THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 15.

In the Refiner's Fire

Toronto has had the good fortune of having engaged in the fight in the Britain for many years. He is now acting as representative of his nation and of King Albert, and he has placed have been forced by the Prussian Huns in a clear light before the people and on the supposed duty resting on aress it appears to be essential that

teries of the Kelt, nor coes he pile on weak nations that prefer to live their menace either of war or intrigue. the agony in his narration of the hor- own life and pursue their own narors that have befallen the little kingdom. His plain unvarnished tale, uncolored by passion, even dulled by
official reticence, carries a message of piercing sorrow to any heart that beats with human sympathy. For six hundred years Belgium has been the battlefield of Europe. A map of the little country covered with the names of the battles fought on her nields, is literally black with the record. Yet in six months the German human or divine. A nation limbued by that spirit must be crushed if civilization is to remain on the foundations of freedom, equity and self-government. Those who cry for peace without requiring as its first sites that which was anticipated. In its early stages it accorded to some extent with the common belief in German superiority on land. The kaiser was first afield, as he was expected to be, but at the crucial point his war machine began to creak, stopped and finally beat a retreat to the chagrin and disappointment of its operators.

Belgium than all the combatants of the past six centuries piercing sorrow to any heart that tion and death.

sessed with the buildings the most ancient and beautisavages let loose by the kaiser. What remains will probably be blended in ings of a real peace that will vindithe general ruin in the next few cate the principles of modern civiliza-

Caesar in his "Wars of Gaul" says that among all the tribes which he enumerates the Belgians were the bravest. That takes us back nearly two thousand years. The Belgians have need of all their ancestral valor. Bravery is of various degrees. A man may be brave like Arnold Winkelried. who drew the spears to his breast to make an opening for his comrades-Yet he might not be capable of the sustained courage which carried Christopher Columbus across the ocean to an unknown destiny. Something greater still is needed to sit This requires fortitude, and, Caesar might say today of Belgium that among all the nations she has the

Great weapons are welded in great

ple in Britain are pleading for peace on the basis of restoring the situation one cent of compensation to Belgium,

expected to receive serious consid- the sake of their future peaceful pro- trees. eration, much less welcome, as a possible end of this gigantic conflict. No possible benefit can come from post-poining the struggle now begun because two directly contrary theories. No surgical operation required. ween two directly contrary theories of international life. The German ideal, as it has been openly presented rests on the glorification of material force, on the superiority of German "kultur"

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cuntry in which they fought. The are simply laboring to retain the menace of militarist ambition preparing the way to another even more terrible struggle. Germany made this war, Germany raised must be fought to a finish if Europe and the world are to enjoy the blesstion and herald the beginning of a real federation of free nations.

Menace of German Colonization

Little more than a month ago Gen. Smuts, minister of finance and defence in the government of the Union of South Africa, when moving the second read- mates to prevent the people having ing of the indemnity bill dealing with band concerts this year is one of the the recent rebellion, referred to Ger- postage stamp economies which can man influence. He said that altho well be dispensed with. The bandstheir information was defective, no men of the city have been harder hit doubt existed that communications had than any other class in business passed on a large scale between the Business as usual with them means down as Belgium must sit down under German authorities and some people in band concerts. Old curmudgeons South Africa. Among those who took who would not know one tune from a prominent part in the Lichtenburg another are scarcely fitted to decide revolt was a German posing under the what the people want of this descripworking up sedition for some months, was later captured and shot as a spy. REMOVE THE POLITICAL CLOUDS.

ations were made to create trouble in British South Africa, Railways, of which there are several, began to be war. They apparently would be quite constructed mainly for strategical reasons, fortifications erected and guns planted instead of shade trees? What to their home land without paying and military equipment stocked to an a picture it would be to have all our amount far exceeding what was requirof to any other enemy nation, to have of to keep in control the native poptheir colonial possessions restored and their coloni to be left free to prepare for another Much the same procedure was follow- for the visitors who come and go? This wanten war of sheer aggression, if these peace-at-any-price advocates had their way, should be treated as entailing no cause for exacting retribution and no restriction of the militude and no restriction of the militude shadow of war.

