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POWER OF THE PRESIDENT.

The president of the United States is personally the most influential man in any nation or republic. He is the dynamic force behind legislation, which, but for him, would not sometimes succeed and find approval.

But no president seemed to have quite the perspicacity and persistence of Mr. Wilson. He is no academic dreamer, but a most practical man, with the power to express himself clearly upon any subject, and with the vision that makes him to say the right thing at the right time.

By the way, the measure is very drastic in its character. It makes the manipulation of foods in any form—storing supplies, limiting the quantity of them, restricting their distribution, or reducing the production or manufacture of them—an offence which is punishable, on conviction, with a fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for two years.

Rev. Dr. Williams writes to the papers to say that he was only recruiting among the English-speaking people of Quebec. But he was advertised as Canada's chief recruiting officer. Which was a mistake?

GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONTROL. The labor department of the federal government has made a report upon the cold storage concerns of Canada, and the impression has been given that it does not reveal any thing alarming. No? Well it shows this: That the one hundred odd plants handled during the year 46,000,000 lbs. of butter, 70,000,000 lbs. of cheese, 28,000,000 dozens of eggs, and 189,000,000 lbs. of beef, on which the profit was \$4,750,000.

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and sometimes these fall when the supply is generous or plentiful—it is well that the supplies can be put in storage and kept. Sooner or later the demand for this will revive, and the sale be made at lower figures. So long as cold storage plants are used under these circumstances, for the preservation of perishable goods, well and good. But if they are used as a means to an end and that end is to maintain high prices, the object of the government in aiding the cold storage institutions has been in vain.

Yes, there was a faint attempt to recruit the French, by French-Canadian officers, but that was after the situation had been made serious by the faulty work of others.

OUR PATRIOTIC FUNDS.

The finance minister promises that some of the demands for a conscription of wealth have been heard because certain reputable wealthy men have ignored the Red Cross Society and its needs of assistance. He has suggested that in any new system of taxation those must be exempted who have generously contributed to the patriotic funds. That would be one way of making what are called our tight-wads loosen up.

What's this? That Uncle Sam is getting slow and tired, and that if he does not look out he will be too late to get into the war. That will never do.

SINN FEINERS' TROUBLES.

The government released the Sinn Feiners unconditionally. Some of them had been committed to prison for serious offences. The rebellion in Dublin was attended by a sad loss of life, and a contingency of this kind could not be easily overlooked or forgotten. At the same time it appeared that the Irish convention, for a free, untrammelled, and friendly interchange of sentiments, on the subject of Home Rule, could not be expected, while any class was chafing under the restraints of government.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Horse racing has been suppressed in England. It will not be resumed until after the war, and only then in the interests of horse breeding.

France sets an example to the Allies. So impressed has been the government with the universality of sacrifice that since since the war began it has not conferred civil distinctions upon anyone. France becomes a model in this respect.

The Food Control Department of the United States will not lack for the sinews of war. The bill in its favor is accompanied by an appropriation of \$152,000,000. Hoover, with all this money at his command, should make things hum.

The liberal premier of England is hearing from the liberal party for his willingness to make hereditary earls and viscounts and barons while he is fighting the hereditary system, and "dealing faithfully with the dukes."

Rev. (Capt.) Cameron, of Toronto, after a short visit to his home, goes back to the trenches. He says the church cannot deal with the returned soldier on the old basis. He has the spirit of the crusader, and will rally only to the church militant in its attitude towards the forces of evil.

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Certainly Did. From Pearson's Weekly. "When she hit him with the golf ball, did it knock him senseless?" "I think so. I understand, they are soon to marry."

PUBLIC OPINION

Laying in of Hands. (Post-Examiner) An Anglican Synod has voted for the conscription of wealth—more unholy hands laid upon the ark of conscription.

Couldn't Take It. (Montreal Citizen) A despatch from Montreal says the late Senator MacKay "left" \$80,000,000. Evidently he did not take any of it with him.

