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FAULTY CONTROL ENDS.

There is heavy fighting on the
Plave River, and the world, in a
state of anxiety, by reason of several
unexpected, and according to Lloyd-
George, unnecessary reverses, awaits
the outcome of it. If we are to ac-
cept the premier's version of it the
war has been prolonged because the
Allies have not been united. They
have had an agreement to the effect
that they would co-operate to a cer-
tain extent, that financially they
would "bleed" for each other, that
no sacrifice would be too great in
order to succeed in the end. But
there has been all along a fatal
weakness in that a war council, such
as undoubtedly exists in Germany,
did not prevail among the Allies,
and that they were not charged with
definite responsibilities at specific
points or centres. What Lloyd-
George has termed the unthinkable
fault was committed when Serbia
was abandoned to her fate. Perhaps
the word abandoned may be disput-
ed; yet Serbia was not relieved or
assisted until Austria had overrun
the country and cursed and ruined it
as far as possible. As to why this
was the case Premier Lloyd-George
explains:

"No one in particular was charged
with guarding the Balkan gate. The
unique front had not become a
reality. France and England were
absorbed by other problems in other
regions. Italy thought only of the
Carso. Russia was mounting guard
over a frontier of a thousand miles,
and even without that she could not
have passed through to have helped
Serbia, because Rumania was neutral.
It is true that we sent troops to
Salonica to succor Serbia, but, as
always, they were sent too late. Half
the men who fell in the vain effort to
pierce the western front in Septem-
ber that same year would have saved
Serbia, saved the Balkans, and
completed the blockade of Ger-
many."

The premier's perturbation of
mind may be inferred, when he
states that, having done so Italy to
study the situation after the last
German invasion, he intimated that
had not a war council, with clearer
views, been decided upon he would
have resigned his position. He must
have indulged in plain speaking, and
he admits that this was done before
the United States Government had
been heard from, and it represented
a new and mighty force, and one not
altogether serviceable at the present
time.

Lovlat Fraser, the English war
critic, became very sarcastic at the
expense of the ministers. Every
autumn, he observes, Germany has,
for effect, devoured a kingdom. Bel-
gium in 1914; Serbia in 1915; Rumania
in 1916; and Italy, to some
extent, in 1917. It has taken three
years for the great men of contin-
ental Europe, outside of Germany,
to organize as one nation. All this
time went for naught while the En-
tente powers were ruled by Germany
and had no voice but the Kaiser's.
The Allies are learning serious
lessons, but it will be all right, if
even now after the sacrifice of so much
life and treasure, there is to be an
end of the faulty control.

The school superannuation scheme
only began last spring and the
School Board has only collected a
part of the year's dues from the
teachers. But the Government takes

A WAR OF FACTIONS.

The condition of Russia is becom-
ing worse, and the degeneracy will
continue until the end of the war.
No one can imagine that, as an out-
come of the present internecine
strife, there can be a form of gov-
ernment which will meet the inter-
ests of the hour, which can master
all the details of an intricate po-
sition, defend the country from the at-
tacks of an implacable foe, and give
to the people the reforms, social and
political, which they have a right to
expect.

Two parties are antagonized. The
one has some sense of the propor-
tions of the war and what it means
to Russia. The other is dominated
by set opinions, dating a long way
back, while the empire was seething
with unrest, and developing under
the tuition of unsuccessful guides.
Some of the men who lead the social-
ist party are honest of heart and
purpose, but others are the mere
tools or puppets in the spy system,
which, at enormous expense, has
been spread by Germany over the
world. The greater danger does not
lie in the open enemy, but in the
secret schemes of men who are plot-
ting for the injury of the nation, and
creating a discontent that is eating
the heart out of it.

Kerensky is a born leader, with
a vision that has done him credit,
but he is not a dictator, one who has
the boldness to do things "at any
cost, and who dares unhesitatingly
to command the army and navy. His
cry that the Allies should do more
for Russia was exceedingly demor-
alizing, and gave the mob the inspira-
tion it desired. The Allies could not
do more than supply Russia with
the money and munitions which she
required, and Russia poorly requit-
ted them when the people quarrelled
among themselves and abandoned
these munitions to the enemy.

There is one power that would
have, if permitted, put an end to the
troubles in the east long ago. Its
troops would have kept the Germans
busy, and would not have receded
from any position they had taken.
Japan wanted to get into the fray,
and would have stayed in and won
out in any engagement. But Japan
would then have wanted her share
of the spoils of victory and Russia
was afraid of that.

The Mail says that J. G. O'Dono-
hue, K.C., a labor man, does not
think the party should have special
representation in the Government.
No? Did he say that? The Mail
seems to be trying to justify Sir Rob-
ert's failure to carry out his prom-
ise to labor.

