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THINGS TO BE DEPLORED.

plications such as have not been ex- in the Commons, or that if carried it perienced in many moons. The im- cannot be enforced. Apparently it plication is that Sir Robert Borden is dawning upon the gove nment has anticipated his party, has spok- that, operating during a time en without due reflection, or with- truce, during a period when it could a proud father who walks down the pty, and in the meantime is perforout waiting to ascertain to what ex- not hold office except with the libetent he enjoyed its support and con- ral support, it is being confronted fidence. Conscription is the rock by difficulties that it cannot over- him by the prospect of this ordeal. in white kid gloves and beady perupon which the ship of state may come. presently be wrecked. The premier A national government must be of the house, conservatives and na- The premier and his most trusted tions, hulled rice and engraved soup hearsed with great care, so that the tionalists, and now it appears that colleagues have surely realized that ladels. There is no better or surer best man will not put a stray foot he made the announcement without they could not carry on the war, or much consultation, and finds some carry it to a finish, without a war of his fellowers out of touch with ministry, one whose sole object rented pews and a scating capacity be educated so that he will not try to him upon the subject. They think would be to accomplish the purpose of 2,000 lorgnettes. Thousands of give the bride a way before the offi-

the Militia Bill when he started to ties. It cannot be shirked any furrequired. It will be remembered ed. that be said he was held back and A referendum has been suggested. checked in his recruiting in order to It would be obviously incomplete gratify the manufacturers. Their and improper without a vote of the plants were being left, through en- soldiers at the front, and who that listments, weakly and inadequately is in his right mind would think of manned. Realizing recently that that at the present time. A win-the something was needed to revive re- war government at this juncture, eruting, and that a little compulsion | nearly three years after the entrance was necessary, he informed the pre- of Canada into the conflict, would mier of what he was going to do. be considerably handicapped, but it It is the proper thing, of course, to may be the best and only thing advise the leader of the government available, and for what it is worth or house when one makes a move of it may be tried. this kind, and the premier anticipat-

ed-Sir Sam. The wise men at Ottawa-including the correspondents who listen to the gossio of the day, and present it in the most acceptable form-say that Sir Robert did not give the ernment afraid of? matter much consideration. He referred to it at only one cabinet His announcement followed and was something of a sur-Now the question is what is to be done about it? Conscription | yellow about this man. is dividing the members of the house in an unexpected way. Party lines are being broken up. A vote on the subject will show, probably, a registration of conservatives and liberals and nationalists in new for- the people in the east? mations. In the face of this, or in preparation for it, a reconstruction of the cabinet is suggested, a cabinet made up of conservatives that stay out of the new cabinet. Rogers could not control legislation, and, wrecked in its efforts to rule, would will happen should he resign, dissolve the house and appeal to the

tion during the war? The difficulty dresses are models of clearness and now is not a party one, except it be conciseness. He does not pretend to a difficulty between the men who be an orator, but is better than that want to run a war on political lines. He is a philosopher. and a party who want to run it nonpolitically. The times call for something different from this. Can- Mohawk Aviation Station on Sunada has had too much politics thus day. A large number of young men far. What it needs now is a war thus advertised themselves as cabinet, such as Britain possesses, a slackers. Some of them may be cabinet composed of the strongest surprised later as to how they were men in parliament, if possible, or in picked out for military service. partiament and out of it, men with great ideals and purposes and the Hon. Bob Rogers attributes Judge capacity to put them into execution. Galt's report against him to a de-If what one hears, he true-that sire to suppress one who is a menpetty politics are influencing the ace to the liberals- A menace to men at Ottawa in this great crisis of his own party, he means. He has to the nation every patriot must de go. With such an unsavory repuplore it. It gives some indication of tation saltpetre cannot save him. what democracy suffers when the nation's best men are out of harmeny and action.

not as aggressive as the German war consideration. cabinet, wherever it is located, or up, nor has it made use of its great tinction. Why? Any reason? warships. These great monsters that gested a reconstruction of the admir- study with advantage. alty staff. Under this reconstruction It does beat all that even in a war some officials actually go to sleep. As for the aerial craft, those in England who oppose reprisals will be the German bombing of last week. in service apparently, and they have Britain, the United States and New injury to the border towns of Engreprisals. Let them go on though

> The British air and naval fleets are at their best when they are kept in motion. As soon as they become inactive the Germans get in their

against them.

WIN-THE-WAR GOVERNMENT.

