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WHAT MUST BE, MUST BE.

When a thing has to be done, it has to be done. There is no use arguing about it. The consequences must be left to take care of themselves.

This is the substance of the answer made by Sir Robert Borden to persons who plead that food production will be diminished by the abolition or restriction of military exemptions.

The duty of the government just now is to get men where they can be got, without regard to economic considerations. Nobody has further time or patience to listen to the stamp of the patriot who thinks his only duty is to furnish food stuffs and munitions, at a fat price.

With Canada, as with Great Britain, it is a case of "go on or go under." The sacrifices necessary to win must be made, or Prussian domination must be accepted.

If all the wheat and all the bacon on the North American continent were sent to Europe, nobody here would suffer. There is no lack of substitutes.

But with all the talk of scarcity of labor, it is noticeable that the acreage planted in Canada this year is much greater than ever before.

The Germans are not going to win, and the world is not going to starve although both events may sometimes seem to be coming uncomfortably close.

SHOOTING DOCTORS

"It is established beyond doubt," says The New York Sun, "that German sharpshooters have been decorated for hitting the non-combatants engaged in aiding the wounded."

There is no question of the fact that the shooting of men engaged solely in the work of mercy has become a common practice on the part of German troops. A captured German officer is said to have confessed that the medical men of the American forces have been marked for death.

It's all a matter of Prussian efficiency. As the officer explained, the Hun leaders figure that the death of one army surgeon equals the loss of 500 soldiers, and a stretcher-bearer counts as much as 16 infantrymen. It's economy of ammunition and effort, then, to kill these men instead of fighters.

And this may help to explain why German gunners fire on Red Cross ambulances and why Germans bomb military hospitals and torpedo hospital ships. Very likely it isn't the wounded soldiers they want to kill; it's the doctors and their helpers. The military value of a nurse isn't expressly given, but a slain Red Cross nurse is probably reckoned, in Prussian arithmetic, as equivalent to at least 20 or 30 fighting men killed.

MAKE THEM PRODUCERS.

Many may think that it is a strange commentary on the state of affairs when parliament finds it necessary to pass laws to compel idlers to go to work at a time when labor is one of the most important of all win-the-war factors.

But the right to work, or not to work, has been looked upon as an inherent right of free men to be determined by their own free will, and more especially has idleness been considered the proper reward of previous successful activity.

In the present scheme of things there is no justification for the idler—man or woman who will not work. It



is to the credit of the more fortunate, so far as money is concerned, that no class has seen its duty clearer or with a greater determination. But it is different with those of the other extreme, whose idleness is chronic and who seem insensitive to the case of the times. It is the corner loafer, the man who refuses all kinds of work, who asks where a job may be found only that he may have information that will enable him to avoid running into it, who needs attention.

This class is found all over the country, in the small town and in the city. His presence is a most disturbing element, for comparisons are drawn between taking of an ambitious young man, always on the job, while the town loafer is left to decorate the corner or to give learned dissertations, in the loafing places, on the duties of those who have gone to the front. And sometimes these ornamental specimens indulge in talk that is dangerously near pro-Germanism.

There is no reason why these loafers should be left in their idleness. The opportunity should be given them to secure jobs where they will be producers instead of consumers, and in their failing to grasp the opportunity, they should be clapped into a place of detention where they will be made to labor, and to labor hard.

There is no place in the economic scheme of things for the lounge lizard, or the street corner loafer. We are in need of production of many things and we must have labor. Even if a man cannot contribute a surplus of production, still he can be made to contribute enough to support and maintain himself. If there is no way of getting this much out of an individual in these days, then starvation is his deserved lot.

The anti-loafing laws find their justification in the present day emergency. The justification of a right is the performance of a duty. What rights belong to those who refuse to perform their duty when the fate of the world is at stake? Loafing is well nigh a capital offence these days with each loafer his own executioner.

Catholic soldiers compose 40 per cent of the armed strength of the United States.

"Wanted at Once—An interpreter to tell the people what the food regulations mean."

All applicants must possess great wisdom and meekness, and be "physically fit."

The expenditure of \$500 for house numbers, in Woodstock, is the wrong example of economy amid war conditions. The absurdity of the move smoulders in the minds of the general public.

Remarks of a determined woman: I don't care what the government says, I'll make my angel cake out of white flour just as long as I can get it." But there's another way out. Stop making angel cake and help win the war!

Every dollar contributed to the Y.M.C.A. war fund is a dollar going to one of the best and most important of all war causes. No material

mental or spiritual comfort which can be furnished any of our soldiers by the expenditure of money should be denied them.

Premier Foster, who returned yesterday from Ottawa, announced that the Wilby Railway, when completed, would be taken over in its entirety by the Federal government. He thought that the road would be completed by next fall and in shape for the transfer. The Premier's announcement will be warmly received by the people of this province. Hon F. B. Carvell, since he entered the Federal cabinet, has been giving close attention to the railway question, and is determined to have the branch railways brought under Federal control. In his work he has had the hearty support of Premier Foster and members of the provincial government.—Mail.

