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CALL FOR TENDERS.

The Hamilton Herald says the patronage list is the cause of party graft, and it has been used by every Covernment. The Herald will please conserve that a representative of the Militia Department has sworn that there was practically no patronage list during the regime of the Libe(al Covernment. Under the Borden Government is visibly sw?lled. The old names, the few that were listed, were erased or removed, and a new list opened. It had upon it 8,000 games, and of persons who were simthy hungry for patronage. Well, the revelations of the hour have resulted. Will the Government, in answer to the appeals that are going to it. from all over Canada, make a statement in Parliament and before it closes? Will the Premier have the courage to say that no more public work or supplies will be given out for political reasons, but that tenders will be invited and that they will be considered upon their merits Had the war supplies been contracted for in the proper way there would not to-day be exhibits that are disgracing Canada and the Government that has permitted them.

has no evidence of this. The Whig acted accordingly. will gamble a big apple that Kitch- In contrast with this policy, and at of his name for party purposes. The Ontario cabinet raises one man's

AVOID ALL CONFUSION.

Judged by what one hears and reads there are occasional misunder standings with regard to the services the people are called upon perform in connection with the war. There is no comfort to which troops are not entitled. Theirs is the most onerous and exacting service to which men and patriots can devote themselves. They go abroad at calling of the king, subject to commands of men who, by reason of their experience, are entrusted with the defence of the empire,

The soldiers are supposed to well clothed and fed by the Government, and when they reach the firing line the War Office sees to it that they lack for nothing that will premorve their efficiency. They need lot of extras, however, and the Gbvcomment will see that they are carried along with the least encumbrance to them. These comforts the people are supplying, but under circumstances occasionally that cause confusion. In and needlessly so.

The Red Cross Society is a great ing to a plan which leads to definite results. Its officers know their duty, and perform it with alacrity. It should not be necessary for them to intimate that they are in possession of all the facts and can be depended upon to meet the exegencies of the hour. For the harmony that has so far marked the society's operations, and the great tasks it has accomjlished, the country and its military representatives are surely most thankful, and its devotion to the cause will continue until the end.

anxious to court the good wishes af out of the war. the soldiers. Il it had kept the contractors at bay, turned the guard The Toronto Mail pleads that it pected.

DETECTIVES ARE NEEDED.

Mr. Nickle invited the Auditor-General to _ talk before the Public Accounts' Committee, and Mr. Fraser made admissions which will not be forgotten. The audit is a failure as it is now being conducted. The accounts are incurred, by the administrative officers, and paid, and then they are sent to the Auditor-General. Let any one read the report which this officer sends to Parliament if he wants to see the serious handicap from which he suffers. In due time a batch of accounts is laid before him and he and his staff begin dissection of them. They strike numerous snags. They write for explanations, and the answers from partmental heads are often of the most unsatisfactory character.

The Auditor-General may, as he did last year, report to Parliament accounts which are unauthorized, and nothing will come of it. "What is the use," asked Mr. Nickle, "of locking the door after the money has been stolen?" And Mr. Fraser point-its duty. Otherwise the Auditor-General's staff would be large enough

One year, to United States \$1.50 glad to go before a Commission and herd. confer with it as to the manner in which the Audit office may be made efficient, and a check upon every irregular and improper transaction. This observation of Mr. Fraser New York Office 225 Fifth Ave. alarming. "No staff," said he, "in Frank R. Northrup, Manager Tribune Bldg. my office can cover the whole ground. I would want a large staff of private detectives. I could use them. The people of Canada who read this will conclude "that the sooner the conference suggested by Mr. Fraser takes place the better, and he assumes the attitude of the late Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, who was represented as a guard upon the public treaswith a shot gun across his

> Put the bald question to the soldier before he leaves Canada, Has the Government s treatment of you merited your support and gratitude? And let him answer by a "yes" or "no" written on a ballot. If the horse, binocular, boot and other scandals have not sickened him he can stand

THERE IS NO ECONOMY.

