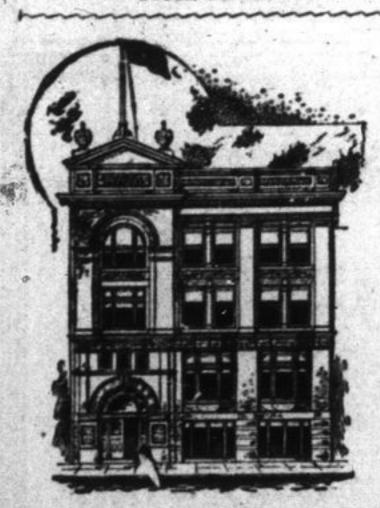
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WHOSE HANDIWORK IS THIS If the extract given below were printed apart from the context ouwld never be suspected as an extract from the circular sent out by of it \$12 per acre was paid. There is the Ontario Resources' Commission, of which the lieutenant-governor is the subject. the chairman, and the premier of Ontario, the vice-president, But such is the fact. Indeed the whole com mittee is composed of men whose alliance with the conservative party no cne questions, and it must be assumed that they concur with the sentiments which are expressed in this circular. Certain facts are se forth. There is the menace to Great Britain's food supply by the submarine campaign, the crisis that would follow, by the failure of Britain through any cause in the war, and the unpromising outlook by a late season and a late sowing in Europe to the need of America's sustaining power, the circular continues:

In Canada, as in the United Sta perience with coal during the winter did not tend to allay their fears or restore confidence.

mainly wanting. Private enterprise, end appears to have broken down. at the behest of the provincial government, is doing all that is being done for the stimulation of producing of our Allies as well as of ourselves on his conscience, and the

There ought to be an immediate offenders the necessary lesson. veto by the government on the raising of prices. This is what is driving the people to panic more than the fear of scarcity; they know that their wages or salaries are fixed quantities, and they see prices soaring, and continuing to soar, until come a time when the people cannot afford to buy. The price of coal is

the federal government are indirect- gone near to the firing line, and were ly censured. The provincial govern- not figuring upon doing this. The exment, while advising the people as cuse is that they are doing necessary to what they should do under the work, and yet it is work which could circumstances, has not acted itself be as well done by the women, and with the discretion which one would the double pay under the circumexpect. It has really done little to stances is inexcusable. Besides no bring about greater production. The one supposed that the war would be federal government appears to be so long continued. The third year dazed. It is shamefully inert. The is nearing an end. These favored ofcircular says the country wants ficials should, therefore, be given to leadership in the government and at- understand that they have enjoyed tributes to its inactivity the shame, their double pay long enough, espec disgrace, outrage, crime and scan- fally when they have not made any dal, which prevail so far as the special sacrifices in behalf of their social conditions are concerned. The country. They could have been condemnation is sweeping, and it promised employment in their old of-has been issued by a commission fices at the old salaries when they rewhich has been appointed by the On- turned. Instead of that they have tario government. Who has been been getting full pay all along, and slamming the ministers in this are even now looking for the usual etatutory increases. dreadful way?

THE HEART OF FRANCE. The appeal of M. Viviani, repre-

enting the French delegation and been heard. M. Viviani was not a the evil. commissioner to Canada. It was happy suggestion, however, that while in America he should visit our Capital. His was a message at once most powerfully demonstrative of the heart aches of the French republic. Read down, in cold print, and un-

influenced by the fervour of the other. speaker, it is moving enough. But as an expression of an orator it became a living force. And its import? That in defence of all that a nation holds dear, in liberty, integrity, honor, and life itself, France had gone into the vader had suffered severely. She had been supported loyally and truly and effectively by the British Empire. Canada had been represented in the great . struggle by an army whose exploits would live in history.

