D. J. Pooley \$1,022.25, also for legal services; and with \$800, eventually the government gave him back both check and note. The province received nothing for the horse.

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### TOUCHING THE CONSUMER

We find this paragraph in a letter printed in the Halifax Herald:

"What about that Water Street merchant who hoisted on a Bell Line car, that he had made \$5 a barrel on four car loads of flour during the past month? Did he do this from patriotic motives? Eight hundred barrels of flour at \$5 a barrel, amounts up to the respectable sum of \$4,000. How much of this does he

give to national purposes, wrenched from the pockets of the consumer?"

If the Herald, which is a slavish supporter of the Borden government, will take the hint given by its correspondent and pursue its investigations with diligence, it will find that the Water Street merchant is far from being alone in gathering in large profits at the expense of the consumer. The matter has been very pointedly brought to the attention of Sir Thomas White by Dr. Pugsley, Mr. Carvell and others, but he has not been impressed. Perhaps he would listen to the Halifax Herald. The Water Street merchant, to do him justice, can point to the millers' profits and ask why he also should not do a little profane workman—fact is, mum, I'm a bit dead and don't exactly hear what I say.

**Might Be Either**

Rural Editor (reminiscent)—I remember when my first subscription came in—It brought tears to my eyes.

Friend—Tears of emotion, or was the first subscription paid in onions?

**Under General Cupid**

Recruiting Officer—Had any experience as a soldier?

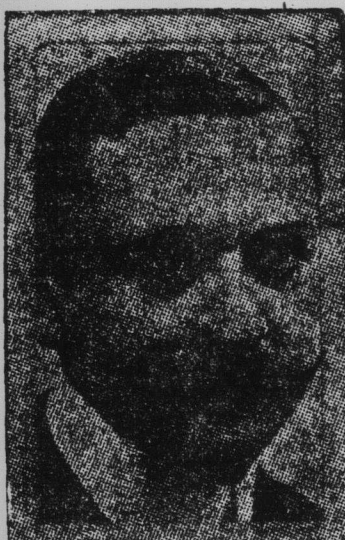
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**Evidently Not**

"Is she good looking?"

"Good looking?" Say, if that girl's face was her fortune she'd be in the hands of a receiver."

### SPAIN'S NEW PREMIER.



Marquis Manuel Garcia Prieto, the new Spanish premier.

### LIGHTER VEIN.

Matrimonial Ups and Downs

"Does your wife sit up for you?"

"Yes, and then she sits down on me."

**His Excuse**

Lady—Why do you use such terrible language, my man?

Profane Workman—Fact is, mum, I'm a bit dead and don't exactly hear what I say.

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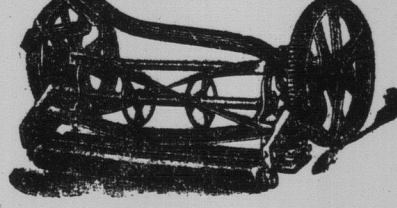
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**New U-Boat Curb**

Is Infallible?

Great Britain Has Life of Under water Campaign Measured—New Device is Model of Simplicity

London, May 30.—The Westminster Gazette publishes a message from a correspondent who says the submarine is being mastered by a simple method, which he indicates is the invention of an American.

"It is giving away no secret," the correspondent writes, "to say that the method, which is reputed to be infallible, requires only a little time to come into full effect and wear the German submarines out. It is a model of simplicity. The price has been liberal in its announcement of Marconi's device, but, extending encouragement to Marconi, it must not be overlooked that the genius who perfected one of the most monumental advances in maritime navigation has devoted his unremitting consideration to the menace, and this successful American, too, has worked toward the device along independent lines."

Asserting that the British have better submarines than the Germans, the message continues:

"Only a little time is needed for our pre-eminent inventive brains to outstrip the pirate profession, and by a method which is simplicity itself we already have the life of the U-boat campaign measured."

**No Time to Shop**

The difficulty which women workers are finding in regard to their shopping is being partially overcome in one small way. A woman who is unable to do her work herself is definitely undertaking to go shopping for her friends who are tied up in government offices or hospitals, and never find themselves free at a time

when the shops are open. They give their commissions to her, and she will either make their household purchases for them or buy gloves and blouses. Unfortunately there are some things in the purchase of which no woman would trust another person's taste, and so this interesting form of war work does not yet meet the case. It is being seriously suggested (says the London correspondent of the Liverpool Post) that each woman should be allowed one afternoon off in a fortnight to enable her to buy her clothes and visit the hairdresser.

**Marriage and Enlistment**

"He's a coward."

"She's offered to marry him so that he wouldn't have to enlist in the war."

"And he married for that reason?"

"No. He enlisted."

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## PUT RESPONSIBILITY WHERE IT BELONGS

(Fredericton Mail)

While some of the more unscrupulous of the Tory newspapers are striving to make it appear that the Liberals are responsible for the agitation against conscription being carried on in the province of Quebec, the facts are squarely against them. The most treasonable talk so far indulged in against the proposal came from the lips of Mr. Bourassa's lieutenant, Armand Lavergne. He has indulged in a lot of wild and treasonable talk and it is regrettable to note that his remarks seemed to strike a responsive chord. A press dispatch reports him as saying that "the conscription of 1917 had its origin in 1899, when Canada had sent men to assist in crushing a small nation, the Transvaal, who only wanted the right to live. 'England,' he went on, 'strong enough to accomplish it herself, but she only wanted to establish the principle of Canada's participation in the wars of the Empire.'"

It was the Liberal government led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier which sent the Canadian troops to the aid of the Empire during the South African war, and for doing this it lost the support of Mr. Lavergne and his chief co-worker, Henri Bourassa. These men at once began a wicked and ill-advised campaign against Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Quebec, in which they were aided and abetted by the Tory leaders who were willing to go to any extreme in order to "down Laurier."

The outcome was the Conservative Nationalist Alliance, which first asserted itself at the Drummond-Arthabaskaville by-election in 1910. In that election a Nationalist named Gilbert, with the active support of Bourassa and Lavergne, was able to defeat the Liberal candidate, and almost the first man to wire his congratulations to the victor was none other than Sir George E. Foster. In the general election of 1911, both Bourassa and Lavergne allied themselves with Sir Robert Borden, and with the aid of funds supplied by the Conservative organization (which even paid the circulation of LeDevoir, Mr. Bourassa's paper) carried twenty-seven constituencies for him and placed the Conservative party in power.

It is a matter of record that while Mr. Borden was forming his cabinet, Mr. Lavergne journeyed to Ottawa by special train to see to it that the Nationalists were properly looked after in the distribution of portfolios. It was in all probability this incident that Mr. Lavergne had reference to in his Quebec speech when he said:

"One-third of the present cabinet was elected against Canada's participation in the wars of the Empire, and he knew it because he had helped to have them elected."

Men whom Mr. Lavergne had supported in 1911 were taken into the cabinet, but not until after portfolios had been offered to both Bourassa and Lavergne by Premier Borden, and declined by them. Mr. Lavergne made this statement at a public meeting in Quebec some months ago, and down to the present hour it remains uncontradicted. The alliance between the Conservatives and the Nationalists remains until this day unbroken. There has been no revocation of the Nationalists by Sir Robert Borden, and no repudiation of Mr. Borden by the Nationalists. The Conservative leader having accepted, with gladness the support of these agitators in 1911, it becomes their party organs at this late day, when the chickens are coming home to roost, to endeavor to place the responsibility for the situation which has been created in Quebec at the door of the Liberal leader.

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