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A WIFE BY MAIL. The real merit or demerit of out-of-town buying is illustrated by Mr. Rhodes, our cartoonist, in this day's issue.

Godness only knows what the aforesaid amorous youth with a licorice tooth thought he was getting in the way of a wife from his study of her picture.

NOBLE EXAMPLE. When the Whig read that John Thompson, K.C., of Ottawa, the Government's counsel in the Sir Charles Davidson Commission, had not charged for his public service, it questioned the accuracy of the report.

IGNORING THE PEOPLE. Arthur Hawkes, the well-known writer, takes exception to the announcement of Sir Robert Borden on New Year's Day, that the military contribution of Canada to the defence of Empire will be an army of 500,000 men.

MAY BE AN ELECTION. It is just possible that in spite of temporary successes—in spite of many and forceful appeals by men whose judgment no one can question—the Conscription Act will create new splits and divisions in the Imperial parties, and that they may cause an election.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Mr. Asquith's advice to men who should enlist and do not to perform their duty, and it will not be necessary to enforce conscription.

Ontario's Generosity. According to Hon. J. B. Lucas, Ontario has contributed \$18,000,000 to the various war funds since the war started.

Still Rolling. Those who expect that Russian roller would adhere to the rules for such machinery and lie inactive during the winter made a big mistake.

Why Not Change It? They tell me that Smith is an awful grumbler. He is. He's the kind of fellow who blames his face because it needs a shave.

THE HEN. The Chicago packers into the back row of the bread line. The prairies of this broad land are dotted with the humble homes provided with all the comforts of life by one conscientious hen and a 100-egg incubator.

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Rippling Rhymes. SELFISHNESS. Jim Kicksaw has a touring car, in which he journeys near and far. There's room for seven, in the same, and Jim might bring to many a dame who seldom has a chance to ride.

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and allies of other days opposed to each other in this contest, and perhaps straying away so far and making reconciliations so difficult that they may never be Allies again.

The war party will probably triumph at the polls. It is unthinkable that the masses can for a moment hesitate about supplying the Government with all the men and munitions they demand in order to insure a British victory.

WHAT THE WAR MEANS. Gradually, and even yet in a hazy sort of way, the people are beginning to realize what the public men have meant when they said that its success might cost the country the last man and the last cent it had to offer.

The Canadian Minister of Commerce enunciated a similar doctrine. The people had to learn the needs of the hour and meet them in a loyal and self-sacrificing spirit.

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Why should a man give all that in law means his living to the country without fee? Is anybody else doing it? What was the object in declining the rewards of the Government?

Mr. Hawkes explains that in no country where there is any pretence at Parliamentary Government, would the people be told that the Premier, or the Premier and his Government, had decided to raise an army of 500,000 men, and that this would cost \$500,000,000 per annum.

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Old party lines must go. The men who support conscription, even on a modified basis, in the House, must support it in the country. This one must see the friends have been laid before them. Even

some Conservatives may be expected to show a little independence, and, in the most friendly way, question the manner and the time of launching the scheme of a greater army.

Perhaps, in the last analysis, when they have realized the possible results of their attitude, even the most heated anti-conscriptionists will see the wisdom of changing their policy for the sake of the colors.

Lloyd-George is said to have fallen into public disfavour because he has espoused some of Lord Northcliffe's ideas. Or that Lord Northcliffe espoused some of his ideas? It does not matter which.

Conscription is not to be forced upon anyone who has conscientious objections against it in Britain. Objections there will be, and many of them, but the question is, Will they be regarded as conscientious? The judges will need to be skilled in theology as well as law.

One need not look for it at present, but the day is coming when Kingston must have a Park Commission, and under its guidance the whole appearance of the city will be improved.

Stand By His Remarks. Made in Montreal. Montreal Gazette. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux does not intend to repudiate his remarks at a recent recruiting meeting in the St. James' Methodist Church, when he said: "I would like to see all the churches in the country, both Catholic and Protestant, open their doors so that they may become recruiting camps."

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PUBLIC OPINION

No Conscriptors, But—(Pittsburg Dispatch.) It remained for a Irishman to size up the situation in Great Britain: "We're not to have conscription, but we'll all have to volunteer."

Horrors Of The Loss. (London Advertiser.) New York newspapers are using rhymes warning folks against the grippe. That adds much to the already horrible effects of the disease.

What's In a Name. (Toronto Mail.) A man named Wesleyan Grace has made a million dollars by stock speculation, which ought to silence those who contend that there's nothing in a name.

Not Getting On Well. (Montreal Herald.) King Comanache's repeated "explanations" to the Allies suggest that Germany is not getting along anything like as well as he once thought she would.

Ontario's Generosity. (Hamilton Herald.) According to Hon. J. B. Lucas, Ontario has contributed \$18,000,000 to the various war funds since the war started.

Hughes Will Notice. (Montreal Star.) Gen. Von Hindenburg says he is willing to be stuffed and exhibited throughout Germany if it will do any good.

Still Rolling. (New York Herald.) Those who expect that Russian roller would adhere to the rules for such machinery and lie inactive during the winter made a big mistake.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO. Eggs sold at 35 cents a dozen on the market today. Hundreds of skaters were out on the harbor to-day.

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