But the end was not yet. The peroration was the climax. With outstretched hands he begged for the continued support of those year, delivered in city .....\$6.00 whose sons would help to mould the year, if paid in advance ....\$5.00 destiny of affairs, and under his impact, to United States ....\$2.50 passioned speech men and women year, by mail, cash ......\$1.00 wept. This was a visitation wort year, if not paid in advance \$1.50 while. M. Viviani could go away wear, to United States .....\$1.50 satisfied. He had spoken to a sympathetic audience. Parliament no doubt awoke to a new sense of its responsibility. It may still juggle with a great issue, and smother its mpulses and emotions in its regard for petty polities, but it can never lose the inspiration of the great man who reflected in his presence the heart of a chastened France.

> The scandal season has reopened Ottawa. The Camp Borden land transaction is now in the limelight The correspondence so far put shows that \$8 per acre was offered for some of the land, while for some a whole lot yet to be learned upon

SLACKERS IN THE STATES. It is said that the government has officers at the frontier towns and cities, making notes of the names and number of those who cross into the States, in order to evade military service. The suggestion is ment between the Canadian government and the government of the United States, these slackers or deand forced to return. Think of it Recording by the slowest and most incomplete methods the men who can and will not serve their country, plain, menacing type. A person who effect upon passengers who take carethe New York Morning Telegraph as and hoping that by still slower methods the government of the Republic can force them to return to this thirty-second of an inch. country and enlist. If the governtes, at the Telegraph says, there is ment means business—and it has not no need for panic about food. But meant this so far-it can at once, as in Canada there is real need for a it has been urged to do, enforce the the dining-room that somebody has apple pie is considered a delicacy Militia Act, and without much delay ordered beefsteak smothered in on- Nevertheless, if it were not for the likely to be done at present, to regu- proceed to supplement the forces it ion. The menu card is a great dis- dining car, thousands of passengers late the conditions, as is urgently has already sent into the war. The appointment to frugal passengers would go hungry from Salt Lake City needed, of production, of prices, of men at the front have a right to exstorage and distribution, and of pri-vate hoarding. It is the fear that the gaovernment will not take the were, to their fate. They had reas ting a \$2 bill both ways from the gets up from the table leaving nothprecautions necessary to prevent the son to believe that they would be middle, and it is not an unusual sight ing visible but the water bottle people becoming panicky. Their ex- protected, as far as possible, in the fight, that their places, were to be taken as they retired, wounded and What is needed is government incapacitated, and the whole maleadership, and that is what is chinery of the government to this

Kingston can do without Sunday tion hereabouts. We need a food baseban, an public places, and by minister, who would have the feed- young men who should be better employed. Shame and reflection may proper steps to be taken in his produce their effects, and if they fail the police magistrate may teach the

DOUBLE PAID OFFICIALS The federal government pleads that it cannot stop the double pay of certain officials with whom, when war they feel that if the middleman is broke out, it entered into a compact going on indefinitely in his business that while in the military service, of bleeding the public there will they would receive full pay. Some rash promises were certainly made to WALT MASCH. an outrage. The price of wheat is a the civil servants. They were told crime. The price of potatoes is a that if they enlisted their positions scandal. The price of food generally would be kept open for them and is a shame and a disgrace. The outshame and disgrace are taking the to the pay of the militia department. heart out of the people who suffer. The expectation was, of course, that Those who are well-to-do lay in the soldiers or officers would train stores. But all the outrage and for service at the front, and, once of the government that fails to pro- overseas, they were content to ocvide proper direction and control. | cupy positions in the military estab-Both the local government and lishments or offices. They had not

EDITORIAL NOTES.

the mind and heart of the French it should be spared in Canada. The expression of public opinion? people, delivered in the parliament of government in licensing it commits a Canada, appears to have ben the great offence. Taxation of profits and most touching address that has ever provincial revenue do not mitigate

> The farmers of the west are likely to become hopelessly involved in political parties with different aims and conflicting plans. The Grain Growers' Association and the Farmers' League are likely to destroy each

The destruction of Jerusalem is threatened by the Turks. They declare that they will lay it in ruins rather than see it pass into the possession of the British, and they will war, and in repelling the ruthless in- probably be able to give effect to this threat.

> Up-town pay stations, in connection with the Utilities Department, have been advocated. They may cost a trifle, but not very much. Shop men in digerent parts of the city should be able to collect the monthly rates on a small commission.

