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Editor's Talk

SINCE we last went to press conditions outlined in that number have begun to emerge. Our War Parliament met last week. A description of the first session by a staff writer appears in this issue. The calling of Parliament and the magnificent, united response to the call has had a steadying effect on the country. Merchants and manufacturers are beginning to take serious stock of the situation and to avoid panicky measures. Meanwhile the war is progressing under the thickest veil of journalistic censorship ever known to the British and Canadian press. This number, however, is frankly devoted to war, so far as possible focusing the confused story appearing in such fragmentary instalments in the daily press. Belgium, the present theatre of conflict, is vividly described by Leslie Roze. The state of affairs in Paris is depicted by Mr. John E. Webber, who was on assignment by the "Courier" to send a series of theatrical and other letters and was in Paris for that purpose when the war broke out. Mr. Bonnycastle Dale, who knows the Pacific coast in almost every cove and headland, briefly describes the state of our defences on that frontier. Pictures of Canadian troops mobilizing and of the war in London give the story of the war from two Imperial angles.

To all intents and purposes this country has settled down to a state of war. Stirred as it never was by even the war in South Africa, the people of this country are facing the prospect with a large measure of confidence and cheerfulness worthy of the British race. We hope to see the confidence continue. Week by week as the war progresses the efforts of this paper will be in the direction of giving all the war news possible, both by pen and picture.

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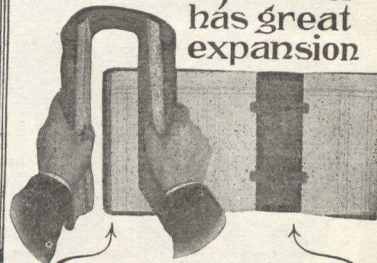
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