## FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

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THRIFT CAMPAIGN
Sir Douglas Hazen Describes in Detail the War Saving Stamps Plan—Pleasant and Profitable Meeting Held Yesterday.

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struction of capital ships was urged by Secretary Daniels, who pointed out that, in combatting the submarine menace, the navy had acquired an excess of small craft. Secretary Daniels told the commission that with the signing of the armistice he had to defer a trip to Europe, planned for this month, to study naval construction. Rear-Admirals Taylor, Earl and McGowan will accompany him on the trip abroad, which will be made later.

The cost of maintaining the may, after it reaches the size provided by the second three-year building programme, was estimated at from \$612, 100,000 to \$806,000,000 a year by Rear-Admiral McGowan, in a letter to representative Oliver of Alabama, a member of the committee.

Representative Kelly, of Michigan, asked the secretary when be first came to the conclusion that America should have a navy second to none in the world.

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"I came to that conclusion when the war broke," was the reply. "Until that time I believed that the working people who suffer most from wars, and bankers and business men, who pay for wars, shruld be considered before the militarists. But when I realized that the militarists of another nation might plunge the world into war, at their will, I realized that I was wrong. Unless we have a navy which can lick any navy in the world, we might as well have none. A large navy is not needed because the United Stutes has designs upon other nations' territory," said Secretary Daniels, "because this country has no such designs; but since we have pledged our support to small nations, unable to protect themselves, we must be strong enough to make our pledges good." BERING HELD UP

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AFTER FOUR YEARS

The Story of Three Little Belgian Children Who Prayed to Santa Claus.

In a ruined house, in a shell torn village in devastated Belgium, two little boys and one little girl sat huddled together on the floor. On a bed in a corner lay their mother, who had been hurt by falling bricks when the Germans shelled the village after they had left. Only one room in the house was left, the upper floor had been blown away. There was no free in that room and the chirmney had been blocked by falling masonry. There was no food either, and for two days now they had been given bread and soup by good neighbors.

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Now the names of those three little children were. Pierre, Henri and Jeanette, and while they were hungry and cold, and did all they could to help their mother get well again, there was one thing which puzzled them more than anything else, and they discussed it with their heads together under a blanket.

"Do you think Santa Claus will come to us this year?" asked Pierre, who was the eldest.

"I don't think he will ever come again" said Jeanette. "He hasn't been to us for four years now and I think the Boche took him prisoner or else killed him, like they did.

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'I think he will come back" declared Henri, "but he can't come down the chimney, can he? Perhaps he won't be able to find us

now".

For a long time the three little minds tried to solve this big problem, but they could come to no satisfactory solution as to whether Santa Claus was dead or alive. Pierre thought that perhaps a shell had hit his reindeer carriage while he was travelling through the air, but Henri was sure he had collided with an aeroplane; but no matter how they puzzled their little heads they still remained in doubt.

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Then Jeanette decided they would—ask their mother, she would surely know.

"If Ie Bon Dieu is good, he will come", their mother had replied. "The Boche has gone and le Bonhomme Noel is free to travel again. But while the Boche was here he could not come. The Boche would have taken all his toys and all his food and sent him away again. But he lives on leals were him away again But he lives, oh, la la, yes, he lives, on the other side of the water, and now, perhaps this Christmas, he will come back. But it is le Bon Dieu who must say and le Bon Dieu never forgets little children

and le Bon Dieu never forgets little children who are good".

Delighted with this assurance Pierre, Henriand Jeanette went back to their blanket, and there, on the cold bare floor, those three little mites in all their childish simplicity and belief, knelt together and with their hands clasped prayed to Santa Claus.

"Please come to us this Christmas Santa Claus, because you haven't been for so long

Claus, because you haven't been for so long Claus, because you haven t been for so long and we are all so hungry and so cold", started Pierre, who, being the eldest thought it was his place to invoke the good graces of their Christmas deity. "We want lots of nice things to eat, especially mother. She is so very sick and we do hope you can bring some cod-scalif you have any clother are rould." very sick and we do hope you can bring some food—and if you have any clothes we would like some too, because since Daddy was killed we have had no money to buy any and some clothes we had were burned when the Boche broke our house and we have nothing to put on now. Please send us all you can'. "And I don't mind if you can't bring me any soldiers 'cause mother wants some nice hot food first" added Henri. "And if you haven't got a doll Santa Clause.