The Canadian Courier calls attention to the fact that while circumstances generally suggest economythe depression, the war, the absence of prosperity-the Governments of city and province and Dominion are giving evidence of the greatest prodigality. Months ago the people in every walk of life were admonished to be careful, to avoid every evidence of wastefulness, to reduce expenses to The Montreal Mail says that New a minimum, to undertake no enter-Zealand secured the co-operation of prises of the result of which there Lord Kitchener in taking the vote of was any financial doubt. And many its soldiers during a war. The Mail business men and employers of labour

oner never heard of the thing, and cross purposes with it, is the course that the Mail is making a wrong use pursued by the various Governments. salary from \$5,000 to \$7,500, and another man's from \$7,000 to \$12,000, and these were not suffering from the stress of the times. The Federal Government, before the Public Accounts' Committee, gave evidence that it had money to burn, that some of its representatives allowed contractors to plunder the treasury, that some others of the 8,000 persons whose names were upon the patronage list, had been excessive in their charges commissions, that the country shocked, and it is hoped to sooth some of the rebellious ones by at least talking of refunds. Only one man has so far been shamed or terrified into making restitution. There is no slackening in the general

The cities have not caught the spirit of economy; on the contrary, the Courier points out, they have been paying high stipends for the tasks they invite, and appear to be oblivious of the need of that paring and carving and whittling in expenses which was preached with such perthe haste which the times suggest tinacity early in the campaign. Which there is a disposition to be panicky, leads one to suspect that war has lost its terrors away from the front, and that some men, in public places organization. It is directed accord- at any rate, are acting with a recklessness without a parallel. The lesson of the hour, on economy, has been completely lost on them.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The barracks will be hereafter abandoned by the men who are preparing for the front. They will be put in summer camps, but it is hoped Valcartier experience will not be re-

Mme. Plamandon's profits of from to 200 per cent. were inskeeping with the war prices which others of the patronage list imposed. What a The Government at Ottawa is very chance they all had to become rich

with bayonets upon them, at Ottawa, should not have been necessary for better results could have been ex- "sleuth work to insure against fraud." But the Auditor General says

it was. He could make use of a staff of private detectives in connection with his office.

Mme. Plamandon would not have been able to fleece the Government in the matter of drugs had she not been related to an officer of the Commons. Wher he wrote the Militia Departmen to hustle her accounts through his request was at once obeyed.

Ah, a common every-day labour agent has been sent to jail for defrauding Reople by procuring money under false pretences. What about the gang at Ottawa who have been doing the Government out of many thousands of dollars? Will they get

Prosecute And Punish.

(Toronto News.) The Harveys and the McQuarries should be summarily prosecuted and adequately punished.

Suspected Patriots. (Toranto Mail) There are men who have put pocket

before patriotism. "There has been no attempt to screen them. Plutocrats Fraternity.

(Hamilton Spectator.) The time is appreciably approaching when plutocrats will have to resort to Mr. Fraser says he would be too aviation to get above the common

Oh, Oh, Oh.

(Toronto News.) In all this examination of military contracts there has been no tittle of evidence implicating any Minister or any member of Parliament.

Why The Privacy? (Hamilton Times.)

Charles E. Slater, the man made so much money as a go-between in the boot contracts, was put on the patronage list privately, whatever

Put Them In Gaol.

(Ottawa Free Press.) Mr. Fripp wants the Conservative party returned to power "to prose cute the war to the end." Better that the Conservative party be returned to power "to prosecute" and put in jail a goodly number of the grafters who are little better than the ghouls who tcour the battle fields to rob the bodies of the wounded sol-

25 YEARS AGO

McKelvey & Birch have secured the contract of heating the new asylum at Orillia

A council of bishops will be held here to nominate a bishop for the new diocese of Cornwall. Many people had on new boots for Easter. The noise in many churches was a source of great nuisance to

Chickens Come Home to Roost You may take this world as

And you will be sure to find, she owes. Whoever comes out behind.

And all things bad that a man has through Roumania. By whatsoever induced; Come back to meet him one by one As the chickens come home to

You may starve your soul and stint With the husks of a barren cree 1;

But Christ will know if you played Will know in your hour of need And then as you wait for death to

What hope can there be deduced; From a creed alone you will lie there dumb. While your chickens come home to

Sow as you will, there's a time to For the good and bad as well; And conscience whether awake or

Is either a heaven or hell. And all things bad must take their

By whatsoever induced; Come back to meet you face to face. As your chickens come home to

Whether you are over or under the

The result will be the same. You cannot escape the hand of God, You must bear your sin and

No matter what's carved on a marble When the items are all produced

You will find St. Peter was keeping And chickens come home to roost

TO KEEP 50,000 MEN Up to Strength at Front, Says Hon. Sam Hughes.

