

Come In And Let Us Explain Our Plan

SOLDIERS IN THE MAKING

It is marvelous how some ripple of flood of war will find its way into places unknown, in time of peace to more than a dozen men. Common of England, once passed like a flash of yellow by motorists bound for their homes to the sea breeze...

One night we marched out to arrest the advance of an imaginary foe of more than usual strength and slowness, inasmuch as the trained bands of the militia had been powerless before him...

So, a certain Brigade of a certain Division found itself amid rolling country, wooded with pine, well watered, with villages hidden at the foot of moore—splendid training ground. It was a completely inexperienced Brigade, but most enthusiastic...

By the time the last stars were out, we were in position with our tools, there only remained the trickiest work of tracing in the dark the shape of trenches, with picks stuck in at corners. Shift after shift dug stubbornly through the night in front of our shells...

This theory was accordingly put into practice in our Brigade with more vigour than ever; the men were bothered with "tremendous trifles," but their import was most carefully set forth; until the column learnt to march with a swing and snap even when tired, hot and forbidden to touch their water bottles...

The next night was to be one of regular trench routine; our defenses being completed we must hold them. Our artillery was registering and searching, to the alarm of local residents and those gnomes who minister to the weary soldier anywhere in the A—Command with oranges and nasty sweets...

All this skirmishing and entrenching over the country-side greatly entertained the inhabitants, but its real significance was lost to them; they were ignorant that it was directed and modified by every day's experience of those already fighting that carefully compiled little pamphlets came to us full of precious knowledge, acquired bitterly, wrested from the enemy, pieced together with infinite pains—the new warfare...

Looking back on the time when we were in real trenches before a more tangible enemy than that Brown army which so often laid waste the village of... it is gratifying to find that these little pamphlets bore good fruit.

WAR PROSPERITY

Lessons From The American Civil War

DURING the year 1916 Canadians added more than two hundred million dollars to their bank deposits. The per capita average in savings banks was increased during the same period showed a gain of about 9%—mark that—within 10% of doubling the total trade of the previous twelve months.

At the close of the war there was a rapid spread of enthusiasm for a continuation of the so-called prosperity. Now enterprises were launched on every hand; speculation was rife. The returning soldier farmers migrated in large parties to fertile valleys tributary to the Mississippi...

But what of the period after the war? Will this prosperity live? Will Canada at the close of the war be able to maintain the big balance of trade in her favor which is now being piled up at the rate of half a billion dollars per year?

Comparing these Civil War conditions with those prevailing in Canada, we see many danger signals. The most important of these is the necessity for re-organizing production upon a sound and economic basis after our great munition plants have fulfilled their function...

From 1862 on to the close of the war, the Northern States showed prosperity on every hand. The rising party of protectionists, the Army breaking through into Pennsylvania carried back to the half-starved South stores that Northern industries were going about as if the nation was upon a well-organized peace schedule...

It is estimated that some 200,000 workers are now employed upon munitions, and that 75% of this number will require different employment after the war. We will have some 200,000 soldiers returning to our shores after the war, of which number, it is estimated, we will be called upon to find employment for fully 150,000.

The late Nelson W. Aldrich, the great economist of the United States, reviewed the apparent prosperity during and after the Civil War in the following: "Money wages responded with an inflationary influence of the civil war. In 1865, when prices stood at 217 as compared with 100 in 1860, wages had only touched 147."

We find also that the demand for labor was the greatest in the history of the States, up to that period. The extensive recruiting from the foreign and farming districts and the extraordinary demands of the munition plants, brought a shortage of labor everywhere. During the last few years of the Civil War, Canada remained idle because it was impos-

supposed to have a certain contempt for his uncle the Kaiser. What Ruffed Out Hair-Apparent? Now it is alleged that George was a pro-German, and had so expressed himself on several occasions. This, of course, riled him out. Whether he was pro-German or pro-Ally, it is natural that being the Hair-Apparent for several years and being under the influence of a mother who is a strong German and a father who has all the instincts of a tyrant, ideas concerning the course that ought to be taken by Greece. His younger brother, who is more like a college freshman than a prince, and has probably not bothered his head much about the affairs of State, will probably conclude that it is safer to follow the directions of his constitutional advisers, and not cherish the ambition to become a tyrant. He will do what he is told and that is why he is King.

Fond of Motoring. According to a Greek who writes in the New York Times, King Alexander has heretofore been distinguished by a passion for automobiles and a winning disposition. It is said that he is his father's favorite son, and that while his mother has thought that his behaviour has been of the sort calculated to make the Kaiser proud of being his uncle, she has been unable to resist his winning, boyish ways. What his views are regarding the war the public does not know. It is said that in the beginning he was eager to read accounts of the struggle, but quickly tired of it and turned with relief to that section of his favorite newspaper which revealed the advantages of new models of motor cars. Pressed for an opinion as to the belligerent armies, he is said to have declared that the "Russians are the more sorry because I like the press." Like other princes the present King served for some time in the army and happened to be gazzeted a captain on the same day that the son of Venizelos attained this rank. More over, they were officers in the same battery. It was desired to celebrate the event, but as that day a Venizelist paper had hitlerly attacked made no protest. Another time he King Constantine it was felt that the ran over a newboy, but gracefully situation presented difficulties. At-

the guns pealed solemnly forth betrayed at last by their vivid, we flashed before the eyes of the world. We were tired out, but the weakest of us was thankful he could survive, cheerfully, so much discomfort. All of us thought "I can stand this, I can stand anything."

When the sun rose our General came out and strewed all officers the full length of the line, explained, criticized, advised on every point with a perfect grasp of the whole and the detail, sparing neither praise nor blame. He was a thin man who looked, especially then, like a corpse; he had a mind like turpentine. Then the men in their turn were lectured to on what they had done, and were taken to see the trenches of other units, to criticize and compare—and they were keen enough to do that.

At length, very weary, the columns formed up at matched home, just as the village shops were taking their shutters down. Bands kept up a lively rhythm of our step, and when they ceased, there were those who were not too exhausted to start a song "Any old song will do" which soon gathered weight till it crashed from a thousand throats.

In such a way, and in many others we took on, willingly, the like yoke of soldiering. It was not long after this that we were taken to see the less savoury trenches of Flanders, and learnt yet further lessons, how to get used to flies and mud, and death, and shells, and waiting.

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