The news from Ottawa is discon- anything it is that the Borden gov-

seemed to express the mind of those formed. This is the declaration who represent the government side now. It should have been foreseen. he has been a little too previous. | of its existence. Conscription has brides have returned home after the ciating clergyman reaches a four-bar The pity is that Sir Sam Hughes been avoided too long. It has been did not move for the enforcement of the bete noir of both political pardo this. He favored this course a ther, and yet, if the Ottawa reports Tong time ago. He may have felt, can be relied upon, there is not while he was minister of militia, much use in authorizing it, or trythat it was the most expeditious way ing to put it through the House, unof getting the troops that Canada til the war ministry has been form-

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Lavergne advertises himself as pro-German and anti-conscription- WALT MASCAL ist. Why is he not put in some interment camp? What is the gov-

Lavergne not so long since said he wanted conscription. Now he does not want it under any circumstances. There is something unmistakably

The talk of conscription has stimulated recruiting. Last week over four hundred men donned the khaki in Toronto. What is the matter with

Some members of the federal government may resign, expecting to is not one of them. He knows what

Mr. Balfour has been setting a Is this the way to avoid an elec- new pace in speech-making. His ad-

There was an excursion to the

The labor unions are against conscription. They think the war can

THERE WILL BE REPRISALS. be won without depleting their volve, as there could be no "count Britain's war cabinet is being tanks. But conquest cannot be ing of heads" in such a matter withroasted in the British press because, achieved except by strength of armof its lack of accomplishments. It is ies, and to win the war is the first opportunity to vote, and this would

whoever compose its membership. The World comments upon the Dissatisfaction circles about the sub- eagerness of Toronto University to narine menace and the aerial invas- give honorary degrees to public men not succeeded as it expected. It has ness to honor labor men, who, like marines, but it has not bottled them risen by sheer ability to places of dis-

ride the deep and count in great en- What makes Viviani and Balfour gagements are one thing, and smaller star attractions in public addresses? craft that can pursue the submarine One dramatizes his thoughts. He bepests and put them out of business is lieves what he says. The other reanother thing. The attack on the veals his innermost thoughts in a admiralty has had one effect. The most charming way. Both speak premier has been probing into things, without affectation. They- have on his own account, and recently sug- given the M.P's, lessons they can

WIN-THE-WAR MINISTRY NECESSARY

There is much said about a refer-tional interests may demand. This rids the people of the idea that endum on the part of the members of land. This must be stopped through referendum is the delay it would in- country before all else.

out the men who are overseas fighting Canada's battles being given an be a matter of many weeks, and pos-

sibly of months. > The responsibility for the situation which has now arisen is due to the

manner in which the men now in

power at Ottawa have left Canada ns. In one field the admiralty has and scholars. It shows no eager-ungoverned ever since the outbreak of the war, their adoption of "kid glove" methods instead of firm condone a great deal to hamper the sub- Arthur Henderson, of Britain, have trol, resulting in the gross failures shown in the National Service registration, the voluntary plan applied to enlistments for home defence, the collapse in recruiting for overseas, the rising tide of popular clamour against war profits and the lack of any effort at control over the high cost of living. The government could have grappled with all these questions had it strengthened itself by a coalition or by summoning to its councils the best men available from the business world, but it disregarded the precedent set by the other countries at war, and preferred to blunder along, holding on to office at any cost

It is to be hoped that the immediate result of the existing situation will be the formation of a "Win-thewar" administration at Ottawa, one n which will be bold enough and strong enough to put through any necessary measures which the na-

Using Sir Sam's Thunder.

(Continued on page 11.)

(Pamilton Spectator) One year, by mail, cash\$1.00 with them smaller air craft which Zealand, all democracies, introduced looks like a case of stealing Sir Sam Premier . Borden's announcement One year, to United States\$1.50 have been carrying great havoc and conscription without any such refer- Hughes' thunder along the same ence because of the necessities of the lines. Sam will rejoice all the same. war situation. One objection to a In his own forceful way, he puts

THE CHURCH WEDDING

The church wedding is a costly terias. If the crisis at Ottawa mean social function which is anticipated. The church wedding is a very trywith great pleasure by everybody but ing occasion for the bridegroom, who ernment cannot carry conscription the bride's father, who is obliged to is never sure whether he put the remain after the guests have gone ring in his lower left-hand vest pocmise Me" four tones away from the begins a frantic search through sevof key in which it is being played. Many eral pockets which are perfectly emaisle with a sprig of orange blossoms ated by the reproachful gaze of sevnot any more durable than those weddings there would be a larger underneath an evergreen horseshoe, groom. but they call forth more congratula- Church weddings have to be re-

pepper sets, cream pitchers and silver spoons to stock three or four cafe-

and settle up with the orchestra and ket or swallowed it on the way in. the mezzo soprano who sings "O Pro- When called upon to produce it he stabbing him in the right ear, has eral hundred guests who have never had the entire ceremony spoiled for tried to locate the 14-carat ring clad Marriages performed in church are spiration. If there were more church which take place in the front parlor, measure of sympathy for the bride

way of securing a setting out of through the bride's train and cause china and cut glass in triplicate than a hurried postponement of the cereby being married in a church with mony. The bride's father also has to honeymoon and upon checking up the rest. On this account, people with wedding presents found that they a weak heart should always be marhave enough meat forks, salt and ried by a justice of the peace.