Toronto, April 12.-Canada will keep 50,000 men up to full strength at the front, according to the Hon. Sam Rughes, Minister of Militia, who spent half an hour at the Station Saturday, on his way? to Ottawa from western Ontario.

"We have at present over 101,400 men under arms," stated General Hughes, "and we could get 120,000 if necessary inside of a week. "We have never recruited by vertising, the same as in Great Bri-

tain, and do not have to. Canada out going to that trouble." When asked if an early close of the war was expected, General Hughes answered emphatically, "No; this war is only just commencing, and will not be over till German militarism is crushed for all time."

At Rome the entire city garrison was cailed out on Sunday to disperse unlawful gatherings.

COLOGNE GAZETTE SUGGESTS THAT GERMANY DO THIS.

By Spending a Billion Or Two-Some Newspapers Says Submarine Warfare Should Be Ruthless and

London, April 10.-The London Daily Mail gives the following transation of an editorial in The Cologne Gazette on the writings of Count Reventlow, urging the necessity of 'absolute ruthlessness" in submarine warfare: "Count Reventlow points] out that the instructions England has given and the prizes she offers to merchantmen in connection with German submarines, no longer make adherence to the principles of brotherly love and universal international customs appropriate. Any consideration on the part of Germany would be a mistake,' the count declares, 'because the object of war would not be promoted, and the thanks for our noble motives would be the ruthless exploitation by our enemies for their own advantage. We concur unreservedly in these views. The English merchantmen have now ceased to be ships of commerce, and their crews are no longer non-combatants but combatants of our submarines have not only the right, but it becomes their duty, to look upon every English merchantmen as an armed foe bent on submarines' destruction. They will, therefore, proceed to attack unhesitatingly, without troubling themselves about merchantmen's occupants. Responsibility for this necessary aggravation of the naval war falls on England, which insists upon a ruthless war of starvation against Germany's civilian population, and has curtly rejected Germany's concilia-

tion, offered through America." The Daily Mail, also says The Cologne Gazette, publishes conspicuously, a malicious article entitled, "America, What Will It Cost?" Suggesting that if nothing else will induce the United States to stop supplying munitions of war to the Allies, the German people might be willing to buy America off by paying her in cash "the billion or two" she is making out of the unholy traffic in German and Austrian lives.

SIGNS OF PROSPERITY.

U. S. Powder Co. Gives Employees 20 P. C. Salary Bonus.

Wilmington, Del., April 10 .- All salaried employees of the Dupont Powder Company have been granted cash bonus of twenty per cent. their salary for a year, it was announced yesterday by Pierre S. Dupont, president of the company About 2,500 persons are affected.

The company recently granted twenty per cent. increase in wages to its 15,000 pay roll workmen at points throughout the country.

GET ARMS VIA. ROUMANIA.

Germany Believed to Have Exerted Power in Turk Interest.

London, April 10.-Considerable supplies of ammunition and artillery are reaching Turkey through Roumania. according to the Daily Mail's Athens' correspondent. The Roumanian Minister to Turkey is quoted by the correspondent as having said that Grrmany refused to deliver certain gun That fate will square the account parts ordered some time ago by Roumania unless Roumania consented to allow Turkish shipments passage

Paris Bars Tango. Paris, April 10 .- The Argentine tango was absolutely banned in Puris to-day by a decree of expulsion issued against five tango professors who had established themselves here and were organizing classes The Paris police are now drafting an order prohibiting the dance. The notice will be posted on the walls of Paris as soon as promulgated.

Keen public interest is being displayed in the court-martial at Paris Capt. Herail, an officer in the French cavalry, who is charged with killing Grafonolas his wife at Compiegne because she insisted upon remaining at the front that she might be near him.

and records The Republic of Mexico, it was stated in Washington, is threatened MADE-IN-CANADA

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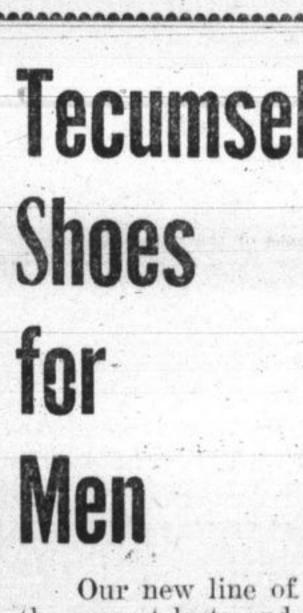
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