THE WHIG'S WAR LOAN CAMPAIGN
thermometer shows the progress of
the canvass from day to day. At
the end of the first day the amount
subscribed was about \$250,000; at
the end of the second day the re-
cord was \$160,000; at the close of
the third day \$91,500 had been se-
cured, a total of \$501,500. The can-
vassers report a growing interest in
the loan and an eagerness to invest
under its terms.

In the American campaign there
was what was called a Patriotic
Catechism. It was very helpful in the
information which it conveyed, and
the Whig cannot do better than
adapt a part of it to the Victory
Loan campaign, thus:

Q. Where can I buy a Victory
Bond?
A. At any bank and from any can-
vasser.
Q. How much must I pay down?
A. What you can afford.
Q. What security does the bank
require to lend me money for the
purchase of bonds?
A. The bonds themselves, no more.
Q. How much must I pay monthly
upon each bond I buy?
A. The bank or the canvasser will
arrange with you so that your pay-
ments shall meet your own conven-
ience.

Q. What if I am unable to keep
up my payments?
A. You can sell your bonds. There
is always a market for them.
Q. How do I know that the Gov-
ernment will pay?
A. Because all the public and private
property of Canada is behind the
bonds.
Q. How do I collect the interest?
A. By clipping the coupons on
June 1st and Dec. 1st. These coupons
upon maturity may be deposited in
any bank or used as currency.
Q. What about the registered
bonds?
A. They bear a number and the
name of the person who buys them,
and semi-annually cheques for inter-
est are made to the holders from Ot-
tawa.

Q. If I have only \$10 in available
cash and can put aside only \$10
a week, what should I buy?
A. A \$500 bond.
Q. If I have only \$1.00 and can
save no more than \$1 a week?
A. A \$50 bond.
Q. If I have only a small amount
available and cannot tell what I can
save during the coming year?
A. Call at any bank and ask for
advice.
Q. What excuse have I, therefore,
if I fail to subscribe?
A. None.

The United States Secret Service
agents have already revealed the
hiding places of foods to the value
of \$75,000,000. The aim was to
force up the prices. Now Uncle Sam
proposes to treat all food combin-
ers as enemies of the country. And

CONCESSIONS OF EMPLOYERS.

The employers of the city have
very kindly offered to help their em-
ployees to buy Victory Bonds. There
are three plans in vogue. One is
that of a company which has an
agreement with its staff and to the
effect that it will acquire the ne-
cessary bonds for the employees and
give them time in which to pay for
the same, at a certain specified sum
per month. Another large works
has a special committee at work
evolving a scheme by which the
workmen who approve of it will ac-
quire bonds through twenty-five
monthly payments. The agreement
will be in printed form with coupons,
and one of these coupons will be de-
tached and given to the employee
each pay day. Another large con-
cern has a scheme which is most
favorably regarded by the employ-
ees. The company will pay half of
every bond which is purchased on
the installment plan, and this is a
concession which betokens the great
generosity of the corporation, and a
generosity which is most heartily ap-
preciated.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
Are you wearing the button which
says, "I have bought my Victory
Bond?"
The nation expects every man
with a little money, on hand or in
sight, to do his duty, and buy a Vic-
tory Bond.
A man who was interviewed by a
war loan underwriter asked who was
going to finance the scheme. Who?
The people, of course.

Unless the price is cut
from \$1.40 to 50c per bushel over
100,000 bushels of potatoes will rot
or be fed to the hogs. That is the
news which comes from Chicago.

Mayor Church, of Toronto, is de-
bating whether he should or should
not run for a seat in parliament.
Better to be a king in a ballyhoo
than the occupant of a back bench
in parliament. Tommy likes to be
in the limelight.

Both Germany and
Austria, as a result of the war, must
have water outlets. Germany,
through Antwerp, and Austria, by
the Danube. But the Allies say no,
and with a voice that carries a com-
mand with it.

Everyone who has been heard
from thus far, with regard to the
gardens which they worked last
year, will repeat the venture next
year. They have found the experi-
ment profitable one. They have
all the vegetables they will want
during the winter.

The organization known as the
American Union Against Militarism
has gone out of business in the U-

Public Opinion

Right On the Job.
(Ottawa Citizen)
Kerensky may not be another Na-
poleon, but he is right there with a
rehearsal of the return from Elba
stuff.

An Authority.
(St. Thomas Journal)
Sir John Willison, in an address
in Hamilton, talked of politicians
changing their coats. Sir John
should be an authority on the sub-
ject.

