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## WELCOME NEWS IF TRUE

The most significant item of today's war news appears to be the paragraph in Premier Asquith's speech in which he says that "advances to our allies might also grow as adhesions to our cause of those states which did not take part in the war in the early stages came forward."

This is taken as a reference to Greece and the Balkan States. The war party in Greece is in the ascendant, as a result of the recent elections, and will soon be in power. Roumania has shown her sympathies by stopping the flow of munitions from Germany to Turkey. Bulgaria is regarded as likely to listen to the counsel of Greece, whose influence would heal the breach with Serbia.

If these countries should come in, at a time when the Allies are predicting that within six weeks they will have Constantinople at their mercy, the whole aspect of the war in the southern and eastern field would be changed. Turkey would be crushed, Russia would get access to the Mediterranean for supplies and for the shipment of her food products, and Austria would find herself attacked by overwhelming forces.

It is assumed that Mr. Asquith has knowledge to justify his guarded statement, and it is natural to make that assumption because he is not a man to give unwarranted assurances. The process of tightening the coils about the enemy goes steadily if slowly on. When will the United States give its adhesion to the cause of the Allies?

## THE PEACE TALK

Miss Jane Addams cannot understand why proposals looking to peace are not more seriously considered by the nations. In her mind the great end to be achieved is peace. What she apparently fails to grasp is the fact that no lasting peace is possible until Prussian militarism and German savagery have been utterly crushed.

What is this war about? Have the nations merely rushed at each other through love of slaughter? Before we can talk of peace we must decide in our own minds the merits of the quarrel, its causes, the relative justice of the claims of the combatants, and the condition of affairs which will prevail in the world when the war is over.

Germany did not enter this war to make the world better, but to make it a German world. The spirit which actuated the Kaiser and his advisers is not the spirit that makes for peace, liberty and progress, but for the enslavement of mankind. When that spirit has been crushed a permanent peace may be hoped for, and not before. It is not pleasant to contemplate the dreadful loss of life and treasure brought about by this war, but if Germany should win the condition of mankind would be made infinitely worse, and the time would not be long in coming when the United States would be fighting for its independence against an arrogant foe flushed with European victory. Miss Jane Addams would best be serving the cause of humanity by a crusade against an enemy that threatens human welfare far more seriously than any foe she has ever fought in her splendid career of social service.

## DOING OUR BIT

The Times prints today an article from the Maritime Merchant on the subject of "doing one's bit by saving money." Thoughtful readers will find in it a point of view that is of special importance at the present time. In St. John have experienced no serious business or financial difficulties thus far during the war, but what of the period after the war? Moreover, we are still far from the end of the war, and if the British Empire is now spending fifteen million dollars per day for war purposes, the depletion of wealth will be such as to stagger even the imagination by the time peace is restored. The Merchant therefore gives good counsel when it tells the people to conserve their resources and economize whatever is wasteful. It is very difficult to impress people with the gravity of the situation so long as work and wages are plentiful and life goes on in an almost normal manner, but they must be impressed and made to understand what the war involves for the future or they will eventually feel the pinch of want as it is even now being felt in some parts of Canada less fortunate than these eastern provinces. It is not contended that there should be any slackening of legitimate business or industry, but a watchful scanning of personal and family expenditures with an eye to the lean year or years ahead; and with a desire that all possible financial help may be given to aid in prosecuting the war and caring for the men and the families of the men who are pleading their lives that the Empire may survive the shock and strain of this awful war.

Let us hope the Balkan states will come in. Meanwhile, are we doing all we can ourselves? How many hunky fellows with no good reason for it are in St. John today when they ought to be at Valcartier?

## THE CRAFTERS.

The revelations made at the enquiry by Commissioner Chandler at Fredericton yesterday cannot fail to cause a most painful impression throughout the province. Following as they do the Southampton Railway revelations and those relating to the timber lands and the St. John Valley Railway, they strengthen the conviction that graft and political dishonesty were never so widespread in New Brunswick as they have been during the past three or four years. The connection of Mr. Robt. M. P. E., with the Gloucester County transactions can hardly escape the notice of Premier Clarke. What will he do about it? The evidence of the witness Chaisson proves that there were padded pay lists, and that the province was shamelessly swindled in connection with the work. The ten years old son of a foreman figured on the pay sheets for \$170. Chaisson appears also to have been paid for some lumber by both the provincial and federal governments. As usual, an important witness was missing. An important witness was not present, though with a subpoena and given his expense money. Several other important witnesses also failed to appear yesterday.

