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The Hotel de Ville, Arras, from an official photograph taken recently on the British western front.

GRIM TASK
BEFORE US

Western Thoughts on the War
and the Outlook for Allies

(Manitoba Free Press)
After three years of war, with its vicissitudes, its rising hopes and its bitter disillusionments, our attitude has changed. The Marathon runner, it is said, may never test his powers over the full course, because so heart-breaking is that effort that he cannot face it again. The first ten miles he runs light-footed and bright-eyed; after that, perhaps, the business becomes more automatic and through; but the last few miles are so negotiated on nerve alone—so far as we can think at all, he is desperately tired of it all and nothing but his fixed idea of the finishing tape keeps him stumbling along the final course. We did not, indeed, enter war lightly; and we could not see then what we see now. So far as we looked then into the distance, we saw before us after many toils indeed a crowning victory. Not that we doubt even now of ultimate victory; though not so much for our arms as for our cause; and not in terms of military glory but for the triumph of civilization. Then, we busied ourselves with arithmetical calculations—first, of the resources of the enemy, and, secondly, of how long it must take before our minimum effort could be made available to his crushing. And we thus arrived at approximate dates of the end of the war. These theories had the sanction of the highest authorities. The present year was fixed fairly definitely by the Allied commanders for the determining strokes. The programme was mapped out to a year ago. All was co-ordinated to that end. To each was assigned his part. The enemy was to be beaten to the ground by furious blows delivered in unison from every quarter. But, as Thucydides said, war is the last thing in the world to go according

to programme. The failure of Russia and the relative success of the submarine campaign has made this a year not of victory but of disappointment. We put to the proof, indeed, our armies on the west front, proved their perfect temper and satisfied ourselves that the wonderful weapons we had forged were not to be denied. If the war could be won on the west front alone, it were won already. But the defection or the impotence of Russia imposed on us the task on the narrow west front of beating the massed strength of the enemy. That may be done by measured strokes, but the idea of rushing him there while he was so engaged on the east front as to be unable to throw in reinforcements came to nothing on the day that the Russian army lost cohesion for offense. Russia may come again; it would be miraculous, but these things have happened. Nevertheless it is a contingency on which our commanders dare not rely. But to hold the line is entirely insufficient to our supreme objective, which is the wearing down of the strength of the enemy. Therefore, we must continue to engage in the great and elaborate offensives that perhaps offer so little in the way of square miles of territory gained, but are our best means to our end. Such offensives, as we know, entail heavy casualty lists. We pay the price in blood.

What we have to do then is to continue to throw our youth into the terrible slaughter-house. They go willingly. But on ourselves, the older generation, compelled to stay at home, is now imposed a harder resolution than even theirs. They go blithely for their country and their cause. We send them, sorely, sadly, to fight with their bright young lives our battle, to pay for us the price of our victory. In this there is something unnatural and repugnant to us stay-at-home; why should they alone, the best of us, pay their lives in a struggle from which we, the saddened and the disillusioned, reap the good? The old French sea captain who with his own hand nailed the flag to the mast at least went down with the ship. We nail to the mast our uncompromising flag of no peace without victory, and we send forth our sons to uphold it. We pledge their lives to our flag. If it was, then, a simple question of war or peace, few of us there are but would vote for peace and for the freedom of our youth. But it is not so simple. We are persuaded of our righteous cause, and the very course of the war has shown us again and again how dire is the evil arrayed against us. We fight, and our young men and boys fight, not alone for us or for themselves, but for generations unborn, for the freedom of the world as we know it. They fight also for all the great generations that have passed; their courage is as firm and uncompromising as that of the Roundheads, the Switzers on their Alpine peaks, or the Hollanders amid their dykes, the stout New England settlers, the freeborn men of every age and every clime who have put the cause of freedom before their lives, who have fought against great odds and won great victories sustained by the faith that was in them.

Peace on any terms short of victory over the forces of evil and paganism that have been unloosed in Europe is unthinkable. We may not know the worst yet, but we have to tread, but there can be no shrinking, no talk of compromise. In Canada especially our claims to nationhood are to be tested, and we for our future if we fail in the ordeal.

THAT HALIFAX HOUSING PLAN

Of the Halifax housing scheme a writer in the Recorder says which has been in course of preparation for some time, has at last reached a practical stage. A company has been formed and is obtaining corporate powers enabling it to construct houses and deal generally in real estate. The company will first undertake the construction of fifty structures, upon several acres of land purchased by a private citizen and offered as a free gift to the company for the purpose. The rent chargeable for these apartments will be about fifteen dollars per month, which is a smaller rent than is being paid by many of the working classes today for accommodation in two or three rooms in an environment and under conditions where the decrees of life can scarcely be regarded.

There are various reasons why this latest housing movement must succeed. A special guarantee of its success is the fact that its management will be in the hands of directors who are for the most part young as well as successful in various lines of business. The promoters of the new reform are so confident of the success of the plan—from a business standpoint—that they do not propose to seek the civic authorities for any municipal aid from the civic treasury. This is a gratifying feature of the scheme.

MISSING BOATS PICKED UP.
London, June 11.—The two missing boats of the British steamer Southland, which was torpedoed and sunk on June 4, have been found and the forty men who were in them safely landed. Edward Rigney, of New York, who had been reported missing, is among them. The Southland's captain reported that one American was killed in the sinking of the steamer, but that he does not know this man's name.

