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THERE'S NO IDLE RICH.

If conscription is put into force in Britain, by special legislation, it will apply, we are told, only to the men who have no dependants, and who can be spared from trade for the purposes of war.

Discussing the situation recently an English paper, conversant with the situation, said there were not in the old land any of those who had been termed the "idle rich."

Britain can well afford, in view of this splendid example, to call to the colours, by gentle influence or by force, the men who can serve without dislocating the wheels of industry or stopping the currents of trade.

BELGIAN COLONIZATION.

Mr. Macfayden, in another column, discusses the feasibility of organizing communities of Belgians in Canada. He points out that the success of their emigration depends entirely upon their colonization.

The article is full of interest. It sets forth certain facts clearly. But a small percentage of the eight millions can return to their native land. They could not, if the way were clear, restore their land, commercially or industrially, in many years.

Both the by-laws were carried by the people in the elections yesterday. An augury of better things. Cheap power and railway connection will help the local industries.

Supplies are being advertised now for the third contingent, which is being mobilized in company headquarters. Will the liberals get a look in? Or will the patronage committee at Ottawa pursue its junker policy to the end?

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even life itself, if a Reservist, in order to accomplish his purpose. And this is because his property interests, his standing as a citizen with national rights reserved, make service in the army absolutely necessary under certain conditions.

CONTENTION AND CONSPIRACY.

William B. Hale, the biographer of the president and his some time confidential agent, writes to the New York Times a lengthy and interesting article, dealing with Britain's scrutiny, and occasional seizure, of merchandise shipped, in American boats, to Europe.

The biographer of the president—who is not qualified to be a better judge of international issues because of his personal relations with Mr. Wilson—quotes from ancient documents, written by eminent statesmen, some of them deceased, including the late lamented Thomas Jefferson, in support of his cause.

A nation that began its warlike career by tearing up the agreement it had solemnly made with other nations, by treating it as a scrap of worthless paper, by acting on the philosophy of its cultured leaders, that everything goes in war, could hardly expect any decisions in international law to have a moral effect upon it.

One side sounds or seems good until another is heard, and, in a most friendly way, the British government will lay before the Wilson government a statement of facts that will be surprising. One can wait for developments, knowing that Britain can justify everything it has done in the war thus far.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Which way will the tax rate go this year—up or down? What did your aldermanic friends promise?

Now that the council of 1915 has been completed by the elections of yesterday, what do you think of it?

The Montreal Herald wants a vigilance committee appointed in connection with the House of Commons. What villainy does it now suspect?

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Ours will be a war council this year. Major Gillespie will command it on special occasions, and the medical men will constitute themselves an ambulance corps and take care of the wounded.

License reduction got what is called a black eye in Hamilton. The Spectator attributes defeat to the overwhelming interest in the war. Why not say at once, and without circumlocution, that the temperance party has lost its grip?

Conscription VERY NEAR. Conscription is suggested in England. It is needed in order to make some men serve their country when they will not do it voluntarily.

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Dr. Brown suggests that she will have her say, and say it to the end. A German officer in New York practically challenges the editor of the World to fight. The age of chivalry has not passed.

The Canadian Mining Journal says that nickel can be refined in Canada. They why does the government not prevent its export? Some of the ore is surely going to Germany to be used on armament which is being turned against the British, and that is not right!

The National Municipal League is anxious that the study of civics should begin in the schools. Bless you, sirs, it has begun—in Kingston. Ald. Gillespie is training the cadet corps, and when the boys grow up and can shoot straight they will be eligible for seats in the council.

Public Opinion

The Canadian Method.

Kincardine Review. Marconi is to be made a senator, in Italy, not Canada. Canadian senators are not made by wireless.

Answer Nearly Read.

Toronto Mail. In the friendliest manner in the world, Britain is getting ready to say "No" to the United States.

Oh, The Secret.

London Advertiser. The reason that the Christmas cigar gets such a hard name is that mother and sister go looking for pretty boxes.

Wasn't Happy.

Montreal Mail. A wealthy American heiress committed suicide at Atlantic City. And many people are happy who don't know where their next war extra is coming from.

Difference In Slugs.

