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MORAL CONSCRIPTION

Someone said the other day that the recruiting of 500,000 men of military - service age would mean moral conscription in Canada. So it would. And so it ought.

But moral conscription operates in Canada today. It is as compelling as legal conscription, more impartial in its draft and more insistent in its demands. Ceercion by military law says "You must," and there is no escape unless one can dodge the officer or prove unfitness. Moral coercion is the constraint of one's own conscience; its straight word is "You ought." And there is no condition, no alternative. The officer of the law may be hoodwinked or a fast express may get you beyond his reach, but the moral monitor in a man's own conscience never blinks his eye or loses the scent. Take; the holy orders of the Church, and he is there. Secure a government office through the patronage pull of the party boss, and, behold, he is there-Take a ticket and a passport to the loneliest island in the Southern Sea, and even there your own conscience will face you, and its moral imperative will dog your footsteps and haunt your dreams. There is only one way a man can escape when conscience says "You VALUABLE DISCOVERY OF ought." It is to answer "I will."

No, perhaps that is not the try to tell. But its deepest Zealand .- Ex.

tragedy never can be told in words.

And that moral tragedy is only a little less terrible, the catastrophe it works may be only a little less desolating, when committed by one who has authority or control over another's will. When a young man answers what he holds to be his supreme duty with a loyal "I will" and someone else. with the authority either of parental command or of love's self-willed constraint, says "You shall not," there may follow tragedy more inglorious, the ways of life are the wrecks Some coincidence. of what might have been noble manhood-wrecked because recause of a parent's selfish ambition, or a wife's passionate entreaty, or a sweetheart's beseeching voice.

church and in the school, in swer. IT IS. the home and in public service, the call for recruits to serve and to sacrifice for humanity's sake and for freedom means. and must inevitably mean, moral conscription in Canada But he only is free who is Duty's willing conscript .- The Toronto Globe.

PHOSPHATES IN EGYP

It is announced that a valuable only way. There is one alter- discovery has been made by cernative. It is the way of the tain New Zealand soldiers, who moral suicide. When a man's are farmers by profession, and inner sense of right and duty whose attention has been drawn says "You ought," and the man while serving in Egypt, to the draws back and says "I won't," immense natural supplies of there is committed the most phosphate. At Sofaja Bay, on the appalling crime in all the cal- shores of the Red Sea, they have endar of the moral universe found what is claimed to be the It is the suicide of a soul. What richest phosphate field in the that means your Bible, your world. A trial shipment of 500 Shakespeare, and your Dante tons has been forwarded to New

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

the field of battle. All along now members of the new council.

The twentytwo aldermanic cancreant to duty, and recreant be-didates were all perfectly satisfied was regarded as hopeless by the with the result of the election, so surgeons, received special X-ray everybody is happy once more.

The Empire of Wednesday said Recently Corporal Leonard, who Prince Rupert Dairy In a hundred different ways, that it hoped The Daily News was bereft of hearing and speech in city and in country, in the would be satisfied with the an- went to a cinema show at Liver-

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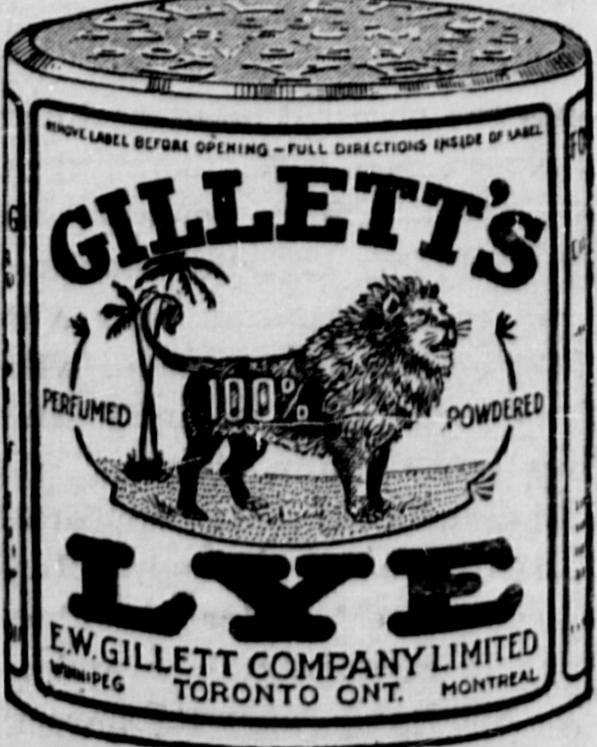
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OF WOUNDED SOLDIERS

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A few months ago an enterbefore wounded soldiers in a Bristol hospital, when Corporal Stevens, of the 2nd King's Royal Rifles, who had been rendered deaf and dumb in Flanders, suddenly burst into loud laughter, and to the amazement of doctors and nurses showed that he had miraculously recovered his speech and hearing.

