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THE FATE OF A SPY.

In Monday's Whig a cablegram announced that Mata-Hari, the pet name of Margaret Gertrude Zelle McLeod, a dancer from Holland, and the alleged "vampire of a real tank drama" had been taken out of St. Lazarre prison in France and shot.

The French paper, which purchased the memoirs, will be closely scanned by a large number of very anxious people.

The Canadian Courier had a man who went into the country to astonish the farmers with his feats at pitching grain and plowing.

WHAT DOES THIS TYPEFY? The merchants of the city, and citizens generally, who have occasion to use the steamer which plies upon the Cape Vincent-Kingston route, do not apparently realize their indebtedness to the Transportation Committee of the Board of Trade.

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with increase in usefulness, as its owners feel that an appreciative people are behind them. But the point is that the citizens make no manifestation of regard for the committee which has been so devoted to its task, and for whose performances no word of thanks has been expressed.

Has the Greater Production Committee gone out of business? The season is not yet over. What about the fall plowing? If it be not attended to what will be the effect upon the crops of 1918?

A PLETHORA OF EXCUSES.

From various sources reports have come with regard to the registration under the Military Service Act. Men of the first class must present themselves and be medically examined. They can, at the same time, file their applications for exemptions, and the percentage which are putting in excuses for non-service is amazingly large.

The men who pass upon these excuses will be keen in their discernment and sound in their judgment. It took the British judges some time to become really expert in the analysis of character, for that is the work practically of the exemption boards; and the greatest successes were scored in some of the labor centres when the examiners happened to be representatives of labor and knew the conditions which prevailed, generally, and in individual cases, quite as well as the men who pleaded for favors.

A rumor of the greatest significance comes from Quebec, where plans are being laid to launch the Victory loan. Quebec is immensely wealthy, and it is said that \$100,000,000 will be subscribed. Quebec may not have given of her young men in so large a number as the circumstances have suggested. Under compulsion the French-Canadians may surpass the English by the generosity of their acts, and chief among these will be the contributions to the new war loan.

EDITORIAL NOTES. It is suggested that the Army Service Corps help the farmers to reap their root crops. Otherwise, there may be a waste of food stuffs, and that will never do.

Mr. Hanna has decided not to fix the cost of potatoes at \$1.25 per bag. He had better not, at any rate for the present, suggest this to the man who paid \$5 per bag for his seed.

Sir Sam Hughes is not pleased with the new government. He prefers party government, especially when he is a member of it. It looks as if his day for a new exaltation is far, far away.

Attention is called to the fact that the Military Service Act of 1906 provided for the conscription of Canadian soldiers for foreign service. Why was it not enforced? Sir Wilfrid Laurier could not object.

A friend of the Toronto News has realized that union government is a liberal contrivance to do away or defeat the conservative party later on. That is what used to be called "buncombe." It is now called "bosh."

H. G. Wells is an intellectual curiosity. He has no use for preachers or churches. He does not think the world has any use for them. For some or for all? Time some board of experts was passing upon his mentality.

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PUBLIC OPINION

Ralph Surely Knows. (Ottawa Citizen) Ralph Connor says that union government will sweep the west. And Ralph Connor knows the spirit of the West as few others do.

It Certainly Will. (Peterboro Examiner) The character of the new government will largely be determined by

the extent to which the old "leaven" leavens the new "dough."

The Very Latest. (Toronto Star) It is mostly wheat, bacon, and cheese that Great Britain wants from Canada. So one need not hesitate to pass up for a second helping of potatoes.

Very Particular. (Western Times) They don't kick much on the increased price of booze, but the same men are very conscientious objectors when their wives pay a cent more for milk or sugar.

Afraid of Them. (Montreal Star) The Kaiser consented not to shoot one in seven of the men which were sent of him—not out of pity, but out of fear that one of their relatives might shoot him.

Honest Advice. (Hamilton Times) These Conservative Liberals who propose to meet in this city on the 25th inst. to select a leader for themselves, may now be willing to trust themselves to the new Union Government.

Time of the Election. (Montreal Herald) Let it be a relief to hear from Ottawa that the most distant date now mentioned for the elections is the first week in March. Let us see that is only twenty-one weeks from now. Add four more weeks for the soldiers' vote, recounts, etc., and we ought to know the result in about twenty-five weeks!

CONTEMPORARY OPINION

Watering Bacon? (Toronto News) According to the evidence taken before the court of investigation, one of the curing processes used by the William Davies Company has materially added to the weight of the bacon supplied to the British War Office. One witness has said that the post curing process injects three per cent of moisture into the finished product.

University Avenue Pavement Completed Wednesday at Noon. When the Board of Works meets in four o'clock this afternoon, the City Engineer will report that the University Avenue pavement was completed at noon and that the remainder of the avenue between Garrett and Princess streets will be open for traffic on Thursday afternoon. The City Council next Monday evening will decide whether there will be boulevards outside the walks of the avenue or whether the space between the curbs and the walks will be concreted.

Rippling Rhymes

GOING OUT In this fair world in which we dwell no man's so greatly needed that when they toll his passing bell his going is much heeded. Today we see a shining guy of whom the world is talking, and we remark, "If he should die 't would set the planet rocking. Oh, it would jolt this country hard, to lose this human pattern; the solar system would be jarred from Jupiter to Saturn."

WALT MASCHA

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN By GENE BYRNES

I'VE BEEN PRACTICING MEDICINE FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS AND I NEVER HAD A PATIENT DEAT ME OUT OF A DOLLAR



ment shows a greater frankness than it has done up to the present.

The Coming Election. Toronto Star In reply to enquiries received it seems necessary to state that the forming of a union Government, including representative men of both political parties throughout Canada, does not obviate the necessity for holding a general election at as early a date as possible.

The country will now be without a Parliament until a new one has been elected. The life of the late Parliament had already been extended for one year, but the proposal for a second extension was dropped when a considerable opposition to it developed.

There will necessarily be a general election, but the difference in the situation will be that the Government that will now appeal to the country for support will be a united administration composed of representative men of both parties, asking approval of their action in forming a non-partisan ministry for the period of the war.

There is here such a union of leading men of both parties in Canada, sinking their differences while the war lasts, that a general election need not now provoke the violent disturbance that was threatened when a partisan fight seemed inescapable.

The war is the main thing. The forming of the union Government for war purposes during the war period affords the whole people the opportunity to shove party politics aside and centre attention on the greater affairs of these times.

Good for Brewster. Premier Brewster's visit to Ottawa last week, to encourage the uniting of political forces in Canada for the war, while the machine politicians stay behind to sulk in their tents, if not to work mischief against him, is a rare exhibition of patriotism on the part of a Canadian public man.

BOARD OF WORKS TO MEET University Avenue Pavement Completed Wednesday at Noon.

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