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British submarine losses are
again reported light. Evidently the
menace is now well under control.

Horse meat will not prove a very
palatable dish to Anglo-Saxons, but
some filthy shops in London are al-
ready selling it.

Trotsky has at last learned what
all the rest of the world suspected,
that Germany's peace terms were
only a smoke-screen.

The Senate insists on a war coun-
cil of three and President Wilson
vigorously opposes it. The centre
of disturbance will shift to Wash-
ington for a while.

Our fellow-countrymen in Nova
Scotia are experiencing more than
their share of catastrophes these
days. The sympathy of the rest of
Canada is extended to them.

Great Britain is considering the
adoption of decimal coinage as we
have it in North America. The Uni-
ted States reciprocates by adopting
Europe's metric system. That's an
exchange which will benefit both
parties.

To judge by the weather, one
would think the north pole had
broken loose and was heading to-
wards the equator. It must be
somewhere in the vicinity of the
great lakes just now.

Answering the critics and the
noisy fault-finders, the British war
council announces its continued con-
fidence in Field Marshal Haig. If
everyone were doing as well as he
the future would hold less cause for
apprehension.

A citizen laments that the farm-
ers no more bring to the city sleigh-
loads of cordwood, such as once de-
corated the market square and
Brook street. Of course not!
They're too busy reading the war
news and other special features
supplied by The British Whig.

The censorship is an institution
which aims to conceal from us a lot
of facts which the Germans know
perfectly well. The British press is
persistent in its criticism of the
methods followed, declaring that
the public may be lulled into a sense
of false security whereas a knowledge
of the truth would spur them to
greater efforts.

The first Canadian-made aero-
plane engine has just been tested at
Ottawa. It successfully met all re-
quirements, and a thousand of them
will be built at once. Again it has
been demonstrated that what others
can do Canadians can do. And it
wouldn't surprise us to learn that
they can do it just a little better,
too.

STOPPING THE PAPER.
Among the liberal papers in On-
tario which supported the Union
Government in the late election was
the Forest Free Press, of which H.
J. Pettypiece is editor and prop-
rietor. In a recent article he tells
of subscribers who ordered their
papers stopped because of the pa-
per's attitude and comments upon the
fact as follows:

"Mr. Pettypiece did support the
Unionists, both through the Free
Press and on the platform, and has
not regretted it. There was no

party issue, and between the war
policy (and nothing else mattered)
of the Unionists and of Sir Wilfrid
Laurier there was no hesitation in
deciding. With the realization of the
danger which threatened our land,
and of our obligation to the boys
overseas, there could be no hesita-
tion. We stood by Canada."

Mr. Pettypiece is right. There
could be no hesitation, when duty
and loyalty so clearly pointed the
way. Many of the Whig's old read-
ers have dropped out—for the time
being at least—some in anger, some
with regret, while others have stepped
forward to take their places. A
few days ago a resident of a village
north of the city called at this of-
fice, and said to the editor:

"I have never taken your paper,
but the other night I was in a store
where the Whig and its attitude on
Union Government were being dis-
cussed. One loud-mouthed fellow
swore he wouldn't have 'that rag of
a Whig' in his house again; said he
was going to stop it at once. I said
to him, 'If you do, do you, I'll
take it, and that will even things
up.' That's why I'm here to-day.
Here's your money."

And he went away satisfied and
happy, just as he left us. There
have been other callers who weren't
quite so courteous or obliging.

BEWILDERING WAR FIGURES.
One of the few foreign reviewers
of the war who discusses costs in-
stead of policies presents in the
Manchester Guardian a statistical
showing of the tremendous wastage
of war for three years past. The
statistics apply to Europe's battling
nations, the United States being ex-
cluded as a beginner. Estimates,
necessarily speculative, enter into the
calculation, but these, the reviewer
asserts, err, if at all, on the side of
the under estimate. The founda-
tion of the staggering figures rarely
sees the light of publicity.

The toll of human life, as the re-
viewer computes it, aggregates 9,-
750,000 men, most of them in the
full flower of manhood. This means
that war's death roll exceeds the
entire population of Canada by
nearly 2,000,000. Nor is this all.

For obvious reasons the loss of non-
combatants, young and old, in the
army-ravaged sections cannot be
estimated; or the number of war
captives who perished in prison
camps. Allowing for losses in birth
rate, directly due to the war, brings
the total loss of population as a
result of three years of war up to
14,250,000.

Dividing the death roll among the
warring nations the reviewer com-
putes Great Britain's losses at 400,-
000 men, France 1,300,000, Ger-
many 2,250,000, Austria 1,750,000,
and Russia not less than 2,500,000,
Turkish losses and those of Italy
and the minor combatants add 1,-
550,000 to the total.

Appalling as these totals appear,
they express far less human misery
and suffering than is the lot of the
wounded. On the usual ratio of
two and a half injured to one killed,
the wounded number about 23,500,-
000, probably one-half disabled
from effective civil life and labor.

On the material side of war the
direct cost to the various national
treasuries totals \$107,500,000,-
000, a sum that would baffle the im-
agination in pre-war times. Sixty
per cent. of this huge burden falls
to the Allies and 40 per cent. to the
central powers. And the end is not
yet. As Lloyd-George aptly puts it:
"We must go on, or go under."

Growing Wise.
(Washington Post.)
Repeated threats of Hindenburg
and Ludendorff to resign indicate
that those guys are anticipating the
time when the going won't be so
good.

Why Worry?
(Brantford Expositor)
Don't everybody get a "scare" on,
and help to paralyze business, be-
cause fuel is hard to get, and electri-
city needs to be conserved. So long
as employment is plentiful, and
there is plenty of money in circula-
tion, why worry?

