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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

PREMATURE PEACE TALK

There was a gathering of notable men in Philadelphia yesterday, at a conference, the purpose of which was to consider proposals for a League of Peace and to determine upon steps to be taken to obtain public support for the project. Pacific proposals, in line with the teachings of Christianity, are always to be commended, but when applied to the present world-ravaging conflict, question naturally arises as to whether in the interests of humanity it would be advisable to seek to end the war before the object for which Great Britain entered upon it had been attained. Would a peace, negotiated before Germany had been taught a lasting lesson, be a permanent peace? Would not the German nation, so soon as it regained strength, again seek to drench the world with blood and tears? Would not the insatiable Prussian appetite for power once more seek gratification as speedily as it could gather the means to make the attempt? Would any peace now entered into not rest upon an insecure foundation, and has the world not had enough of the fruits of insecurity?

Advocates of an early peace may plead with some reason that the adoption of their plan would serve to give the Allied nations opportunity to develop military and naval resources to a point where they would find little difficulty in combatting any future German attempt to realize dreams of aggression or conquest. Germany alleges that she was compelled to strike when she did because she saw, on her western frontier, a France of great military potentiality, who would build in a few years, would have built a machine so powerful as to cause concern for German territory and German ambitions of world precedence. On the eastern frontier was mighty Russia, the easterner her military system at a rate which would daily prove a greater menace. A few years of peace now would enable France and Russia to recover from the war shock and to place in the field armies greater than any the Teutonic alliance could hope to produce and train in the same time. Italy, too, having now taken the plunge, must in future be accounted as an enemy of Germany and Austria, and, with the knowledge of a foe at her gates, would devote more attention to the perfection of her offensive and defensive forces. Consequently, the powers of the Entente, banded together by the quarrel against Germany, would so develop and materialize their joint forces that the question of world dominion could never be successfully fought out with them.

There is much to be said in support of the arguments of the pacifists, but equally convincing evidence can be adduced on the other side. The most important point, however, is that the task of beating Germany to her knees has now been well begun and, if the best interests of peace are to be served, should not be interrupted. Certainly Germany must not be left in a position to again play bully to the remainder of the world. If peace should be concluded by negotiation it would leave the Prussian power in a position to swaggeringly assert that it had successfully withstood the armed might of the world, and could but be an ever present menace to lasting peace. In that position Germany would at once set about her preparations for resuming the struggle, and it would not be her policy to await the day when her foes had gathered their armies and made ready to resist her. She would not permit the Allies time to gain a pinnacle of strength from which they could unconcernedly regard her desires and ambitions and defy her to attempt to realize them. It would be her policy to at once set to repairing her fences and remedying her military mistakes and then she would be ready to renew the struggle. In such case much of the work the Allies have already accomplished would have to be done over again; there would be a repetition of the terrible scenes of this war, a recurrence of the torrents of blood and tears. And, in the end, nothing could be accomplished which cannot be brought about as the result of the present conflict.

The struggle will likely be long and

costly, but it is inevitable that the Allies will triumph and when that triumph is sufficiently sweeping to assure that its effect will be permanent, peace will be welcome. At the present time the world's surgeons are engaged in removing the German cancer from the heart of humanity. Until the operation has been completed the surgeons must not be interfered with.

CANADIAN CROP OUTLOOK

The statement by Hon. J. D. Hazen that western crop indications were never more favorable than at present is borne out by the testimony of many western men and by upper Canadian newspapers. One of Winnipeg's leading business men who owns to a residence of forty-three years in the west is quoted by the Toronto Mail and Empire as saying, "Never before have I seen the indications of a bumper crop so bright as they are this year."

This gentleman expects to see a total yield of 500,000,000 bushels of all grains and at an averaged price of sixty cents per bushel he estimates the income to the western farming community at \$300,000,000 from this source. To this he adds \$50,000,000 as the value of root crops, dairy products and live stock which would give a total of \$350,000,000 of new wealth for the west, wealth which in time must have its effect on every Canadian industry and every dollar of it in the hands of producers.

