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**THE SITUATION IN EUROPE**

The daily papers are full of reports telegraphed from Paris and London of the European situation, following the signing of the armistice. Its clauses are already made operative, and Allied troops are now en route to the German territory, which is to be occupied. As we ventured to predict in our last week's review of the situation the German coalition government that has been formed, of Socialists and representatives of the Soldiers' and Workers Committee, apparently has the domestic situation in hand, that would preclude the possibility of further bloodshed and anarchy. It must be remembered the German race has been reared and trained to habits of discipline—in their own country, but not in others—for their own ambitious militarist purposes, and habits of discipline and submission to official control in the lifetime of a people can hardly collapse now that the rulers responsible for the war have fled from the country, and the people have the government of their own land and their destiny in their own hands. This, as we pointed out, will facilitate peace and make the responsible task of the Allies much easier.

The signing of the armistice has brought about the end of the life of the present Imperial Parliament, and a new House of Commons is to be at once formed. It is expected to take the form of a coalition government, in which all parties will be represented. It will be faced with the most responsible duties any British Parliament has been called upon to undertake, in foreign, domestic and Colonial affairs. The new Parliament will be formed in December, and already the great party leaders have made public announcements concerning their policy and the duties of the new House.

Mr. Lloyd George, the recent Premier, has outlined his programme. The peace settlement must be fundamentally just.

"We must not allow any sense of revenge, any spirit of greed, any grasping desire to override the fundamental principles of right and to satisfy some base, sordid, squalid spirit of revenge and avarice. We must relentlessly set our faces against that."

In discussing the League of Nations, which he holds is absolutely essential to permanent peace, a large number of small nations (in the Balkans) have been reborn in Europe, and these will require a League of Nations to protect them against the covetousness of ambitious and grasping neighbors.

"We shall go to the peace conference to guarantee that a League of Nations is a reality. I am one of those who believe that without peace we cannot have progress. A league of nations guarantees peace."

"Lord Robert Cecil, Assistant Secretary for Foreign Affairs, on the subject of a league of nations, declared that the Allies held in their hands the political future of the entire world. On their decisions, he added, might depend the peace and happiness of many generations. The most glorious victory, he continued, could scarcely be distinguishable from defeat unless by it there were laid the lasting foundations of a lasting peace."

The suggested league of nations, said Sir Robert, could not be restricted to a certain group of nations, but must be open to every nation which could be trusted by its fellows. It would be incomplete and proportionately ineffective, unless every civilized nation joined it."

The Premier, concerning Ireland, declared that there must be no coercion of Ulster. Dealing with the problems of reconstruction a great re-housing program was necessary, the hours of labor must be reduced, a minimum wage introduced and production increased through land reform. There must also be a large development in transport. There was, he said, value in the prevailing revolutionary spirit if wisely directed. It must be combated by national unity, co-operation and sacrifice. He wanted a united government representing all parties.

Turning to the immediate effect of the cessation of hostilities, the scenes in Paris and London were of unrestrained joy and thanksgiving. For four and a half years the British people had suppressed their feelings, with the steadfast and grim purpose of winning the war. It is not surprising that the populace of London went wild with delight when the armistice was signed. The immediate benefit, which we

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also appreciate in Canada, in the stoppage of the casualty lists.

There was a deeply impressive scene in St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, where the Houses of Commons and Lords went in a procession after hearing the terms of the armistice. Premier Lloyd George led the Commons and the Lord Chancellor led the Lords. It was an historical service, brief and simple, "Oh, God, Our Help in Ages Past." "Te Deum" and the National Anthem being sung. Appropriately the lesson of the day included verses from Isaiah, lxi.: He sent me to bind up the broken-hearted. To proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison doors to the bound. They shall raise up the desolations of their forefathers. They will build up the old wastes and they will renew forsaken cities."

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

Ottawa announces that Sunday, December 1, will be a day of Dominion wide thanksgiving for the end of the war. Thanksgiving services will be held in all churches throughout Canada. It was first expected that last Sunday would be the day of thanksgiving, but the influenza epidemic would not permit of all Canadian churches opening.

**THE VICTORY LOAN TRIUMPHANT**

Canada has surpassed itself. It has furnished the authorities, Colonial and Imperial, with a financial credit for the purchase of Canadian supplies for British markets with the largest sum the Dominion has yet raised during the war. It is a most fitting and useful celebration of the Allies great victory. Well done, Canada! And well done, British Columbia, which has exceeded by the substantial amount of two million dollars the money it was asked to lend. With its comparatively small population of 350,000 the authorities might well have been diffident in appealing for four million dollars, but, in the words of Mr. W. H. Malkin, provincial chairman of the Victory Loan organization: "No one in the wildest flights of fancy would have believed that prior to the war B. C. could, in a three weeks' campaign, such as we have had raise the enormous sum of \$32,000,000, and I wish to extend to the whole Province the hearty thanks and appreciation of myself and the Provincial Executive for the splendid efforts put forward by all those who have taken part in the flotation of this loan."

"Since the war," he further remarks, "British Columbia has always led the way in voluntary recruiting and subscriptions to patriotic funds, Red Cross, etc., and in this drive she has lived up to her very best traditions. Please convey to your

many readers my best thanks not only for the work done but for the generosity and public spirit of all those who have subscribed."

British Columbia has every reason therefore to be proud of itself. It has gone "well over the top" as was expected of it, when it came to the final spurt. The loan may not be the last, but it will furnish for some time to come a substantial sum for the purchase of food supplies and help materially with the cost of bringing home the soldiers. But it is very very satisfactory to realize that this large sum, raised in Canada will be spent in Canada, on those food stuffs the British population stand in need of.

**THE WAR TROPHIES****Another Suggestion**

To the Editor Sidney Review

Dear Sir—After reading the suggestions on where to place the War Trophies, I would like to suggest that one gun find a place on the beautiful grounds of Mrs. J. J. White, the convenor of the Sidney Red Cross, who has worked day and night, never thinking of her own health or pleasure. She is always at her post cheering others along, so let us honor this noble lady by placing one gun from Flanders on her beautiful grounds. (Lest we forget) her self denial.

MRS. LOPTHIEM

Nov. 16, 1918

Bayview, Sidney

## Christmas and the New Year

## ORDER NOW

YOUR

## Greeting Cards For Christmas and the New Year



Owing to the war the stock of Greeting Cards is very limited but we have managed to secure a nice selection. If you desire to be sure of securing these—ORDER YOUR CARDS NOW

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