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WELCOME THE 69TH.

The 69th Battalion from Montreal is soon to arrive in St. John. This is a French-Canadian battalion under Lt. Col. Danvers. It was mobilized at Valcartier, went recently to Montreal, and is next coming to St. John. There is no information as to the duration of its stay here. The 69th is a part of the answer of the Province of Quebec to Mr. Armand Lavergne's assertion that Canada should not participate in this war. The 69th is a part of the answer of the Province of Quebec to Mr. Armand Lavergne's assertion that Canada should not participate in this war. The 69th is a part of the answer of the Province of Quebec to Mr. Armand Lavergne's assertion that Canada should not participate in this war.

havior common to all nations which shared in the ethics of Christianity. By a series of ruthless blows Germany has destroyed this illusion, and has shown that, from poisoning wells to murdering women and children on the high seas, there is nothing at which a nation armed with all the resources of modern science will draw the line. And recent events in the Near East can only add to the conviction crushed upon the world by Germany: that no people can afford to put its trust in the ethics of other nations. The time has not yet come—it seems farther away than ever—when the world can trust to the Brotherhood of Man to submerge its jealousies, its passions and hates. National aspirations today are as selfish as they have ever been in the past. Treaties and alliances can only be relied upon by the strong.

There is, of course, another aspect of the question, and much will also depend upon the result of this war. If Germany and the German spirit are utterly crushed, a world exhausted by strife may very well consider whether a period of rest from struggle for armaments would not be desirable, and in the meantime redoubled efforts made to secure such international agreements as would give relief from an intolerable burden. A complete victory for the Allies would be a victory for international good faith, and a very striking warning to all nations not to follow the example of Germany. It is too soon to express a decided opinion on the conditions to follow the war, but we may hope that our children are not to be born into and steeped in a world bristling with instruments for the deliberate destruction of human life. Surely we are not headed back again toward barbarism.

THE GERMAN SPIRIT.

In an address in Ottawa last week on the German philosopher Nietzsche, whose teachings had so demoralizing an effect upon the German mind, Prof. H. L. Stewart of Dalhousie University, culled the following among other salient points from Nietzsche's writings:—"Germany is suffering from two gross narcotics, alcohol and Christianity."

"The Christian religion has done more to blast civilization than anything else."

"The six of sin in Germany is 'character softening,' the subversion of the nation to the doctrines of equality."

Prof. Stewart summarized the chief features in Prussian philosophy as "brutal callousness, the assumption that the proletariat was created for the dominating caste, the division of mankind into higher and lower man, and the indispensability and wholeness of war in the furtherance of human progress."

After more than a year of war, in which the German nation has revealed itself to the world as that of the dominating caste, the division of mankind into higher and lower man, and the indispensability and wholeness of war in the furtherance of human progress."

The plan of co-operation between Britain, France, Russia and Italy in regard to the production and distribution of munitions is another important move that will tend to shorten the war. The harmony that prevails among the tepte Powers is quite different from the condition of affairs among the Central Powers, where Germany is the dictator.

The Germans appear to be making another offensive movement against the Russians near Dvinsk, but the latter show no anxiety.

The Italians continue with success their pressure upon the Austrian lines and are said to have made both Gorizia and Riva untenable for the enemy.

Along the western front the British and French still have the advantage in artillery actions, but there is no change in relative position of the contending forces. France is calling out another 400,000 young men to do garrison duty and to be trained for more active service.

Rumors are persistent that Germany is putting out feelers with a view to creating a sentiment in favor of peace negotiations, but even if the Allied nations in turn have made it clear that there will be no peace on Germany's terms, it will not be hers to dictate, but to accept the terms dictated when Prussian militarism has been crushed. Any other war when Germany felt herself able to resume her efforts to attain world dominion.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Will the present war result in a movement for general disarmament, or increase the burden of armament upon the nations? Many believed at the outset that the former policy would be adopted, but as the war has progressed that view is held with less confidence. Lord Rosebery recently asserted that in future international agreements must be backed by force. In the United States we see a great campaign in favor of increased armament and more extensive measures for national defence, at enormous cost to the country. That nation has learned how futile are protests when not backed by the ability to enforce them. The Ottawa Journal observes that it is hard to disagree with Lord Rosebery, and gives its reasons as follows:—

"In recent years a great many of us in the Anglo-Saxon world had come to believe in a certain saving instinct among people as a force which would prevent a general war at the last moment. That confidence disappeared in August of last year. But there was worse to come. There was a much more deeply rooted confidence in certain fundamental decency as the common property of civilized people. It was thought that there were some primary points of civilized be-

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(By Florence L. Patterson in the Chronicle, New York.)

What hypocrites we are! If we believe one tithe of what we say, One single sentence of the prayers we pray, How do we dare pursue our small, stung lives, While falsehood grows and rank injustice thrives!

Unto our neighbor, love! How often have we to our neighbor brought That warm, deep sympathy, that constant thought Which guards our comfort like a cloak and tells How dearly, tenderly, we love ourselves.

The hand of Brotherhood! Which of us, meeting on the Sabbath morn' Before God's church, a beggar-man forlorn, Would take his hand and greet him heartily, 'This is our Father's house, come sit with me!'

Judge not to be judged! But reputation can be torn to shreds, And tossed aside like useless, travelled threads, Lives warped and rent and gossiped out of true, Within the space of one short afternoon.

Sinless, then cast the stone! Yet, wretched quibblers that we are, each day We slumber from the sinner turn away, And see her scorned by men, whose lives have been Steeped to the full in just this kind of sin.

If the Good Book speak true! If it be true that in its lines are given The principles that raise our souls to Heaven, If this be true—how poor our chances are To catch the glimmer of its utmost star!

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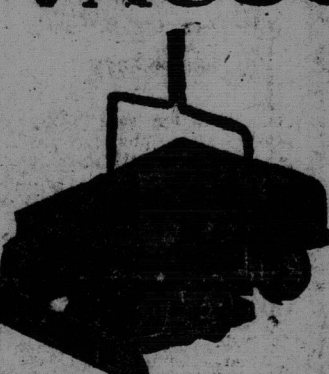
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