Mr. Veniot, however, was able to give evidence alone to prove more than he had charged, and the enquiry has only begun.

Naturally the people of the province, reading the sordid story of public plunder, ask themselves how much more of this sort of thing would be revealed if all public contracts in all parts of the province were investigated and the complete record of administration in every department of the government laid bare. That the government itself is not at all shocked by the revelations is apparent from the fact that its organ, the Standard, gives but a meagre report of the proceedings at Fredericton yesterday and has no word of condemnation for the looters of the provincial treasury. To get a change of methods it will be necessary to get a change of government.

Mr. Lloyd George gives daily proof of his splendid ability and his remarkable hold upon the confidence and regard of the people of Great Britain.

St. Andrew's Society of Fredericton points the way to other organizations in New Brunswick in providing a machine gun for the Canadian troops.

Premier Asquith's speech in the House of Commons yesterday gives emphasis to the points touched on by the Maritime Merchant in an article which is reproduced in today's Times.

The province of Ontario will provide five hundred machine guns for the Canadian forces. This will be a most helpful contribution for the present is a machine gun and big gun war.

St. John is doing well in the matter of machine guns. The city should also be represented by an aeroplane at the front. No other city in Canada has suffered less from the ill effects of the war, and the people can afford to be liberal.

The final draft of the new American note to Germany has been approved, but no hint of its nature is given out. If it coincides with the views expressed by American newspapers, it will insist upon a change in the German policy of submarine warfare, and upon a prompt reply.

The evacuation of Russia by the Russians is anticipated. It is insisted, however, that the capture of the city, while the Russian armies remain unbeaten in the field, will be of no permanent advantage to the Austro-Germans. Nevertheless, we would prefer to read of a Russian victory.

Premier Asquith said yesterday that the war expenditure in the first seven days of July had been £24,000,000, and showed a tendency to increase from day to day. This emphasizes the plea for national saving, and a wise economy of resources in every direction, while at the same time the war is prosecuted with ever increasing energy.

A time of war, when the national existence is imperilled, is not a time for strikes. The able-bodied men who attempt to paralyze an industry for their personal benefit, when they ought to be in the trenches fighting for their country, are public enemies. The Welsh miners have forced the hand of the British government, but it will do them no good in the end.

A Lowell barber advertised for an assistant, but through a typographical error the advertisement read: "Wanted, a barber." Out of four applicants who applied for the job two said they were "barbers" out of work, while a third admitted that he did not know what a "barber" was, but that he would like to learn the trade.

J. N. Foss of Millbridge, Me., is said to have discovered the long lost art of tempering copper. He has this work down so now that he can make articles from copper that will give a man a first-class shave.

## FLANDERS.

I have seen the Vision Splendid, in the narrow muddy ditch  
I have seen Death's finger beckon to the lads, both poor and rich  
I have shuddered at the silence when the Roll Call answered which  
Of us was marching home.

I have heard the whirling motors in the shadows of the night  
I have marked their phantoms wheeling in the misty morning light  
And I thought their souls escaping from the long and weary fight  
As they went sighing o'er.

I have heard the gun's dread warning, when they spat their deadly hate  
I have seen the sharpshooters hurrying o'er the ranks marked down by Fate  
I have killed, and killed more grimly, when beside me fell my mate  
And went so quiet home.

I have seen the Vision Splendid, 'twas at breaking of the dawn,  
That I heard a piteous crying, from a little child forlorn.  
In his hands he held a lily, its petals stained and torn.

His little face was wistful, while he took his slippers, "turn down the road to where, so very quietly Death's harvest gained his lay."  
Then I heard him singing sweetly to the dead to come away,  
And I was left alone.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

Unselfish  
Doctor—Is your wife strong-minded enough to see that you positively refrain from eating sweets?  
Patient—"Sure, doctor! She's got drunk enough to make me pass up the candy and pastry and all that as long as she's allowed to eat it herself."

Not Seen in Daytime  
A farmer worked his harvest hands from 4 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock at night. A man looking for work hollered to a hand over in the big wheat field, asking him if he could get a job. He was advised to ask at the house.