"And if you haven't got a doll Santa Claus it doesn't matter 'cause we can wait. I would like a new dress like mother wants. So please Santa Claus if you haven't room for toys just bring us some food and things to put on as it is very cold here now" said little

put on as it is very cold here now" said little Jeanette as her share.

Outside it was already dark so the three little children rolled themselves in their blanket and slept and dreamt of Santa Claus coming to their tumbled down house in Belgium.

Early the next morning the three children were awakened from their bed on the hard cold floor by the sound of a distant busle.

cold floor by the sound of a distant bugle call and all ran to the window. Henri vowed it was Santa Claus answering their prayer. "But it isn't Christmas yet" declared

Perhaps he has come early because he has so much to do" put in Pierre.

But while the children were still at the window the rest of the village had also been awakened and began to gather on the street. All the women were talking and some ran to and fro with little flags, waving them and shouting—"Les Soldats—les Allies—Vive les

Louder and louder grew the sound of music and presently the soldiers came marching up the road—the khaki-clad figures of the Canadian soldiers. And there were laughter and tears on the streets outside.

And the three children, Pierre, Henri and Jeanette also ran to the street, although it was cold and their clothing was so very ragged, but they did not leave their mother alone, they pulled her bed up so that she could see out of the door and into the street and propped her up with their own little blanket.

Then a big soldier came with them into the house and he took them on his knee and kissed them. At first they could not understand

them. At first they could not understand what he said, but in a little while he began to talk to them as their Daddy used to do before he went to war and was killed.

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"Have you seen Santa Claus?" Henri was anxious to know.

"Santa Claus" said the soldier, "why it is too early for him yet".

"Do you think he will come to us this year? He hasn't been to us for four years now" complained Jeanette bitterly.

'I don't mind if he doesn't bring me any toys" said Pierre quite confidentially, stroking the soldier's hand. "I just want him to make mother better and bring us some food and things to wear".

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"Why of course he will come back" said the soldier patting each little head, "and although he hasn't been for four years he hasn't forgotten you. He wanted to come so badly but he couldn't, because the Boche would have taken all his things away from him and sent him back again. So instead Santa Claus has been working hard in his home over the waters, a long long way from here, in a place waters, a long long way from here, in a place called Canada, that's a funny name isn't it, but it's a land where the Boche will never go

but it's a land where the Boche will never go and where the men and women have such big hearts that they share all they have with little boys and girls like you.

"All these men and women have been working for Santa Claus, are great friends of his and they have been giving him money to buy all kinds of food and nice things to wear to bring over here to you. They have read all about what the Boche did to your home and they shed a few tears but worked all the harder to give you back your happiness. And this Christmas, I am sure, they have given Santa Claus so many things and so much money that he will have to get several more reindeer carriages to help him earry reindeer carriages to help him earry

all he has.
"So don't worry, mes enfants, the good old man is coming to you and you shall have warm clothes and lots of food and there will be no more hungry feelings and no more cold and you will be happy again, for the people of that great big country are going to look after you.

after you.

"Why, now I come to think of it, one of those people with such great big hearts gave me this the other day to give to you" and he dived into his pocket and pulled out two bars

of chocolate.

Later the soldier went away and Pierre.
Henri and Jeanette all day long talked of
Santa Claus and what good things he would
bring them, and they wondered who the
people were with such great big hearts who
were going to look after them and give them
food and warm things to "put on".

Every day these little children look forward
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Every day these little children look forward to the coming of Santa Claus. They are waiting for him now, and with them thousands and thousands of other little Belgian children, many of whom have lost their homes and their fathers and mothers and who have not seen Santa Claus for four long years. Day by day these little mites go to bed at night feeling hungry and throughout the day shiver with each fresh blast of wind.

Help these little Belgian children and their

day shiver with each fresh blast of wind.