> The loss of the Prussian Guard, in the attack on the enemy at Fontaine-lez-Croisilles, recalls the sacrifice which Napoleon made of the Old Guard at Waterloo. There are times when the battle-scarred veterans of any army fail to carry the

> Does an extension of the parliamentary term mean a national government? Is the Borden party willing to surrender on this point? And if so, are the liberals of the federal house willing, at this late date, to co-operate with the conservatives in forming a war ministry?

Three strong conservative papers have pronounced in favour of conscription—the Ottawa Journal, the Montreal Gazette, and the Toronto istrator he is a failure.

News. Are they paving the way for Horse racing should be tabooed a surrender of the government? Or until after the war. Of all things are they forcing results through an

Who Does the Calling. (Hamilton Times) Everybody is calling for conscription but the slackers and the Dominion Government.

> All Heading Our Way. (Toronto Globe)

Pro-German rulers everywhere are being booked for Salt Creek, and German rulers are likely to join them later on.

No Yellow In It. (London Advertiser) The Zeitung Am Mittag says that the United States is only a "blown egg shell." But Germany must realize that there wasn't as much yellow in that egg as she counted on.

Slaughter Goes On. (Montreal Star) Just as the new Russian Government grants full liberty to the Jews, Germany's cherished ally begins another Jewish massacre in Palestine, a circumstance which will scarcely be overlooked by Jews the world

What Borden Meant

(Exchange) The reiterated refusal of ernment to go into the manufacture of munitions suggests, that when Premier Borden talked of consecrating the whole power of the nation to the war he meant the whole verbal power of the leaders.

New Head Wanted. (Hamilton Herald) Mr. Crothers is a good-natured, easy-going elderly lawyer who means well but is hopelessly lacking in the energy necessary to efficient administration. A new head for the Labor Department is urgently needed. As a judge he is still capable of service; or he would make a dignified Senator. As a war-time admin-

THE DINING CAR

Dining cars are operated for the Dining cars are constructed on a serters from duty, will be identified the hard-boiled egg and the Ben the guest with mixed rations at no will not have to lower his eyes over a selves in the left ear.

> tilated kitchens which conceal the pole vault in the Olympic games. It is food while it is being cooked, while also one of the few places yet extant

to see an embarrassed tourist wit draw noiselessly to the smoking car The popular conception of the din- and console himself with a seed oring car is that it is a portable res- ange. Most people, however, rethat later, and through an agree- taurant which is owned by the rail- main and pick out, a few durable roads and paid for every thirty days dishes which they can pronounce plainly with an indelible pencil.

> benefit of people who are averse to swinging platform, which provides Davis apple as traveling companions, extra cost. When the car attempts to It has many conveniences, including take a few reverse curves and a polite conductor, and a bill of fare straighten out without breaking in with the prices printed upon it in two, the motion has a discouraging

> Dining cars make a specialty of Dining cars have small, well-ven- serving coffee that could win the at the same time advising those in where the iron-hooped, chrome nickel who wander in under the impression to Seattle. We should also remem-

### Rippling Rhymes



SALT THEM DOWN Now, more than ever, we should salt our kopecks

in a fireproof vault. He is a prudent man and wise who sets in to economize, before the stress of war arrives; he'll save, and checks his spendthrift wives. We've talked about H. C. of L. and did some groaning for a spell; but when our hosts to battle rush and On and after first of May Uncle Sam'l needs the cush, to pay for snickersnees and swords, and polish off the foreign hordes, the cost of living will arise until it rubs against the skies. We'll all dig up, with cheerful grin, to help our noble legions win, and we should have the coin on hand, if we would aid our native land. There is more virtue in our pence than in five miles of eloquence. Economy should straightway reign throughout this eminent domain. True patriots will strongly try to save the country's food supply, and that will count for vastly more than any speaker's frenzled roar. In luxury we long have dwelt; no stern privation have we felt, but no man knows what oads we'll bear, so for the worst let us prepare.

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