A delegation of four thousand Western farmers recently visited Ottawa and appealed to the Government to modify the draft by exempting farmers' sons. The Government declined to make any change. The labor shortage in the West does not seem to be very acute when four thousand farmers can absent themselves for a week at this time of year. The fruitless trip to Ottawa deprived the farmers of 24,000 days' work in the seeding season and involved an expenditure of about \$200,000 by the delegates. But the hardy sons of toil, or shall we say wheat barons? enjoyed the holiday, no doubt.—Chatham World.

The names of Lt. Col. Neville Vince and Lieut. Burdette Harmon, both posted as missing, naturally causes widespread and sincere regret and serves to bring the dread realities of war directly into the minds and hearts of a great number. What missing in action means, no one can exactly tell. They may have paid the full price of their loyalty and patriotism, or they may be in the hands of the Germans as prisoners of war. We may hope that both will return to their native town, the town which it proud of them and their kind and which will be ready to give them a welcome that will compensate in some measure for all they have gone through for the cause of civilization.

Dr. W. R. Currie, who has received a commission in the Canadian Dental Corps, will close his office in Main street in a few days.

The following returned men arrived here Wednesday night: W. O. Brown, W. Luck, F. E. Wilson and Emerson Broad.

Herbie Brewer has been accepted as a member of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff.

Mrs. J. F. Leigh Brown received for the first time since her marriage, on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons last. Mrs. Brown, who wore a very pretty gown of silver grey tulle with tunic of Georgette crepe, was assisted both days by her mother, Mrs. Harry Jones. On Wednesday, Mrs. Roy McLaughlan poured tea, assisted by Miss Jean Sprague and Miss Edith Dalling. Miss Helen Shaw opened the door for the guests. On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Harold Deming presided over the tea table, Miss Marguerite McLaughlan and Miss Cleo Arnold opened the door. The parlors were prettily trimmed with pink and white carnations and ferns and the dining room was decorated with yellow tulips.

Alfred T. Bull, Gray Dort Service man, spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday of last week at Centerville, teaching owners of 3 new Gray Dort cars to drive. Mrs. (Dr.) Fields is driving a Gray Dort Special, and the Dr. a Fleur-de-lis Roadster, while Mr. Howard Reid is driving a Gray Dort Regular Touring car. Mr. Bull also called on Mr. C. P. Furlong, Mgr. of the Bank of Nova Scotia at East Florenceville, who recently purchased a Gray Dort Regular.

MULHERIN-ESTHEY. Grand Falls, May 20.—The marriage of Miss Gladys Esthey, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Esthey, and Herbert Mulherin, son of James Mulherin, took place on Saturday evening. The marriage was very quiet, there being no invited guests. The bride wore a traveling suit of dark blue serge with hat to match, and was attended by Miss Irene McLaughlan, while Walter Powers acted as groomsmen. After the ceremony, the bridal party left on a short motor trip.

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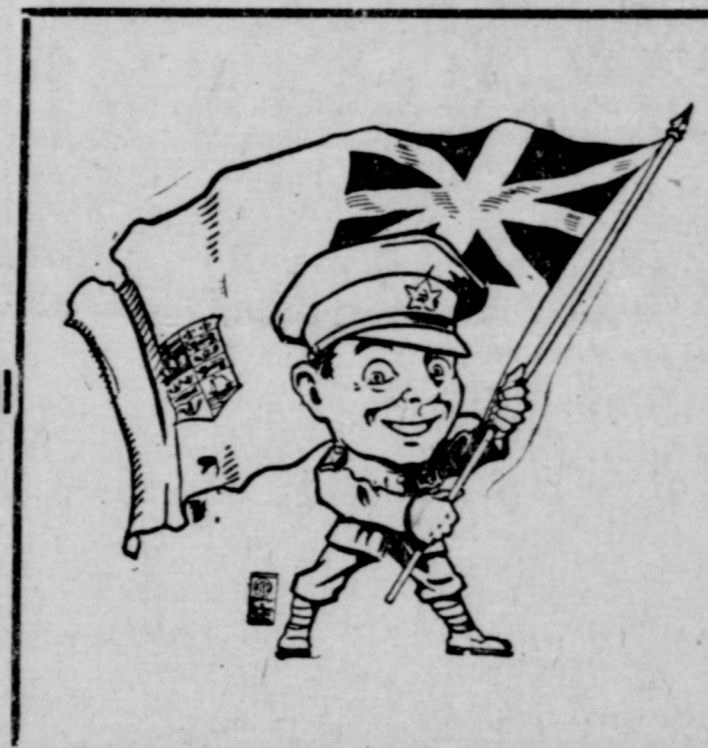
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