

NOTES AND COMMENTS

If a civil war results in Germany and the opposing forces treat each other as they treated their prisoners of war and the women and children in the countries they overran, they will be getting nothing more than justice, and the punishment they inflict will be far greater than that to be meted out by the allied nations.

Canada's war expenditure up to November 30 last is estimated at one billion and sixty-eight million dollars, and to this amount will be added before everything is settled some four hundred millions more. The pension list is estimated at thirty million dollars per year. The bill should be sent to Germany.

The only hope Germany appeared to have that the demands of the Allies might be made less severe was in President Wilson, and that is a forlorn one, as Washington has sent notes to Berlin and Austria that the United States desires to receive no further communications from them which should properly be addressed to the allied nations.

Germany must be pretty short of airships. By the terms of the armistice two thousand planes were to be surrendered to the victors and the full complement will soon be in the Allies' possession. British statements show the number of enemy machines destroyed between January 1, 1918, and the date of the armistice, November 11, to have been 3,060, while an additional 1,174 were brought down out of control. However, Germany has not much use for airships just now.

Conditions in Germany are at present in a chaotic state, and are daily growing worse. There is little doubt that, eventually it will become necessary for Allied forces to occupy Berlin, and much as the Germans hate the British such a course might be welcomed by them. Soldiers and sailors, fully armed, make demonstrations and demands, and riots are frequent and at times serious. So far, however, the Government forces have had the best of the argument. Unless the Allies take command and enforce order Berlin bids fair to become a second Petrograd.

When Germany unsheathed her sword in 1914 no appeals from Belgium or Britain were listened to for a moment. When she had Nurse Cavell and Capt. Fryatt in her power she showed no mercy. When her iron hand gripped the hapless cities of France and Belgium her heart was as hard as a stone. When she had to deal with helpless British prisoners

she felt no compassion and showed no mercy. When a word from her would have saved the lives of a million Armenians that word remained unspoken. And in the whole of Germany there was neither man nor woman, neither layman nor minister, to offer one plea for mercy. But now, when the sufferers are Germans, it is another cry; and from great Germany come more pitiful whines than ever came from Belgium, or Serbia, or Armenia. Now "in the name of Christianity," Prof. Deissmann, of Berlin, implores Britain to be merciful in the coming peace conference. He need not worry; the Allies are not Germans. But for the murderers of Edith Cavell and Capt. Fryatt, and for the men who were responsible for all the nameless horrors which have sustained indelibly the German name, there should be stern justice. To allow murder, and rape, and hideous butchery to go unpunished is not mercy—it is itself a crime.—Christian Guardian.

St. Thomas and London are engaged in serious combat, and it looks like a fight to a finish. The casus belli is the new provincial highway which the Government has announced will be constructed from Hamilton to Windsor. It was a foregone conclusion that the road would pass through London, and very properly so. From that point, however, two routes are being considered, one of which would bring it south to St. Thomas, then west to Dutton, Rodney, West Lorne, Ridgeway and on to Windsor. The other route would be a continuation north by what is known as the Longwood Road. Where the trouble arose was when London got busy without the knowledge of St. Thomas, called together in secret session representatives from various municipalities, Boards of Trade, etc., and laid plans to pull the wires for the northern route, leaving St. Thomas out in the cold and mud. This action was strongly resented, St. Thomas contending that as London was to be a favored point in any event, that city should mind its own business and allow the interested parties along the two routes to press their claims and arguments to the government. Among the claims London makes is that the northern route is the more direct, therefore the cost of construction would be less. St. Thomas, on the other hand, contends that if the most direct route is the deciding factor, London would not be on the highway at all, but that the road would pass through St. Thomas. It is not hard to see why London is trying to secure the northern route and shut St. Thomas out. The L. & P. S. Railway now brings extensive business to London from the south while a good highway to the north would

open out a new territory to draw from. The quarrel between the two cities has become so serious that at a public meeting recently St. Thomas merchants resolved they would no longer patronize London wholesale houses. It was decided to put a ban on the London newspapers, both of which strongly support the enemy. Also that St. Thomas would have no truck or trade with its northern neighbor in future. To this London wholesalers claim they are not a party to shutting out St. Thomas from the highway, and that they did not even know such a meeting was being held by the Chamber of Commerce, some of them now claiming they are supporters of the southern route. Sir Adam Beck also comes in for strong condemnation for his activity in the matter. The county town says he has never lost an opportunity to knock their projects, and his interference in this case is strongly resented. This quarrel places Hon. Finlay McDiarmid in rather an uncomfortable position, in fact he may be said to be between the devil and the deep sea. His home is in West Elgin, and should he decide that the southern route will provide the greatest good to the most people he is sure to be accused of favoritism. On the other hand, if the road goes north he will be accused of listening too long to certain men in high places and throwing down the county that has so faithfully supported him. There is no doubt in our mind that the choice of routes will be decided upon the merits of the case, but from the viewpoint of an outsider it looks as though London, having gained its object in having the road pass through that city should have been content, and refrained from interfering with the claims of their smaller but equally ambitious neighbor. It will not be surprising if London finds itself a heavy loser by its interference, no matter which route is decided upon. It never pays to butt-

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asked to do so, and not then. Since the above the lion and the lamb, lain down together and make a concentrated effort the Government to cor public highways in West one o tgo from London and the second from St Sarnia. In the meantime be a cessatin of hostil

The action of the Uni setting apart a day to wide tribute to Great E of the finest and best th come out of the war. every city and town mades and ceremonies to leading public men and gave earnest expressio iation and admiration c ments of their brethre seas. The celebration "Day" is an event absol unique to the history and as Britain feels j toward the U.S., it inc and enduring British- tence, which means sa world.

**ADDITIONAL I**

To thoroughly app Footwear, look else come to LOVE.

Miss Gwendolya B training at Amassa V spent the week-end at Robt. Leach, of Detr days in town last week friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat. Detroit, have been v in Aylmer and vicin, sence of many years.

Mr. W. L. Barncock visiting his mother her day to spend the bal cation with his sister, Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. accompanied by the Mrs. Andrews, will l Hills, Alberta, on where in future they home they will disp ity of household furr sale to be held on S next Saturday, be o'clock.

Toronto buyers in (Ont.) market in q were blamed for cau cents a pound for l rate was from 33 to 7 for dressed birds wh tail prices were 3 higher. Competition is also having the el the supply, as many awaiting eventualit; to luck and still hig Christmas.

Sapper A. S. Reav George Reavely, pr Star Theatre, Aylm with the 168th Batt turned to Canada. I wounded in the Ypre ober, 1917 and was f confined in various l land. After recover face work in connecti tary department in E time of his leaving t home this week.

Last Thursday af ber 5th, a meeting High School Litera held in the third f president, Miss Hel in the chair and a gram was provided and vocal solos wa a speech was given of the Royal Air F, very interesting talk life and the aeropl ed the different cam ing given to the whole a very inter spent.

The death of P. occurred at the hom Mrs. Herrick, just e Dingle street, ea morning, after an months. Deceased, 86th year, was bor township, Welland a young man came for many years he farming, retiring in the death of Mr. He his widow he is s and three daughter of Springfield, and l as; Mrs. Sylvester field, Mrs. McTa and Mrs. Herrick, z eral took place y East cemetery, Spr

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