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CONSCRIPTION IS COMING. The recruiting is slow, and getting slower, not only in Kingston but all over the country.

A VERY SERIOUS CHARGE. In the Vancouver election Sir Hibbard Tupper appeared as a supporter of the Liberal candidate.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Hon. T. Chase Casgrain is against Regulation 17, and says that it should go.

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FEDERAL PROHIBITION. The discussion of prohibition in the Federal Parliament was both illuminating and impressive.

Compensation was referred to, and very properly so, since those who have investments in the business to the amount of over \$43,000,000 are entitled to some consideration.

A splendid seconder to the resolution was Hon. Charles Marcl, who announced himself as a convert to prohibition through a study of the question.

In Toronto, Lieut.-Col. Cooper, of the 198th Battalion, said, at a recent meeting: "There is no doubt in this country we are trying to hang on to the voluntary system, a system that is obsolete, and we are all afraid of a word."

It is only a question of time until the English method of recruiting men will be adopted.

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army or navy may be placed under the command of a foreigner to fight in a European war.

PUBLIC OPINION

A Costly Service. You can't sell a more gold brick to the farmers, but Henry Ford will pay \$400,000 for peace parties.

The Curtain of Fire. The French "cyrilic" in the Verdun region may prove some day to be the drop curtain in the great war tragedy.

There Certainly Should. Down east a man with ten children has enlisted. We believe in encouraging recruiting, but there should be a law against this.

Pay in Glory. The enlistments for the army would come in a little faster if the soldiers weren't expected to take so large a part of their pay in the form of glory.

No Law Broken. In repealing the bi-lingual clause of the Manitoba educational law no constitutional Act is violated and no protest from the Federal authorities is to be expected.

A Courteous Act. Kingston Conservative aldermen adjourned a council meeting to celebrate their Liberal confederates to join in a welcome to Hon. G. P. Graham.

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

Dear Col. Allison. After reading how Col. Allison had induced American time fuse makers to accept \$1,600,000 less than they originally asked, how he had beguiled American ammunition manufacturers into accepting \$33 for goods for which \$37.50 to \$42.50 was demanded in Canada and how he had saved Britain \$1,066,240 on motor trucks, to say nothing of his success in getting Canada thousands of Colt revolvers from the makers at a preference, we feel compelled to ask the authorities to lock up the colonel.

COMMERCIAL PRESS.

A Tax That Hurts. Ordinarily a Finance Minister in Canada relies chiefly on Customs and Excise tariffs as the readiest means of providing revenue.

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RANDOM REELS

"Of Shoes and Ships, and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings"

MUD. Mud is a combination of water, beeswax, gum-arabic and despair that was originally imported from the bottomless pit.

Mud-sliding is the gentlest art of making a pillar of the church who is running for office look like somebody who would rob the baby's bank on Christmas Eve.

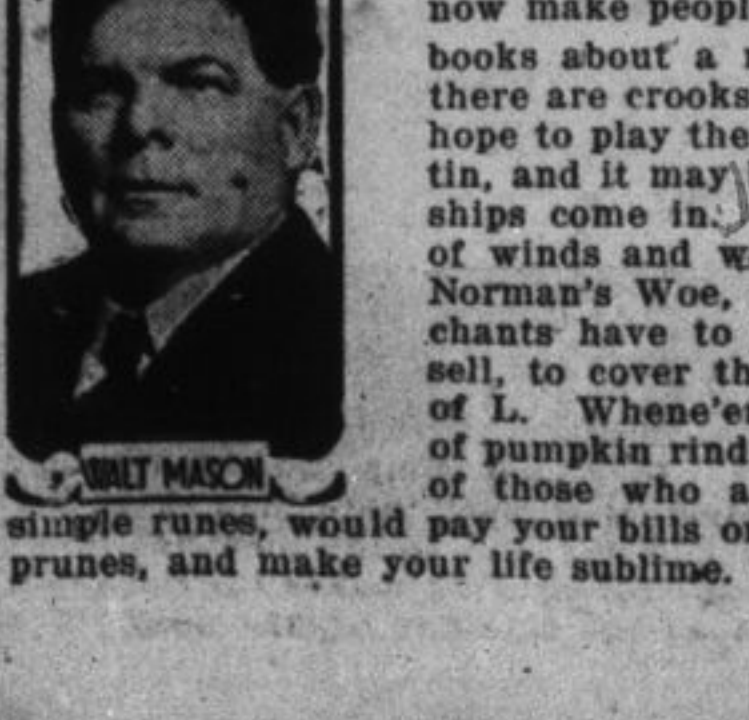
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Rippling Rhymes

SETTLING UP. If every man would pay his bills, just when those bills are due, we'd sidestep many grievous ills which now make people blue.



new taxes must chiefly fall. Many, however, will find a field for criticism in the fact that it is wealth in its most active and productive form that is to be taxed.

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE.

Over A Quarter Billion is Now in Force. That the Sun Life in sharing to the full in the revival of Canadian business prosperity is indicated clearly in the statement made public at the company's annual meeting in Montreal on March 7th.

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It is a striking indication of the earning power of the company that holders of five-year dividends and reserve dividend policies will receive larger dividends in 1916 than was received by holders of similar policies in 1914.

The showing of Canada's largest assurance company during the year just passed affords grounds for just pride on the part of the Canadian people and for gratification to Sun Life of Canada policyholders and shareholders.

COL. ALLISON SICK. Is in New York And Threatened With Pneumonia.

Ottawa, March 8.—Col. J. Wesley Allison, who acted as confidential agent for the Minister of Militia in purchases of military supplies, and whose evidence is now desired by the Public Accounts Committee, is now in New York under his doctor's care with pneumonia threatening.

It is learned, is the reason why Col. Allison has been unable to come to Ottawa to testify regarding to his relations with the Colt Company, and to clear up other matters before the Public Accounts Committee.

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