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VOLUNTARY ENLISTMENT.

Hon. Charles Marcell, M. P., ex-Speaker of the House of Commons, writing in the Montreal Herald on the subject of voluntary enlistment, has this to say:

"There is not the least doubt now, after all has been said and done, that Canada could easily have raised 500,000 men for service overseas by voluntary enlistment. The only excuse for conscription is on the ground that it is intended that hereafter a selection is to be made of the men who are to be sent overseas. For that reason it has been thought advisable to endanger the future unity of Canada and put an end to the volunteer system. In view of what had been done, Canadians generally cannot be termed slackers or quitters, not by any means. But what is aimed at, so the government explains, is to reach certain classes which have not enlisted and which can be sent overseas with a minimum of loss to the country. There is very grave doubt existing as to whether there was not a let-up in enlistment at a certain period which had a very depressing effect. Moreover, it is evident that the shortage of men in Canada, the campaign for over-production, the making of munitions, and the faulty system of recruiting employed in Quebec, all had their effect in reducing the sum total of voluntary enlistments."

Sydney Record: In May, 1914, the Ottawa government appointed a commission to make a report in regard to the high cost of living. The commission made its report in June, 1915. The government took no action upon the report. In November, 1916, the government passed an order-in-council which, it was declared, would prevent excessive charges for necessities, and a well-paid commissioner was appointed to administer the regulations under the order-in-council. The cost of living has steadily increased since last November. Now a food controller is starting another "investigation." In the language of the hymn-writer, "Oh, what will the harvest be?"

The death of ex-Governor Tweedie of Chatham is the first break in the famous "big four" ticket which carried the county of Northumberland for the Legislature in the election of 1890. The others who ran on the ticket were Hon. J. P. Burchill, M. P. P., Mr. Jas. Robinson, ex-M. P., and Mr. John O'Brien, now High Sheriff of Northumberland.

The fact that members of the Borden Government are negotiating with conscriptionist Liberals for a coalition cabinet is in itself an admission of weakness. Premier Borden was to have moved in the House yesterday a resolution extending the term of Parliament, but withheld it at the suggestion of Mr. A. K. MacLean. Negotiations for a win-the-war cabinet are being continued today, with fair prospects of success. It is pretty generally recognized that the Borden government has forfeited the confidence of the people and would be wiped out of existence were an election held at the present time.

A coalition cabinet has been formed in the colony of Newfoundland. The Premier, Sir Edward Morris, announced yesterday that the leader of the opposition and five colleagues would be taken into the administration, and the number of ministers increased from nine to twelve.

Just at the time when the fuel problem is engaging serious attention, the Borden government has increased the freight rate on coal. Last winter, when there was a shortage of fire wood, the government helped make matters worse by boosting the freight rates on that commodity.

Mr. Reek, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, reports crops in this province as doing well. The acreage is said to be much larger than usual, and if the weather man does his duty it is believed that a new record will be established for crop production in New Brunswick.

An Ottawa despatch to a Tory news-

paper states that a number of "loyal" Liberals may be prevailed upon to join the Borden cabinet. It is to be presumed that they will take the place of "disloyal" Conservatives.

Baltimore American: The private secretary of Cardinal Mercier, the heroic primate of Belgium, has been sentenced to year's imprisonment for preaching a sermon on Christian charity. Christian charity, be it known by all the facts in the case, is Prussian treason.

The following, taken from an Ottawa despatch, shows that Hon. J. D. Hazen has discovered that fish are selling at a very high price in this country at the present time:

"Hon. Charles Marcell asked the Minister as to action taken by the Food Controller regarding fish. Mr. Hazen said he had not yet had any communication from the Food Controller on this subject, but he had given full instructions to his department to facilitate any action which Hon. W. J. Hanna might take."

It is very kind of Mr. Hazen to facilitate any action Mr. Hanna, the food controller, might take. He must know that middlemen are reaping enormous profits on fish at the expense of the consumer.

Through Our Sieve

At last—is this hot enough for you?

After all, the strawberries have to admit that the weather suits them.

Amateur gardeners report a greater production of potato bugs.

Faith is the thing that enables men to eat hash.

We even seem to be longing for flies to swat.

Time is what people try to enliven when they want to kill it.

We are still convinced that the strawberry will taste just as sweet at 6c. a box.

In the way of food conservation, what, for instance, might be done with popcorn?

The boys who run the school garden near Old Government House have a great opportunity to study the habits of weeds.

Now the Kaiser is blamed for the Chinese uprising. About the only thing we can't blame on him is the weather.

By this time even the most optimistic German takes note of the fact that it takes longer for England to starve than he had supposed.

One of the joyous facts in connection with the Russian advance is that Lemberg is a name that anyone can pronounce.

WILL REFORM
UPPER HOUSE

Amsterdam, July 17. — According to the Dusseldorff General Anzeiger a bill to reform the upper house will be submitted to the Prussian diet with the suffrage reform bill.

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NOT THE ONLY
EXTREMISTS

London, July 16. — Sir Horace Plunket, in a statement in reply to a question as to whether he was in agreement with the view that the election of Edward De Valera, a Sinn Feiner, as a member of Parliament for East Clare, killed the prospects of a convention in Ireland to consider home rule, said in part: "The republicans are not the only extremists. There are quite as many people who are seriously opposed to any change at all as favor complete separation."

"The convention's work will be to show that neither policy is practical nor desirable and to find an acceptable compromise between them. It will be a difficult and protracted task, but there will be a substantial majority. The convention is determined to see it through and I believe will succeed."

Laurence Ginnell, Nationalist member of parliament for the north division of West Meath has announced the resignation of his seat in parliament and says he will join the Sinn Feiners.

Laurence Ginnell for many years has been an uncompromising critic of the government in parliament. Since the war he has been particularly strong in attacks on various policies of the government.

EXCHANGE OF
PRISONERS

Paris, July 17.—German officers and men aggregating the \$25 who are suffering from incurable maladies, left Swiss hospitals today for Germany.

The transfer was arranged by the German and French governments Germany agreeing to the transfer to France of an equal number of incapacitated French soldiers interned in Switzerland.

Mr. P. R. Warren of St. John, is at the Queen.
Mr. L. J. Gallagher of St. John, is at the Queen.
Hon. B. F. Smith, M. P. P., of East Florenceville is in the city today.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK	
Beet Sugar.....	90
C. P. R.....	164
Crucible steel.....	79
Erie.....	24
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	85
Union Pac.....	123
U. S. Steel.....	121
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	42
Marine Com.....	30
Reading.....	97
Rubber.....	58 3/4
Studebaker.....	56
Bethlehem.....	141
Wool.....	47 1/2

MONTREAL	
Civic.....	76
Detroit.....	107
Quebec.....	19
Toronto.....	75 1/2
Braz.....	39 1/2
Cement.....	60 1/2
Iron.....	61
Steel Co.....	58
Spanish.....	14 1/2
Shaw.....	122
Can Cottons.....	1-2
Laur. Pulp.....	185
Scotia.....	89

Mrs. Russell Sage, who has given more money to charitable and philanthropic purposes than any other woman in America, will enter upon her ninetieth year next September.

Throughout the South women acted as registrars for the United States conscription.

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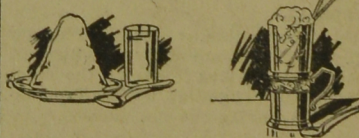
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