In another case a man who had been rndered deaf and dumb through the bursting of a shell a If you look up the list of nom- | Mons suddenly recovered speech inations in the Daily News for through the pain brought about Monday you will notice that the by placing his hand on a hot water more disastrous, than death on first seven names mentioned are pipe in the corridor of the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital at Millbank. In the same hospital Lance-Corporal Fowkes, of the 18th Hussars, who was rendered blind at Mons, and whose case treatment with the result that h regained his sight.

> pool. As the film revealed the antics of the well-known come-is dian Billie Ritchie, the risible faculties of the soldier were touched. He felt a burning in his throat and a painful drumming in 3 his ears, which seemed about t burst. Then, to his agreeable surprise, he heard a shout and found that it was his own voice.

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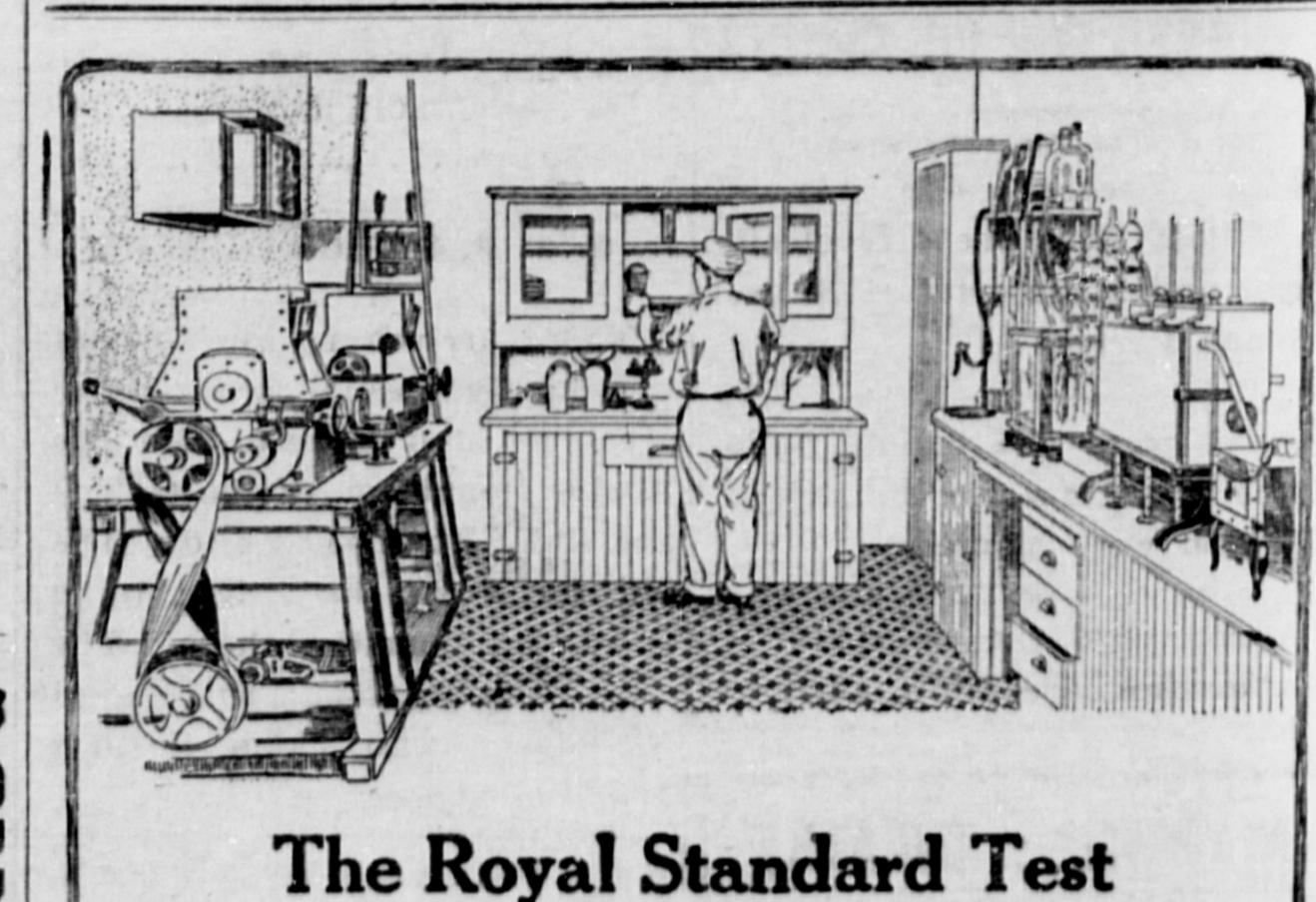
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