

MONTREAL STAR DEMANDS A SHELL CONTRACT PROBE

"Traitorous Pockets in Canada" May Be Worse Menace Than
"Germans We Have **Interned!**"

Montreal, Jan. 27.—The Montreal Star (Conservative) demands an enquiry into the Shell contract charges in the following editorial:

"It is difficult not to remember that Mr. F. B. Carvell, of Carleton, N. B., who is now demanding investigation into various alleged scandals at Ottawa, won his own Parliamentary prominence by his success in blocking enquiry into alleged Liberal misdeeds, prior to 1911. However, the possible insincerity of the accuser and suspicion that his motives are not entirely patriotic, should not influence action with reference to his charges.

"It must be increasingly apparent to every well-wisher of the Government that a public and complete investigation into the work of the late Shell Committee and other war purchases cannot be denied. If the consent of the British War Office must be secured to legalize such an enquiry, then it should be asked for by a unanimous Canadian Parliament. Too much has been charged to enable public opinion in this country—deadly in earnest as it is in its determination to win the war—to it down in patient ignorance as to the real facts of the case.

"The charges are far too serious—the questions at issue far too vital. The finest young men in Canada are giving their lives to defend the Empire and the fixed principles of liberty and honor for which it stands before humanity and history. If,

while these noble young men have been going out of our homes to die 'somewhere in France,' ghoul's in human shape have emerged from homes of similar outward appearance next-door to pad their pocket-books with unfair and unearned profits on the arming and equipping of these young men, then the whole country wants to know it—and to know them—and to know what the Government proposes to do to them.

"Every dollar taken unfairly from the money which this nation has to spend in self-defence is like striking up a rifle aimed at a German. Worse still, it may even be disarming a Canadian lad in the face of a German charge. The whole business must be searched through and through with the vivid lights of patriotism and publicity. If the moneys we are literally sweating out of ourselves to save freedom and the flag, are being diverted into traitorous pockets, then there are far worse Germans in Canada than those whom we have **interned!**"

SHE NEVER FORGETS.

A WOMAN may have a poor memory, but she never forgets a compliment.

New Cabaret.

Commencing next Wednesday, February 2, and following Wednesday, a new cabaret will be started in the Metropolitan Assembly Rooms, College street, under the management of Mrs. Fraser Macdonald. Persons interested in this new enterprise should communicate with Mrs. Macdonald, phone Hillcrest 722. C