Toronto News. Canada is at war, and the United States is not. Yet in Canada the slogan of the day is "Eat an apple" while in the United States it is "Buy a bale of cotton."

After-Cost What Counts.

Hamilton Spectator. Even the cost of marriage promises to be increased in Ontario by a prospective rise in the price of a license. But that is a mere bagatelle. The big pinch comes later for money.

Cause Of Pride.

Syracuse, N. Y. Herald. According to Mr. Lloyd-George, England now has more than 2,000,000 men under arms. With the volunteer system of recruiting that prevails in that country, an army like that is something for England to be proud of than all her memories of past greatness.

Will The Kaiser Pay?

Hamilton Spectator. For the Canadian patriotic fund alone, \$2,226,682 have been already subscribed. Add to this the sum of all the other funds, outside of military expenditure and a subsequent pension roll, and Canada will have a very substantial amount to charge up against the kaiser.

Kingston Events Twenty-Five Years Ago

Dr. A. P. Knight read a paper at a meeting of the science teachers in Toronto.

As the result of the escape of two convicts, guards must live in close proximity to the penitentiary.

There is an epidemic of la grippe in the city.

W. M. Drennan was elected mayor by acclamation.



SECOND LIEUT. CHAR. SHERGOLD. Of the Royal Canadian Engineers. He was recently promoted to the rank and was mentioned by Sir John French in despatches for bravery under fire. He receives the Military Cross.

Appointed Agents For France. Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The Hudson Bay company has been appointed purchasing agent in Canada for the French government.

Theory may look all right in print, but it takes practice to prove its actual worth. Some people have sense, but not enough to know how to use it.

RAINFALL IS HEAVY

WORST WEATHER FOR MILITARY WORK PREVAILS IN FALL

difficulties to be met with during the War in Europe — Hard To Dig Trenches.

From the strategical point of view wintry weather is not an unmitigated evil. In western Europe the worst weather for military operations prevails in autumn, when the rainfall is at its maximum.

Again, it is difficult or impossible to dig trenches in frozen soil, such as may be found in the dead winter in the interior of the continent.

The snowfall increases generally from west to east; not because of an increase in the total precipitation (rain plus snow), for this actually decreases, but because, with lower temperature, a large proportion of the precipitation takes the frozen form.

Both regions are subject to rapid and frequent changes in temperature under the influence of barometric depressions passing from west to east, although especially in the eastern region these are somewhat less frequent than in eastern Canada.

With respect to temperature and snowfall, one might say in very general terms that the western theatre of war has the climate of South Carolina, while the eastern has that of Iowa. Nowhere was the fighting zones in Canada's mid-winter climate, with its sudden changes approached.

What Puzzled Him. The soldier was telling the workman about a battle that he had once been in that had lasted from eight o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock at night.

Keep On. If the day looks kinder gloomy. And yer chances kinder slim; If the situation's puzzlin'; And the prospect's awful grim; An' perplexities keep pressin'; Till all hope is nearly gone— Jest bristle up 'an' erit yer teeth. An' keep on keepin' on.

Bibbys advertisement featuring illustrations of boys in various outfits (overcoats, suits, reefers, school boots, woollen stockings, knitted toques) and a list of prices for each item. Includes the address: BIBBYS : 78-80-82 Princess St.

Farms For Sale advertisement listing various farm properties with acreage and prices. Includes contact information for T. J. Lockhart.

Announcement by J. E. Mullen regarding the early spring of 1915 and the availability of boots and hosiery.

SKATING TO-NIGHT advertisement with an illustration of a skater and text about skating equipment and sharpening services.

T. J. LOCKHART, Real Estate and Insurance advertisement listing office location at Clarence & King Sts., Kingston.

Cook's Cotton Root Compound advertisement describing a medicine for various ailments, including rheumatism and neuralgia.

Nolan's Grocery advertisement offering prompt delivery and fresh ground coffee, located at Princess St.

TREADGOLD SPORTING GOODS Co. advertisement listing bicycles and sporting goods, with phone number 529 and address 88-90 Princess St.

BETTER GET YOUR MIND ON THE COAL QUESTION NOW advertisement for CRAWFORD'S COAL, highlighting its quality and availability.