Proposals of this nature cannot be expected to receive serious consid-"day" under more favorable auspices, ed in German East Africa, and in-

Germany to impose that "kultur" on German militarism and its methods be INFLUENCE OF WAR the whole world. No toleration is ex- deprived of any further occasion for with emotion nor with the blind hys- tended to the small and relatively troubling neighboring states with the

peace without requiring as its . first the tributes to their efficiency that Former warriors respected the condition that the reign of internation their soul loveth, the Germans are property and the memorials of the tional law shall be made inviolate now reduced to the lesser boast that hitherto they have protected the sacred soil of Germany from invasion. That is something, but it is much less than Germans expected and ful, shrines of historic and universal the great issue it involves, and it show is justified. Germany's initial also much, more than the event will advantage has disappeared. All years of preparation have gone for naught. Today Germany is equaled, indeed surpassed in all that is required for successful war. The repulse of the first great German onslaught marked the beginning of the end.

Swoboda's real name is now discovered to be Schwind. But why deprive him of the final syllable? Schwindler sounds more natural.

That \$5000 deducted from the esti-

heat, and out of the fiery furnace of the tribulations of Belgium the Flemish and French of Flanders may be welded into the instrument of some more wonderful achievement in national life than Europe has yet conceived.

The Only Basis of Peace

Some — fortunately not many —

Mas later captured and snot as a spy. Other evidence showed that the feelings of many Boers had been worked upon by German machinations, assisted by very potent influences. Furthermore, Gen. Smuts observed, there was now in South Africa a pro-German party, and the highest interests of the union demanded that it should be exterminated root and branch.

Germany no sooner obtained a footing in Southwest Africa than prepartice.

A. B.

BEAUTIFY TORONTO.

Editor World: I have taken quite as

It would also be a help to humanity.

There are hundreds of children who

trees. Each householder, I am sure, would take a great interest in this as eac't one would have his own fruit. also ree that each householder had a also see that care fruit tree of some kind. Hoping you fruit tree of some kind. Hoping you

STAYS IN TORONTO.

Small Amounts of Provincial Property Sold During Past Year.

HEAVY GOLD OUTPUT

Largest Yield in the History of Province of Ontario.

The last report of Hon. W. H. Hearst before he became premier appears in the report of the lands, forcets and mines department, which was issued yesterday. Sales during the year included 187,666 acres for agricultural and town site areas, bringing \$98.080.68, and 17,888 for \$43,763 to be used for mining purposes. The total amount of crown lands disposed by sale and lease during the year was 174,961 acres at a value of \$156,704.

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The minister, in referring to the decrease in sales, attributes it to disturbance in channels of trade, labor and finance. Persons desirous of moving abandoned the idea because of the war. Young men instead of buying land in the north went to the front.

Free Land Increase.

A great increase in free grant lend

A great increase in free grant land was noted. More than 300 in excess of the preceding year took up 28,966 acres in excess of that used before. Mining industries were greatly checked during the war, and two reasons are given. The general business depression occurring early in the year and the outbreak of war bear the responsibility.

The gold production was the largest in provincial history, with a yield of 268,942 cunces, worth \$5,529,767. Silver with an output of over 25 million ounces showed a 12 per cent. decrease. ounces showed a 12 per cent. decrease. Nickel beds produced 22,760 tons and

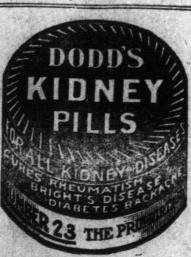
Nickel beds produced 22,760 tons and copper 14,453.

In pine timber, sawlogs and square timber over 382½ million feet was produced, an excess of 22 millions on other records. A 13 million foot excess was marked in the output of 77,451.857 feet of wood other than pine. In pulpwood and railway ties the year shows a decrease, only 104,544 cords of the former being gathered.

THE READINESS IS ALL.

In some important lines of trade and industry competition has been practi-cally eliminated. Hence the protest on the part of the public against mergers and all the other methods by which monopolies and consequent high prices are created and sustained. Fortunately, however, for the public and es-pecially in a period of storm and stress. such as the world now suffers from, there are large and important depart-ments of trade which preserve genuine

ompetition.
One of these departments is that of almost ready-to-wear garments. It is still a largely common prejudice that these are not equal in fashion, style, quality and fitting to those made to order. Nothing could be more inaccurate, as even the most sceptical will find by yielding 178 Models and 188 an find by visiting Ed Mack's, 167 Yonge street. This company claims that its new suits for spring and summer have in all other requirements.



CONSULT DOMINIONS IN MAKING PEACE

Gives Important Assurance in Commons.

Fine Spirit Shown in Accepting Postponement of Imperial Conference.