Rippling Rhymes

THE SOLDIER'S FAREWELL The soldier for the battle leaves, and to his, girl

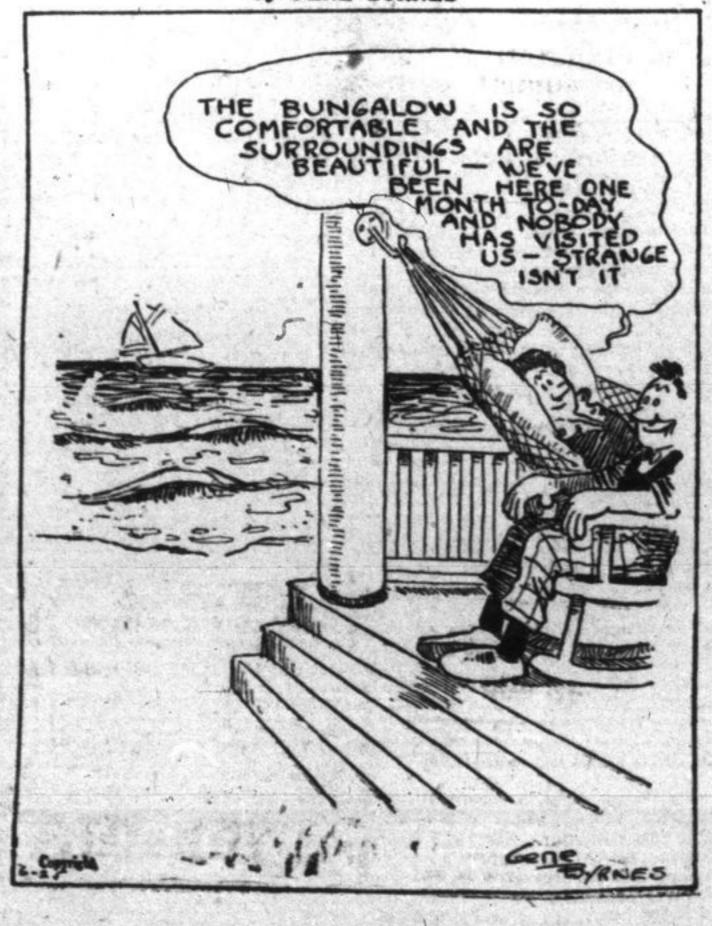


he says, "My pet, I've donned my vambrace and my greaves, my pauldrons, helm and solleret. My country calls, and I must go to fight for her, on land or sea, and every time I bag a foe. I'll think, Miranda Jane, of three. We'd planned our wedding for this spring, the month of June should see us one; but there will be no wreath or ring until this righteous scrap is done We'll join our hands when I come back from scenes of turmoil and of gore; I love you nine ways from the WE WOULD LIKE TO jack, but, dear, I love my country more. You could not honor me, dear maid, if in your secret heart you knew that I was shrinking and afraid, when banners waved and bugles blew. I hear of young men wedding That our store is stocked with the girls that they may dodge the battle line; those brides, alas, are casting pearls before the cheapest kind of swine. Unless I have my girl's respect, I do not ask her for her love; and so I go forth to collect a lot of German scalps, my dove. My tassets, cuishes, shield are on, my gorget's fastened in its place;

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN By GENE BYRNES

and so one kiss, and then I'm gone, to make some Prussians run a race."

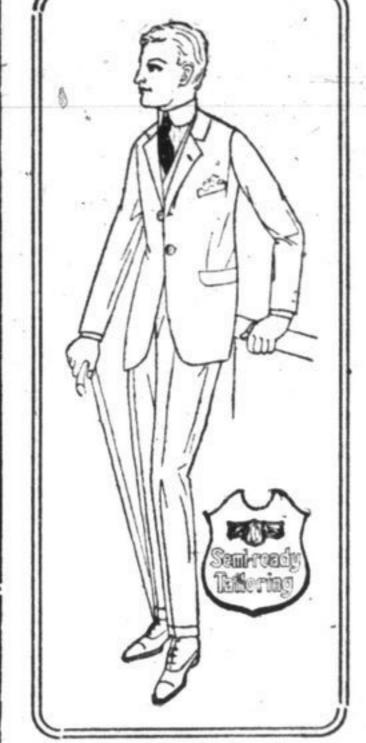


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