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The Colchester Coal and Railway Co.'s areas and railway at Debert, N.S., have been sold to Nova Scotia interests for three years on a royalty basis.

H. M. Hopper returned yesterday from Montreal where he had been attending a meeting of the representatives of the electric railways of Canada.

A warehouse in St. Stephen belonging to Joseph McVey was destroyed by fire last evening together with a large quantity of machinery and equipment of the electric railways of Canada.

The splendid part that Canadian women may play in the great war and the part that they may yet perform, was outlined last night in an able address given by Dr. Eliza Ritchie, of Halifax, before a large audience in the Consolidated school building at Robtsey.

The tug Winnie, Captain James George, sank yesterday morning about two miles off Parrsboro light. Captain George thinks a plank must have come off as she was not leaking when she left Carrs Brook. She was bought at St. John this spring by Capt. George and Allen McInnis. She was built at Lunenburg, N.S., eleven years ago and was seventeen tons register.

R. W. Simpson, formerly general fuel and the agent, I.C.R., has been appointed assistant to General Manager Hayes. D. H. Williams is appointed special representative reporting to the general manager. The office of fuel and the agent is abolished, the purchasing of fuel and ties being left to Louis Lavoie, C.G.R. purchasing agent in Ottawa.

The Plumbers' Local Union met last evening, and decided to continue their fight for better conditions. A committee was appointed to gather all information necessary for the establishment of a co-operative shop. Local 66 of the Plumbers has \$100 towards the strike fund, and promised further support if necessary. General Organizer Bruce gave a review of the work.

FORTY YEARS' SUCCESS

For a business to be successful for forty years means a great deal. Among other things, it means remarkable consistency in the management. No inferior article can be sold on a large scale for so many years; and it must not only be good at the outset, but so good that two solid decades should not make enough for the business to be supplanted. So women can, with confidence, depend upon that old, tried and tested Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, still as popular as ever, though it was placed on the market before the centennial year, 1876.

THE KINDERGARTEN AND THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Some Observations Following the Recent Important Gathering in Boston
During the International Kindergarten Union held in Boston in May, a mass meeting for kindergarten and primary teachers was held in Tremont Temple on May 10. This huge building was secured for the meeting of such magnitude, when 900 primary teachers met the kindergarten workers in earnest co-operation and sympathy.

Practical suggestions were offered for closer connection between kindergarten and primary in a very able address given by J. M. Edsall, district superintendent of schools of New York City. Three of the most important phases of kindergarten influence were dwelt upon by Dr. Franklin B. Dyer, superintendent of the Boston schools. The transformed Elementary School, by Miss Ella Dokks, chairman of the national primary council and Miss Annie E. Moore, chairman of the Boston Council, were also mentioned. After many years of experience, tell us the kindergarten is no longer a porch attached to an elementary building, but a strong factor in Americanization. All the big cities are committing themselves to the policy of kindergarten in the public schools.

Why is it, the educators in St. John are allowing this good work to go on in its pioneer stages only? Why cannot we get rid of this inertia and be forward in the progress of the future? They do not play too much. With all due respect to these people, we are afraid that they have been so buried in their books that as our country says, "They do not understand children and think of what it is important for them to know, rather than what children at this age are in a condition to learn." Plato says: "The plays of the little children and the laws in these plays have a great influence on the man."

In the children's play, that is all normal and healthy children. Childhood without play and happiness seems too unnatural for toleration. Dr. Dyer told us: "We do not require much more educational machinery, but let us not rob the little children and have more confidence in the kindergarten and an understanding of the real value of play. Dr. Dyer would like to see first and second year teachers spend some little time in the kindergarten and an understanding of the methods and also with little children before they enter the primary, and the need of more in-

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sight on the part of primary teachers in the principles of child training, for which the kindergarten stands. At this meeting many tests were given, where experiments had been made with children who had attended kindergarten, and others who had not. For example: The children were told to put two soldiers in a tent and to make enough tents for ten soldiers. The kindergarten children went right to work, handled material better and not one failed. They say the children having had kindergarten training average one year younger than children deprived of it. Their concentration powers were better trained. Their skill in handling tools prepared them for writing in the primary. After two years of kindergarten training the little child should be a good degree of motor control, a reasonably well-trained attention, some knowledge of color, form and number gained through concrete experiences, well developed habits of order, obedience, industry, courtesy, neatness and reverence. He should possess a good vocabulary with some experience to express his growing thoughts. This does not mean a child who has been in a kindergarten for only a few weeks.

Miss Ella Dokks commenced her address by saying: "The Transformed Primary School is a monument to the kindergarten influence. The little child is no longer a mere plaything, nor are children of six years glued to the furniture. We have movable seats, and the children are grouping really counts but teachers in a hollow square for stories and reading lessons. The tables are moved back and a merry game is indulged in, the teacher participating in the game. This takes the place of recess.

NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS

It is a glad and proper thing to be the originator of a proved success. The article you are caught on the public taste may be less than your finger nail, or bigger than your whole body—size doesn't count—nothing really counts but this: That you have worked your way to the discovery of a commodity that supplies a known and felt want, and that the great wide-eyed public have unanimously taken up your new production and made it a success.

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