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## FOLLOWING TORY EXAMPLE

The Gloucester, Mass., "Times" has the following:

There are many traditions left in the way in which, during the Civil and Spanish wars, American manufacturers sought to become rich by cheating in the filling of their war contracts. There has been many a fortune whose foundations were laid in the poor articles furnished soldiers whose services demanded the best the country could give them.

Now reports of the same sort of thing on the part of manufacturers in this country are coming from France. We have not yet seen confirmation of the report, or details of the charges. But the report from Paris a few days ago said that several important American contracts have been cancelled because the goods delivered were not equal to sample, and were in some cases the opposite of what was called for in the contract. Thus, socks which should have been seventy per cent wool and thirty per cent cotton were found to be thirty per cent wool and seventy per cent cotton. Boots also were found which were far below specifications. The same despatch makes some general charges to the effect that of twenty-five of the largest American houses with which the French government is doing business only one has a record of never falling below sample."

Such advertising as this is peculiarly unfortunate. Europe, even in its extremity, is not compelled to accept our goods unless they come up to standard. And the people of other countries, especially of those whose trade we are trying to capture just now, will hardly be attracted by such reports as these to our business houses. Cheating of this sort has been too common in the past among American producers, and it apparently still exists. But it does not pay. Those of our large manufacturing establishments which have built up a large overseas trade have done it because of the reputation for quality which has come to go with their name. No rebuke could be more pointed than this contained in the Paris despatches, and no intimation of the necessity of reform could be stronger. It should be heeded.

Canadian Toryism will have a good deal to answer for. It is evident from the above article that some American contractors have heard of the rake-off on the supplies for the soldiers in Canada, and came to the conclusion that they could play the same game.

## THE CIVIL SERVICE

Official returns brought down at the recent session of parliament in response to a demand from a member of the Liberal opposition, showed that since the Borden Nationalist-Conservative government took office in 1911, the number of employees in the Civil Service has been increased by no less than 12,147. This increase was made and sanctioned by Sir Robert Borden and his cabinet ministers in fact of the fact that they had brought upon Canada an era of depression which meant that revenues were falling, business was stagnating and immigration was dropping off almost to the point of ceasing altogether. Naturally this meant that the business and work of the government departments was made just that much less.

Government departments are like stores, warehouses or any other business institutions. The amount of work to be done is dictated and governed by the business to be handled and necessity for the work. To the average man it must be apparent that if departmental business was light, as it has been proved to have been, there was no possible excuse for the appointment of civil servants whose services were not needed. But the Borden government added just 12,147 names to the payroll which the taxpayer of Canada has to foot every month.

Under the circumstances it is interesting to know what the civil ser-

vants themselves think about it. This is told in the official paper of the civil servants, published weekly at Ottawa. The issue of March 5th last, while parliament was in session, asserted that owing to this over-manning, lack of organization, duplication of work and workers, etc., there was an annual loss to the people of Canada of over \$5,000,000 a year. The article from The Citizen is reproduced herewith:

"We have nothing to do with placing the blame or glory of civil service administration as between the two parties in parliament. But we have a responsibility as to the members of the organized and indeed of the unorganized service as well. This responsibility prompts us, as a positive duty, to point out that the public service is over-manned to a remarkable degree and on account of this over-manning, of inefficient organization, or duplications and other kinds of waste, there is a loss, conservatively estimated, of over \$5,000,000 a year. A minister of the present administration once asked a delegation of civil servants what necessity existed for any communication between a committee of council and the civil service commissioners. Herein is the answer. The commissioners could have informed the ministry of this over-manning and of a number of other weaknesses in the system of government as such came under their observation.

The ten Tory members of the Manitoba Legislature who were to resign their seats in order that the Norris Government could command a majority in the Legislature, have failed to come across with the goods. Tory politicians are strong on some things but they have never yet acquired the habit of resigning jobs with a salary attached unless forced to do so. As the new government is in a majority in the Legislature it has been decided to appeal to the people. It is a safe game that there will not be many Manitoba Tories writing M. B. A. to their names after polling day.

The provincial government is to meet here this week and it is just possible that there may be something doing in connection with the Valley Railway. Mr. Gould was told at the last meeting that he could raise sufficient cash to pay the bills now outstanding against his company. Mr. Gould probably wishes by this time that he had that one hundred thousand dollars back which he contributed to the Tory campaign fund in 1912.

