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CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The following casualty list was issued at midnight:
Third Canadian Infantry Brigade Headquarters.
 Wounded—Captain E. Bristol (no particulars).
First Battalion.
 Died of wounds—Henry Stacey, England.
 Wounded—Wm. A. Scott, England.
Second Battalion.
 Wounded—Thomas G. Alexander.
 Ottawa: Corporal George W. Halse, England.

Wounded but has returned to action—Ole Stevenson, Norway.
Twenty-Fifth Battalion.
 Wounded—Reginald Culton, Stettin, N. S.
Twenty-Sixth Battalion.
 Wounded seriously—Vaughan I. M. Henshaw, New York City.
Third Battalion.
 Suffering from shock—Jas. B. Fenwick, Horton Poor Farm, Greenwich, Horton, N. S.
Fourth Battalion.
 Wounded—Christopher W. Hall, Humboldt, Sask.
Seventh Battalion.
 Wounded—Geo. Upward, England.
Twenty-First Battalion.
 Severely wounded—Harry Sutton, Sand Point, Ont.

Mettle of Nation Will Be Tested as Never in Century, Bankers Say

Manifesto to People of England by Financial Leaders Regarding Meeting of Financial Burden—All Luxuries Should be Dispensed with and Economy Practiced.

London, Dec. 22.—A manifesto to the people of the country was issued to-night, over the signature of a score of leading English bankers and financiers, on the subject of the country's financial position. The signatures are headed by George Anderson, treasurer of the Bank of England. The manifesto in part follows:

"As this is a time of great national danger, it is imperative that every citizen realize the vast necessity Great Britain has to perform. In a long war success depends mainly upon the resources of the country, and the consequent power of one of them to maintain or add to its fighting strength, while the other are declining.

"It is not in doubt that the Allies' financial resources, when fully mobilized and wisely controlled, will be vastly greater than the enemy's. The Allies success in defeating the enemy's efforts to cripple them in men, munitions and money before they could assemble their full strength has now brought the war near to its final stage. Indeed, only one thing is now needed to command victory, namely, to provide all the money needed to support the vast armies of new men, and pay for the vast quantities of arms and munitions being manufactured in all parts of the world.

"The task of finding the greater part of the immense sums of money needed by the Allies is the special duty of the British people, for they, in particular, possess the necessary financial resources. Their manufacturing power is undiminished by invasion; their cities undestroyed; their ports not shut off. The income of the British people has been maintained at a high level. Exports, though not so great as before the war, are greater than in 1910. The income from capital invested abroad has been reduced but little; the earnings of shipping are greater than ever, and the factories are working full time.

"Moreover, the effect upon production of the great army's mobilization has been largely neutralized by the more vigorous and effective work of the civilian population, particularly the women. The average individual income is much in excess of any total heretofore reached.

"Will Test Mettle of the Nation
 "In the current calendar year, the British people will spend £1,300,000,000 on war and government; next year £1,800,000,000. To raise this sum is a stupendous task, which will try the mettle of the nation as it has not been tried in a hundred years. The task demands the strenuous co-operation of every man, woman, youth and maiden—that the nation's energies be concentrated on the production of really essential things, that the production of all non-essentials be wholly stopped.

"The nation must avoid the consumption of all non-essentials, and even restrict the consumption of essentials to the limits of efficiency. Individuals possessing securities marketable abroad must sell them to pay for goods and munitions for which no other means of payment can be provided. Only by all classes aiding to and carefully husbanding their income, by selling foreign securities, by creating foreign credits, will it be possible to provide the vast sum needed by the nation and its allies."

GERMANY'S LOSSES IN MEN SINCE THE STRUGGLE BEGAN

A French Writer's Estimate of the Casualties and Future Resources of the Teutons.

Paris, Dec. 20.—An episode which is already among the classic stories of the war stands revealed in a new and remarkably interesting light in an article which M. Maurice Barres, the well-known French writer, contributes to the "Echo de Paris."

The episode referred to was briefly as follows:—The Germans had swarmed into a certain French trench and broken down the resistance of the defenders, whose bodies covered the ground. Suddenly a man rose and selling a sack of grenades, shouted "Debout les morts!" (Up with you, dead men!) At this summons the wounded in the trench made a supreme effort, and, staggering to their feet, drove the enemy out.