No German Silver Peace.
(Providence Journal)
The Kaiser deliberately misstates
the fact when he says that his op-
ponents do not want peace. They do
want it, and intend to have it, but
not a German silver peace.

How About Those Wasted Slices.
(Cleveland Plain Dealer)
The French have been put on a
bread ration of seven ounces a day
in order to release shipping for the
transportation of American troops.
Does that make you ashamed of
anything?

Gladier—Ugh!
(London Free Press)
December and January have their
uses. Apart from the delightful in-
terlude of Christmas and the even
more delightful approach to it in
long anticipated or busy prepara-
tion, these long, dark months give
more of a bulk to life. They pass
slowly. If all the year were June,
our life would slip away so fast that
we would hardly feel we were get-
ting our work's worth. January
makes it longer. It moves along as
slow and steady as a glacier.

A National Duty.
(Ottawa Evening Journal)
The power of this or any other

country does not lie in its financial
credit or in its material resources;
it lies in ability of the population to
make them effective. We can make
them effective only by hard work.
Every man and woman in this
country should consider it a solemn
national duty to put forward some-
thing or to help produce something
that will contribute toward winning
the war. It is a duty from which
no one who has health or strength
is entitled to claim exemption.

JUST FOR JOILITY.
We hope, despite the dole,
Despite the shortage talk,
We get sufficient coal
For ashes on the walk.
—New York Sun.

"My son wants to marry your
daughter. Can she cook a dinner?"
"Yes, if your son can give her any-
thing to cook it with."
—Baltimore American.

Poor Judge, he cannot take a bath.
He is so awful stout.
For when he gets into the tub
The water splashes out.
—Boston Transcript.

"Smith gave me a couple of seats
for the theatre to-day."
"To-day?"
"Do; and p'raps you'll be in time
for once. The seats are for to-mor-
row evening."
—Caswell's Saturday
Journal.

He thought he saw an aeroplane
Go sailing through the sky;
He looked again, and saw it was
A piece of apple pie.
"I can't have no dessert," he said
"When apples are so high!"
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Judge—Now, sir, tell us about
your martial relations; were they
pleasant?
Billback—Pleasant enough, your
Honor. But they wanted to live on
me all the time.—Life.

Flattery is the fool of fools—
They love each hit—
Yet where's the man with soul so
dead
Won't fall for it.
—Florida Times-Union.

Draft Official—On what ground
do you claim exemption from mili-
tary service?
Rastus, Esq.—Dis wab am being
fit to mek de worl' safe fo' demok-
asy, am it not?
Draft Official—Yes; sure.
Rastus, Esq.—Wal, Ise a "publi-
can."
—Judge.

Knit and the world knits with you,
Slack and you slack alone.
The things you knit,
May, perhaps, not fit
And the khaki lad
May use language bad
With the lumps like rocks
In his amateur socks,
But your loyalty you've shown.
—Brooklyn Eagle.

Farmers around Brantford are
reaping a big harvest, dried maple
selling readily at \$25 a cord, while
other farmers asked the same price
for nondescript green wood, and
when they did not get it, returned
home with their loads.

About fifty years ago there was
an explosion in the same seam of
opal at Stillarton, N.S., known as the
Ford Pit Explosion, in which more
than one hundred men lost their
lives. Their bodies were never re-
covered.

Go to Penitentiary.
Winnipeg, Jan. 25.—Two years in
the Stony Mountain Penitentiary
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PREMIER HALTS THE
TALK OF SEPARATION

Denies There Was Disloyalty
in Francoeur Motion—Faith
in Confederation.

Quebec, Jan. 25.—Sir Lomer
Gouin, Prime Minister, in the Legis-
lative Assembly, told his own people
in the province, in effect, that re-
terminations against other provinces
could lead to no good, that despite
all difficulties and insults—which
were the work of a few people, and
not of the majority of the people,
of the other provinces—the Cana-
dian Confederation was the only
system of government for Canada,
and that all must continue to work
together to build it up.

The Premier said that the Pro-
vince of Quebec had not been at-
tacked by the central government.
He deplored the slanders, and es-
pecially the cry of disloyalty that
had been raised against the provin-
ce. The difficulties which the
province had in the past, he pointed
out, were legal difficulties, matters
for courts of law to settle, and in
the past the province had won in
the courts.

J. N. Francoeur, father of the
famous motion, in following the
Prime Minister, withdrew his pro-
posal. Consequently there was no
opportunity for a vote.

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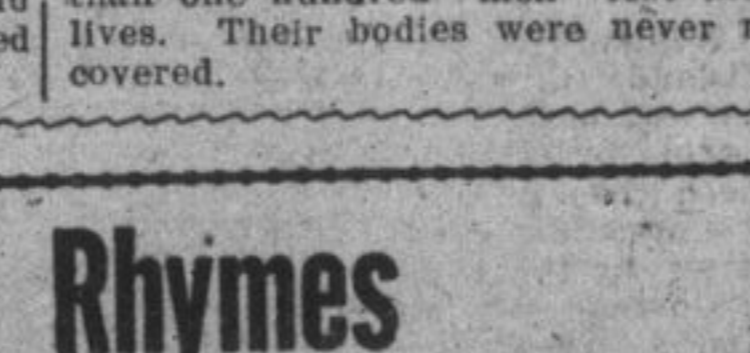
Berne, Jan. 25.—Half of the
thirty thousand men who have taken
refuge in Switzerland as desert-
ers or in order to avoid military
service in their own country are to
be mobilized by the Swiss Govern-
ment for civilian service. They have
been formed into companies of 150
each under the supervision of Swiss
officers, and have been set to work
on the land to increase the agricul-
tural production. They will receive
food and clothing and 26 cents pay
a day, the same amount paid to
Swiss soldiers.
They are being assisted by the
Swiss Socialists in organizing a
meeting to protest against this
service.

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