New York Herald.—The spectacle of Armour, Swift, Morris and Sulzberger, famed as the Beef Trust, cheek by jowl with officials in Washington, twisting the British lion's tail, and insisting that they must be allowed to feed Germany or they will starve England, while Dernburg stands in the background, the noblest German of them all, is something to make the Office Holders' Own the Staats Zeitung, and the Columbia State cheer loudly.

"I SPEAK HONESTLY THAT WHICH I BELIEVE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY WHEN I SAY THERE SHOULD BE, THERE OUGHT TO BE, A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT OR A DIFFERENT POLICY PURSUED, BUT I DO NOT CARE FOR MY PART, SO LONG AS THE WAR LASTS, TO OPEN THE PORTALS OF OFFICE WITH THAT BLOODY KEY."

## K. OF P.'S TO DRILL

The members of Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, Knights of Pythias, have secured the use of the drill hall for each Wednesday night and will begin drill on Wednesday next. H. T. Brewer is to be instructor and the drill will be in accordance with British infantry training. The Knights will drill from seven till eight.

## TWO DEATHS LAST WEEK.

The death-rate of Fredericton is particularly low at the present time. Health Officer Wm. McKay reports but two deaths in the city last week.

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BACON FEARS  
WAR WITH GERMANY

London, May 25.—Mr. Robert Bacon, Secretary of State in Mr. Roosevelt's Cabinet left for home aboard the Philadelphia yesterday.

"War between United States and Germany is coming as surely as night follows day," said Mr. Bacon. "Germany is calculating on the feeling in the United States cooling off, and now tells us that she will get around to the Lusitania case in a week or so, which is another crowning insult upon the nation."

"Will American feeling for massacre of its citizens cool off? I think not. Will those in the government who believe peace more priceless than honor try to make the American people forget? Of this unfortunately, I have not the same confidence."

Other passengers include Sir Edgar Speyer, who recently resigned as a member of the Privy Council because of aspersions on his loyalty. He is going to spend the summer at a seacoast resort in Maine. Mr. Phillips Klein, son of the late Mr. Charles Klein, who went down with the Lusitania; Mr. Raymond Baker, private secretary to Mr. George T. Marye, American Ambassador at Petrograd the Rev. O. D. Christian and Mrs. Christian, Mr. John A. Cullen, Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, Mr. A. S. Hilderbrand, Mr. John J. McIntyre and Mrs. M. M. Gilbert also were among the passengers. The Philadelphia steamed with every cabin taken.

RECORD HEROISM  
OF CANADIAN TROOPS

(London Chronicle.)

An officer who has just returned from the Belgian front tells me (says a correspondent of the Standard) that he has never heard anything like the enthusiastic admiration expressed alike by English and French for the magnificent behaviour of the Canadians. In his words:

"They absolutely achieved the impossible! When they had scarcely an officer left, the men took the situation in hand, and refused to see that they were beaten to a frazzle. They went on, re-formed, and fought coolly and fiercely when any other troops would have been demoralized, as if they were winning all along the line. Their courage and contempt of danger and death astounded the armies."

"As a body, and as individuals, they gave a spectacle such as no battle has ever before offered. There is not a man amongst them, the French and English say, who does not deserve the Victoria Cross. The Canadian work on that day absolutely flattened out all records, and, what is more, the men are quite ready and able to repeat the performance. This is not the testimony of a few inexperienced enthusiasts, but the often expressed and universal verdict of the most sober and hardened soldiers, of both armies, from generals down to privates."

This testimonial would possibly carry even greater weight if I were at liberty to mention some of the names quoted by my informant, as well as his own. Canada may well be proud of her sons, and Britain of the cubs of the Lion, when all the nations unite in awarding the record of gallantry in a war where deeds of heroism undreamt of hitherto are of daily occurrence to the Canadian boys from over the seas.

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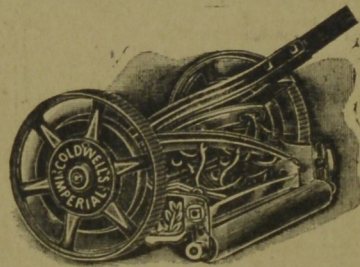
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