The hero of the affair, who has been mentioned in the Army Orders, is Lieutenant Perleard, a man of thirty-eight, but whose hair is white. He told M. Barres the following story of what occurred:

"My section, with three others from different companies, was ordered to attack a German trench. It was a stiff fight, and we had many killed and wounded; all night through we kept up the action with bombs under a torrential downpour of rain which drenched us to the skin, but we held the trench and I experienced a great exaltation of spirit. I felt that life was extraordinarily intensified and I had a laugh on my lips. On two occasions a torpedo knocked me over, covering me with earth and wreckage, and I picked myself up laughing as if at a good joke.

"Panic.
 In the morning we were alerted, so that we might have a rest, and we went into a second-line trench and tried to sleep. Towards midday we woke in a hurry. The Germans had just counter-attacked with an avalanche of grenades and torpedoes. They were repulsing us. It was panic. Not only had they retaken their own trench, but they were reaching ours.

"I turned towards the extended corpse, I think. 'Their sacrifice, then, is to be of no avail; they will have fallen in vain? And the Boches are going to come back. They will steal our dead from us.' A second fury gripped me. I have no recollection now of any exact actions or words. All I know is that I shouted something like this, 'Oh, there! Up with you! What are you doing on the ground there? Devout dead men!' A touch of madness? No, for the dead answered me. They said to me, 'We follow you.' And, rising at my call, their souls mingled with my soul and made of it a great incandescent mass.

"What happened then? There is a gap in my recollection; action swallowed up memory. I have simply a vague impression of a disorderly offensive in which, always in the front rank, Bonnet stands out. One of the men of my section, wounded in the arm, continued to hurl at the enemy bombs spotted with his blood.

"Had The Dead Put Them There?
 Twice we ran short of bombs, and twice we found, at our feet, sacks full of them mingled with the sandbags. We had moved about over them all day without noticing them. But was it, indeed, the dead that had put them there?

"At last the Boches calmed down; we were able to consolidate our barrier of bags in the communication trench. We again found ourselves masters of the corner.

"All the evening and during several of the succeeding days I retained the religious emotion which had seized on me at the moment of that summons to the dead. I felt something like that which one feels after a fervent communion.

"I know that there is nothing of the hero about me. Every time that I have had to jump over the parapet I have shivered with fear, and the distress which I was in the height of action is not an accident in my soldiering life. I deserve no compliment. It is the living who carried me along on their example and the dead who led me by the hand.

"The cry came not from the mouth of a man, but from the heart of all

those who lay there, living and dead. One man alone could not find that accent. It wanted the collaboration of several souls, aroused by circumstances, and some of them already floating in eternity—Central News.

CAMPBELL
 Campbell, Charlotte Co., Dec. 20.—On Friday evening the young people of the village assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lank in honor of Mr. Chester Eagles who has for the past two years been a faithful teacher in the public school, and having enjoyed some time ago has now gone to serve his king and country. The evening passed off very pleasantly, games and refreshments were indulged in and an evening spent that will live for a long time in the memory of all present.

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GIVES AUSTRIA NO CHANCE TO DODGE ISSUE

Second American Note On Ancona Affair Brief But To The Point.

CULPABILITY PROVED BEYOND DOUBT

Rules violated by the act so universally recognized U.S. does not consider points debatable.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The United States will not argue with Austria any points involved in the sinking of the Ancona. In the second American note to the Vienna government, made public by the State Department today, when it was delivered to the Austrian foreign minister, Count Von Burian, in Vienna, this government states that it must "renew the definite but respectful demands made in its communication of the sixth of December."

This second note, extremely brief, is friendly in tone, but leaves no doubt of the determination that Austria shall make full reparation for American lives lost and punishment of the Austrian submarine commander whose culpability is in any case established. And whose act, details of which were given in the Austrian admiral's statement, is held to be "a wilful violation of the rules of international law and the principles of humanity."

The Text.
 Addressed to Ambassador Penfield, the note follows:
 "Department of State, Washington, Dec. 19, 1915.
 "You are instructed to address a note to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, textually as follows:
 "The government of the United States has received the note of Your Excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on Dec. 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration.
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