"How do I get there?" asked the applicant.  
"You go down this field," said the haggard laborer, "turn down the road to the barn, turn to the left and follow the lane."

"What color is the house painted?" asked the applicant, doubtfully.  
"I don't know," said the harvest hand. "I ain't never seen it in daylight."

"What do you consider the most important event in the history of Paris?"  
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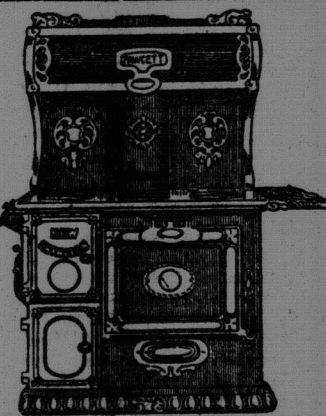
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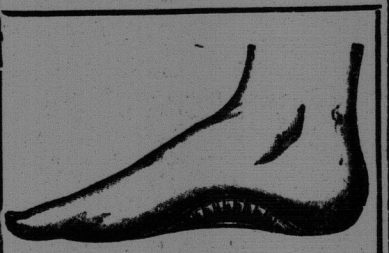
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## PREMIER ASQUITH'S

## SPEECH ON WAR VOTE

London, July 20.—In moving the new vote of credit of £150,000,000 in the house of commons today, Premier Asquith announced that for the first seven days of July the war expenditure had been £24,000,000, and that the rate of expenditure showed daily a natural tendency to rise. The item of loans to allies of Great Britain might also, the premier pointed out, grow with the session to the allied cause of states not yet participating in the war. The premier estimated that £100,000,000 would carry Great Britain to the end of September, but in view of possible contingencies he advised the house to increase the total to £150,000,000.

The premier drew special attention to

a change in the wording of the vote of credit which in the present case empowers the government to expend money in loans on grants to other states than those falling within the category of "his majesty's dominions, protectorates or allied powers."

The premier significantly emphasized that the limitation was purposely omitted in this case.

"We think it desirable in the existing situation," he said, "that we should have rather wider powers in respect to countries or states to which advances may possibly be made, and I am sure that the house will agree that the government should have in this matter a free hand."

Premier Asquith touched on the cotton question during the debate in the house of commons on the new vote of credit. "The government is not without hope," he said, "that we shall obtain without much delay a more satisfactory and more adequate solution of the various difficulties surrounding the cotton question than has yet been possible. I am not satisfied myself with the existing state of things. I believe a great deal of this material, which is a necessary ingredient in the manufacture of some very formidable kinds of ammunition, reaches the enemy, which ought not to reach him. On the other hand, we have to be very careful in the exercise of our belligerent rights not unduly to infringe on the trading interests and legitimate susceptibilities of neutral powers with which we are on terms of perfect amity and with which we do not desire to provoke anything in the nature of unnecessarily gratuitous quarrel."

## A BRITISH GAIN

London, July 20, 9.42 p. m.—Field Marshal Sir John French today made the following announcement in a report to the war office:

"Yesterday evening after successfully exploding a mine just west of the Chateau de Hooge, east of Ypres, our troops occupied about 150 yards of the enemy's trenches. This gain has since been consolidated."

"We captured fifteen prisoners, including two officers, and also two machine guns. Two other German machine guns were destroyed by the explosion."

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"Between the Meuse and the Moselle, at Les Eparges, in the region of Fey-Ba-Haye and Le Pêtre forest there has been a fairly lively cannonade."

"On Monday night one of our dirigibles dropped twenty-three bombs on the military railroad station and ammunition depot at Vignelles-Les-Hattons, which, returning unharmed to our lines."

**PREMIER NORRIS SETS FORTH HIS PLATFORM**

In an appeal to the electors of Manitoba, Premier Norris pledges that the Liberal government will carry out in detail the policy set forth by the party when in opposition. He promises that the probing into the wrong-doing of the Roblin government will be continued without relaxation, that the law will be invoked to force restitution of the funds ill-gotten from the public treasury and to punish the guilty ones. Now that the Liberal government is in power it reaffirms its devotion to the reforms previously demanded. The programme is the same as the platform 1914, with the one exception which has been enlarged by the action of the Liberal members in the late legislature when "prohibition" was substituted for "banishment of the bar."

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