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HALF MILLION MEN FOR OVERSEAS SERVICES— PREMIER BORDEN SENDS MESSAGE FROM SICK BED WHICH STIRS DOMINION.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 12—Canada's oversea force it to be increased to half a million men. Sir Robert Borden made this official announcement today. The authorized force at present is 250,000 and will shortly be recruited. There is no dearth of men willing to fight in the Canadian armies for the sacred cause of the Allies, and half a million men will be recruited without much difficulty. This New Year message came from the sick bed of the Premier. He is ill with a severe attack of lumbago and grippe. The net figures of recruiting for overseas service to December 15, are 197, 690, and since December 15 about 15,000 have enlisted, making a total of 212,690. 118,922 have been sent to Europe and 1,200 to Bermuda and St. Lucia, so that the total force sent overseas is 120,122., About 1,817 have been brought back from Europe. In the firing line in France and Belgium today there are upwards of 50,000 Canadians. In the transport of these troops in Canada one soldier was accidentally killed, not one has yet been lost by water transport. There are now practically three divisions at the front with more than three in England for reinforcements. The following official statement was handed to the press:

### SIR ROBERT'S MESSAGE.

"More than a twelve month ago our Empire consecrated all its powers and its supreme endeavor to a great purpose, which concerns the liberties of the world and the destinies of all its nations.

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"In the dawn of another year our hearts are more resolute than ever to accomplish that task, however formidable it may prove. By the greatness of the need our future efforts must be measured.

"Nowhere is the Canadian spirit more firm and unwavering than among the men who hold the trenches and those who will shortly stand by their side; nowhere is it more undaunted than in the hospitals and convalescent homes.

"Already we have learned the full meaning of sacrifice. To all Canadian homes that have been saddened, to all Canadian hearts that have been stricken by the tragedy of this war, we pray that Divine blessing may bring consolation and healing.

"Much had to be learned during the past fifteen months, because we had not prepared for this war. The strongest assurance of ultimate victory lies in the fact that we were not crushed in learning that hard lesson. Those who forced this war upon us may be assured, by the traditions of our past, that the lesson will be thoroughly learned to the end that there shall be enduring peace. The very character and greatness of the ideals for which we are fighting bid us not to pause until their triumph is fully assured.

"The Canadian forces at the front have indeed fought a good fight; and they have crowned the name of Canada with undying laurels. To them and to all the overseas forces now under arms, and awaiting the opportunity to do their part, we bid God speed in the sure faith that they will never fail in their duty.

"On this the last day of the old year, the authorized forces."

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"On this the last day of the old year, the authorized forces of Canada number 250,000, and the number enlisted is rapidly approaching that limit.

"From tomorrow, the first day of the New Year, our anthorized force will be 500,000.

"This announcement is made in token of Canada's unflinch-

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"This announcement is made in token of Canada's unflinching resolve to crown the justice of our cause with victory and an

### A NOVEL POEM.

More than one attempt has been made to construct a poem by takin each line of it from poems written by well-known authors. Here is an example:

Why all this toil for triumphs of an hour? Life's a short sermon—man is but a flower; By turns we catch the fatal breath and die,— —Young —Dr Johnson Life's a short sermon—man is but a flower;
By turns we catch the fatal breath and die,—Pope
The cradle and the tomb, alas so nigh,
To be better far than not to be,
Though all men's life may seem a tragedy;
The bottom is but shallow whence they come. (Sir Walter Raleigh Your fate is but the common fate of all;
Unmingled joys here no man befall;
Nature to each allots his proper sphere,
Fortune makes folly her peculiar care,
Custom doth often reason overrule,
And throw a cruel sunshine on a fool.
Live well—how long or short permit to heaven,
They who forgive most shall be most forgiven,
Sin may be clasped so close we cannot see its face—French
Vile intercourse where virtue has not place,
Thom pendulum betwixt a smile and tear;
Her sensual snares let faithless pleasures lay,
With craft and skill to ruin and betray,
Soar not too high to fall, but stoop to rise;
We masters grow of all that we despise,
Oh, then, renounse that impious self-esteem;
Think not ambition wise because 'tis brave.

—Sir Walter Davenport
The paths of glory lead but to thegrave.

—Gray Sir Walter Davenport The paths of glory lead but to thegrave. White is ambition? Tis a glorious cheat. —Gray —Willis Only destructive to the brave and great. -Addison

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# Heroic French Sisters Awarded the Cross of War.

Veritus, France, Jan. 3, —
Four young sisters have been decorated with the Cross of the War in the presence of a regiment of artillery. They were cited in an order of the day of the —— division, in the following terms: "Marie Helene, Camille and Madeleine Vatel at the peril of life in a region occupied by the Germans, patriotically revicualed in the thick of the woods, from Sept. 8 to 12, 1914, seven French soldiers who were then surrounded by the enemy at Fere Champenoise and who, thanks to their care, were able to find their regiment after the German retreat."

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The order was read to the sisters and the medals pinned on them, after which the regiment filed past them, the crowd applauding the sisters.

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