Help these little Belgian children and their suffering mothers back to health and strength. Help them believe in a real Santa Claus. Christmas to the Canadian child means new toys and games and candies, but to the little Belgian children it would be the most wonderful thing in the world if they had enough to eat and warm clothes for their little bodies—then they would be happy and not one but would ask the Good God to bless you and that alone is worth earning for the sake of making a little child happy.

To-day the Boche has been driven from their villages and there are no restrictions, only the limits of your generosity. Your local relief Committee or the Central Committee of the Belgian Relief Fund, 59 St. Peter street, Montreal, will see that your gifts reach the expectant little Belgian Children.—Courtesy Montreal Herald.

## TOOK THE ONLY HONEST COURSE FOR ANY MA

Hon. Newton W. Rowell E rier and Why He Joined Union Government.

REPLY TO BOURASSA Refers to Statements Near Year Ago Regarding French Speaking Clergy in Canad

Speaking Clergy in Canada

Bowmanville, Ont., Dec. 29—
address, explaining his personal potion and his relations with Sir W
fril Laurier, was delivered here night by Hon. Newton W. Rowe president of the Privy Council. H. Mr. Rowell spoke at a meeting his constituents, which was held the Opera House under the auspices the Union Committee.

Considerable of Mr. Rowell speech was devoted to a reply Henri Bourassa's demand in Le I woir that Mr. Rowell should apologi for "the calumnious statements ma at North Bay nearly a year ago the French-speaking clergy of Ca ada." He said, in part:

"The substance of my stateme about the French-speaking clergy Quebec was that the majority them were supporters of Mr. Bou assa in his attitude on the war, at that in the ceurse they were pusting they were undermining Ca ada's strength in the struggle. Hought as they is religious and racial fee ing against Union Government, it suggested that my references cover and fought as members of the French reservists, who were sers of religious orders, and when called to the colors in the ir Government, returned to Francard fought as members of the French army. My references, were not to men who had gone forth tight, but to men who stayed a home, men who were in the province of Quebec during the war, supportin Mr. Bourassa. Of the men who we we forth to fight, none can speak in to high terms."

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Hen Mr. Rowell denied a story which had been in circulation to the effect that he had consented to join the Union Government on the under stunding that Sir Robert Border would bring in a prohibition bill. He touched on his severance of politica rejations with Sir Wilfrid Lauries in these words:

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"The last of these stories to which is all refer is that the Liberals when the content were guilty of treason to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and that I entered Union Government were guilty of treason to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and that I entered Union Genvernment because I was disappointed because I could not take the place of Sir Wilfrid as leader of the Liberal party in the Dominion. It is the possible, this is even more absurd and untrue than the other stories, as a reference to Sir Wilfrid how untrue such a statement is.

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"Every Liberal was anxious beyond measure that Sir Wilfrid should continue to lead a united party, and every effort was put forth to induce hip, to take a position on which is high-speaking Liberals could sit ad and at the same time be true to their convictions, but without success. It was only after the fullest and frankest discussion and repeated conferences with Sir Wilfrid, extending not only for weeks but for months, that it became evident that agreement was impossible, that a group of Liberals from the different provinces agreed to the formation of a Union Government. We were compelled to choose between standing by our convictions and what we believed to be our duty to Canada and the men overseas, or of repudiating these for the sake of so-called party uniformity. There was only one course for honest men to take, that was to stand by their convictions. I took that course, and that is why, and the only reason why, I am in the Union Government."

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Hon. Mr. Rowell took occasion to deny some other "absurd and idle tales," as he called them. One of these he referred to thus:

"The story is that when I was sked to become leader of the Liberal arty in Ontario, I required that a rumittee should be appointed to be a fund to guarantee me against I loss while engaged in work as rovincial leader. This statement a pure invention. The truth is that when the committee of members of the Ontario Legislature waited, upon me to ask me if I would accept the leadership of the provincial Laberal party, Mr. Bowman, the chief whio stated that he was authorized to guarantee me a salary of \$5,000 a year if I would accept the leadership Tiese is no salary attached to the position of leader of the Opposition in Outario, as there is at Ottawa. I agreed to consider the offer of the leadership, but only on the condition that no salary should be attached and during the whole time I was leader I never received one cent of compensation from any source whatever in respect of my work as leader. BRINGING UP FATHE

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