Canadian Associated Press Cable
LONDON, April 14.—Hen. Lewis
Harcourt, colonial secretary, when asked in the commons today whether he
could give any information on the
postponement of the imperial conference, repiled: "I will state exactly
what has happened. After the war
broke out, the government assumed it
should not be for the convemience of
any of the parties that the formal conference should meet on its due date in
May this year, but no communication
on the matter passed between us and
the Dominions governments. Early in
December last I was made aware privately that Premier Fisher of Australia was in favor of the meeting of the
imperial conference during and in
spite of the war.

Other Dominions Opposed.

"I communicated this fact, also privately by telegraph, to the prime ministers of all the other dominions. They
unanimously agreed with us that the
holding of the normal conference this
year, during hostilities, would be difficult, if not impossible. In two cases
at least it was said the attendance of
ministers was impracticable. I then
informed the prime minister of the
commonwealth that in view of the
practical unanimity of opinion we hoped he would recognize its force. He
replied he had no wish to press the
matter further.

"Acquiesced Cheerfully.

A wew days ago Mr. Fisher was reported in the press as saying, with reference to the imperial conference,
"What the British Government considers the correct thing is good
enough for my government. That is
all I have to say."

"And in a private letter to me on
Feb.15, he wrote, I cheerfully fall in
with the decision not to hold the imperial conference this year, tho I have
not been able to convince myself that
the reasons given for postponement
were sufficient. However, we have a
policy for this trouble that gets over
all difficulties. When the King's business will not fit in with our ideas, we
do not press them."

Will Consult Dominions.

"This is an admirable example of
the spirit in which the dominions deal
with imperial affairs dur

tings, shorthand reports and resulting blue books. This is a sort of conference which we thought unsuited to the present conditions, but in January, when intimating its postponement to the various dominions, I telegrapher to each of the governor-generals, Will you inform your prime minister that it is the intention of the government to consult him most fully, if possible personally, when the time arrives to discuss possible terms of peace. I need hardly add that the government intend to observe the spirit as well as the letter of this declaration, which I believe has given complete satisfaction to the governments of the dominions. I have exceeded the ordinary limits of an answer to a question in order that the position as regards the imperial conference may be plain to the public as it is to those governments."

St. Thomas is just recovering from a severe smallpox panic, and schools which were closed in a hurry and without sufficient reason are now being opened on the advice of the provincial board of health. The outbreak of the disease a week ago caused some alarm, and the revisitation of the old scourge was feared. The schools were at once closed as well as the collegiate institute, which had no direct or indirect connection with the patients.

Dr. R. C. Bell returned from an inspection visit last evening and states that the conditions were exaggerated in report. There were only four cases, and these were being taken care of in the new isolation hospital.

The smallpox epidemics are now well in hand, the St, Thomas case being the only cause of investigation for

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Colonial Secretary Harcourt

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the spirit in which the dominions deal with imperial affairs during the war. In all these communications I have referred only to what I have carefully called the normal conference, by which I mean the full conference, with all the paraphernalia of miscellaneous resolutions, protracted sittings, shorthand reports and resultings, shorthand reports and resultings, shorthand reports and resultings blue books. This is a sort of the manner in which the trooper had lost his sight. "He is what I call a true soldier," said the general. The general and Col. T. D. R. Hemming will inspect the 38th Battalion in Belleville on Wednesday, and then go to Ottawa to inspect the 38th Battalion.

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The city council has under consid-

Exposition Visitors Interested Beauty and Wealth of Dominion of Canada.

The Grand Trunk Railway officials in charge of the company's Exposition pavilion report to headquarters in Montreal that over 2,500,000 people have already visited the big fair at San Francisco.

Thousands of these visitors have admired the showing of Canadian exhibits made by the Grand Trunk, and there is a constant stream of inquiries from people who contemplate future settlement in the Dominion, or desire to return east via Prince Rupert and the Yellowhead Pass.

The Grand Trunk Building was complete and ready for the official opening on February 20. Since that date the Grand Trunk cinematograph hall has been crowded several times each day with visitors eager to see portrayed on the screen the beauties of the Canadian Rockies, Mount Robson, and the newly-opened up districts along the Grand Trunk Pacific line.

MUSICIANS TO LECTURE.

The fifth of a special weekly series of lectures will be delivered in the new recital half of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, on Tuesday afternoon, at 4.30, by Albert Ham, Mus. Doc., the subject being "Program Music." The sixth of this series will be delivered by A. S. Vogt, Mus. Doc., the subject being "Some Modern Tendencies in Choral Music." These lectures are free to pupils of the institution and the public generally.

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