America's Subscribers.
(Hamilton Times)
Persons subscribed to the second
Liberty Loan in the United States is
even more significant than the fact
that the aggregate subscriptions ap-
proached \$5,000,000,000. There is
no limit to the size of our loan.

Voluntary System Falls.
(Grant's Exposition)
In all Canada, in the registrations
for Class 1, 310,736 young men out
of a total of 332,201 registrations,
have applied for exemption. And
yet there are people who are still
carried away with the notion that
Canada's armies can be recruited by
voluntary methods!

Confidence in Cerear.
(Grain Growers' Guide)
Hon. T. A. Cerear is the most
forthright and aggressive Minister of
Agriculture who has been on the job
at Ottawa for many a year. Some
much needed reforms in that depart-
ment may be looked for with con-
fidence. The Department of Agri-
culture has only recently been awak-
ened to the agricultural needs of
Canada.

Helping Italy.
(Toronto Mail)
If Italy can be effectually helped
without weakening our forces on the
Western front, well and good, Italy's
Allies ought to be perfectly sure that
they understand the causes of Italy's
great reverses. There was treachery
somewhere. We must be on our
guard against falling into any of the
many pits dugged for us by the
enemy.

CONTEMPORARY OPINION
Banks and the Victory Bonds.
The Canadian Bankers' Associa-
tion has made a very important de-
cision respecting bank advances on
bonds of the Victory loan. The in-
terest payable by the Government on
the bonds is 5 1/2 per cent. Banks
will finance the purchase of the
bonds, up to 90 per cent, of their
face value, with interest also at 5 1/2
per cent. for a period of one year.
That is, anyone desiring to subscribe
for \$500 worth of the bonds, being
without the necessary cash to pay
for them immediately upon allo-

Kill German Businesses.
London Mail.
Sir Edward Carson said at Port-
smouth that we ought to destroy all
German businesses within reach and
destroy them now. Yet, strange to
say, nothing is done. The German
banks still exist. President Wilson
has shown the possibility of applying
swift and summary methods. With-
in the past few days he has imposed
\$40,000,000 of German funds in the
United States and invested the
money in fighting Germany. There
are to-day \$23,000,000 of securities
in the coffers of the German banks.
Our Treasury says that it wants
money. Why does it not seize this
\$23,000,000 and follow President
Wilson's vigorous lead?

Before the war the Germans stole
our brains and our business by in-
genious financial methods. We must
take very good care to make it im-
possible for them to do this again.
Stamp out the German banks; stamp
out the German financial houses;
and prohibit the employment of
Germans by any business firm with-
out a special license and a special
tax. Their presence has proved to be
a source of incessant danger. In
Russia, in Ireland, in India, at Singa-
pore, in the United States, in Italy,
in France, they have abetted treason
and subverted it.

War in Palestine.
Toronto World.
In Palestine, the Turks are organ-
izing a 20-mile front from Hebron to
Belt Jibrin, for the making of some
sort of stand against the British ad-
vance. The British extreme left has
gone forward for a distance of 20
miles up the coast from Gaza. Brit-
ish mounted troops have made a
further advance towards El Tine. A
force of Scots defeated a night series
of six counter-attacks north of Her-
dish, and also dealt the Turkish right
flank near the coast another heavy
blow, capturing some machine guns.
British aerial observers have seen
confusion verging on panic in a zone
of many miles in the Turkish rear,
but as this terror has not become
extensive enough to affect all the
Turkish army, it is too early yet to
build deductions on its impending ef-
fects. The British continue to ex-
plore the battlefield are finding
much more booty, including 70 lim-
bers and wagons abandoned in good
condition. The main body of the
Turks retired northward, while the
residue broke into panic indescrib-
able and scattered like partridges.
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At Ottawa Samuel Epstein, shop
breaker, and Samuel Merte, gun-
man and shop breaker, who pleaded
guilty to several charges of theft
and shop breaking, were sent to the
penitentiary for three and five years
respectively.

Rippling Rhymes

ARGUMENT

I've never found a joint debate much profit
or much pleasure, though I have arguments of weight,
and facts beyond all measure. My neighbors sit
around all day and argue without ceasing; they jab-
ber, in their tireless way, until their lungs need reas-
turing. They say the same thing over and over, a million
times they've said it; and in the village not a store
will give these blocks credit. They tell how govern-
ments would run if their advice were heeded and lack
the price to buy a ton of coal that's badly needed.
Some of their wives are scrubbing floors and others
take in washing, while all the day these wise old bodes
are arguing and jostling. There are so many useful
jobs that people should be doing. I don't admire the
windy swash, their talkiest still pumping. That man
will yet be in a box, will yet be swatted dizzy, who leans against a post
and talks while other men are busy.

—WALT MASON.

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