Close Comrades. (Montreal Examiner) The relations between Sir Sam Hughes and Premier Borden seem to be about as cordial as those which usually exist between an iceberg and a seething flame.

Ten Years Hence. (Winnipeg Free Press) Ten years hence no Canadian will care to be reminded that in the Great War, when men died by tens of thousands for liberty, he was the conscious or unconscious agent of the Kaiser.

Burdens of Titles. (Toronto News) "Unquestionably the man who worries himself to secure a title or a baronetcy or a peerage is a foolish person. He will quickly discover that a title has little social, commercial or political value."

Too Much Senate. (Toronto Telegram) This country would sooner tear down the Canadian Senate now established at Ottawa than help build up an Imperial Senate or Pan-British House of Lords to be established at London, England.

Depending on Canada. (Exchange) Lord Rhondda, the new British Food Controller, points out that the provisioning of the Allies from this time forward depends mainly upon Canada and the United States. This is a fact that should curb extravagance and stop waste until the war is over.

HELPING RED CROSS WITH GREAT GIFTS

Montreal Gazette. Fifty wealthy business men in Buffalo will meet together for the purpose of eating a dinner that will cost each of them \$10,000. Five hundred thousand dollars will be the gross amount, and this magnificent sum is to be handed over to the Red Cross Society to be spent for the benefit of the brave boys who are battling on land and sea to redeem the world from the curse of Prussianism. The menu for the dinner will be remarkable for its simplicity, but it will live in history as one of the grandest contributions of wealth in the cause of humanity.

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A friend writes: It would be a good idea to put this paragraph in your window alongside the "bulletins": "May it not be said without irreverence that if Great Britain claims dominion over the seas, if Britannia 'rules the waves' it is because her rule has been the rule of absolute justice to all the nations of the earth. Truly, as has been said: 'The sea is His; He made it; And Britain keeps it free.'"

TO DECIDE FUTURE OF HOUSE OF LORDS

A Conference is to be Summoned by the British Government. London, June 26.—Significant indication of even greater democratization of the British Governmental system was contained in an announcement by Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government has decided to summon a conference to deal with "the future composition of the House of Lords."

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pithy and Pointed Way. The Cobalt and Porcupine miners have voted for a strike unless an increase of fifty cents per day is granted. The gift of \$100,000 sent by Major Napier Keefer, Toronto, to the King for use in whatever way he deemed suitable has been allocated.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



URGENT NEEDS OF CANADA NOW

According to the statistical estimate of R. H. Coats, quoted by Sir Robert Borden last Monday, there are in Canada 760,453 unmarried men between the ages of 20 and 45, and 822,086 married men between the same ages. The whole force of this nation cannot be said to be behind the men on active service until every possible man of the 1,582,539—and older men at least up to the age of 60—can pass muster as being engaged in an essential war industry, if not on military service.

But, before men in a democracy can be drafted into compulsory national service, the essential war industries must be actually operating for national service and not for private gain. Such industries as transportation, the heavy metal industries and coal mines, shipping and shipbuilding, munitions and other war supplies, and the storage of food and fuel, can be supplied with an abundance of labor from the civilian armies of men still in Canada.

EVADING DIVISION ON RACIAL LINES

Catholic Record, London. "Partizan politicians, and, to a more alarming degree, a partizan press, have suddenly discovered they have been playing with fire. Even after it had become evident that mutual understanding, goodwill and co-operation, if not coalition, had become imperative, the discussion of the crisis was carried on with an eye to party advantage, and a reckless disregard for what all profess to be an issue of paramount importance to Canada, and with equal disregard for the serious mortal and material effect it may have on the conduct of the war."

"If the people of Canada voted against conscription it would establish the fact that the people of this self-governing country refuse to give the government a mandate for conscription. If conscription were carried, Quebec would undoubtedly abide by the result. In either case the division on racial lines which menaces the peace and unity of the Dominion would be obliterated."

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