The Mail and Empire estimates that the agricultural population of the western provinces at the time of the census was in the vicinity of 1,500,000 and at this rate the amount of wealth would mean about \$235 for every man, woman and child.

The bountiful crops will serve to re-establish confidence in the west, a confidence which has to some extent suffered as the result of real estate depreciation, and what profits the west must in time profit the east. When the prairie provinces benefit, that benefit must eventually be transmitted to the Maritime Provinces. St. John from its situation as the natural winter port of Canada, and its facilities for handling the gigantic trade of the grain fields will be more than ordinarily interested in the glowing prospects of the west land.

There will be very general approval of the choice by the provincial government yesterday of a successor to the honorable office of Judge of the Probate Court in succession to His Honor Judge Armstrong who has been promoted to the County Court bench. E. T. C. Knowles, K. C., upon whose shoulders Judge Armstrong's mantle falls enjoys wide esteem and his selection will give satisfaction.

Firing Gold.

(Boston Transcript.)

Despite all the changes in war which modern weapons and modern methods have brought about, Great Britain is engaged in the performance of its long-familiar exercise of firing gold at the enemy. The long-range purse counts heavily in war, and has always counted heavily. In the great war cycle of one hundred years ago the British Government built the precedents for its financial course today. Many a time in the gigantic struggle against Napoleon British subsidies either turned the scale or minimized the results of reverse. In 1814 the opponents of Napoleon might have abandoned their advance on Paris but for the timely addition of \$25,000,000 in British money to their war chest. After Waterloo the British national debt was in excess of \$4,300,000,000, and it rested on a population of less than 20,000,000. Wars always as a rule create great public debts and mortgage posterity. Our own Civil War bears evidence to this fact. In 1860 the United States owed but about \$65,000,000, but five years later the debt had been increased more than forty fold, standing on July 1, 1865, at \$2,680,647,869. Even this sum was not its maximum, for in 1866 it reached \$2,773,236,173. Today the United States has the smallest national debt of any of the Great Powers, but such as it is it is one of the consequences of the war for the preservation of the Union.

The burden of debt during our Civil War was carried by about 23,000,000 people, for the Southern Confederacy was for taxation purposes decidedly out of the Union. The great public debt to which Great Britain is daily making heavy additions is the obligation assumed by a population approximately 48,000,000. Premier Asquith Daily Express about the visit to the

estimates that during the currency of the credit just voted, \$1,250,000,000, Great Britain's daily war expenditures will amount to \$15,000,000 a day. This daily charge is equivalent to almost 23 cents per capita for every inhabitant of the United Kingdom, and as Great Britain must continue its subsidies to nations allied with it against the two Kaisers, apparently more is to come.

As war today deals with colossal armies, so it deals with colossal sums. Premier Asquith declares that, including the latest credit, the British war appropriations reach \$4,310,000,000, and this total cannot measure his expectations, for the contest has not entered upon a decisive stage. If the Premier could assure the British taxpayer of what additions to this vast volume of debt are to be made, his lot and that of the taxpayer would be simplified. As it is the taxpayer must sturdily up his shoulders and bear the burden and must find what consolation he can in the reflection that posterity will have to look after the problem of eventual debt adjustment. For the present the problem of keeping up the volume of fighting on the enemy is psychological quite as much as financial. When nations get their blood up they will keep on fighting despite the clearest warnings of trial balances. It was so during our Civil War, when a cold determination "to see it through" had succeeded to the early unorganized enthusiasm for the Union. Neither did the Confederates think of yielding upon their paper promises of a peace. Our trails money becoming

and those of the British are a great deal alike. Bankers may figure and publicists may warn, but if the "no surrender" spirit takes possession of the British people neither their burdens nor those of posterity will exert an influence for peace without honor. The cooler reflection that will come to their aid is that no one in Europe expects to see any of the great public debts extinguished.

Modern finance provides ways for handling public debts that were unknown when the famous dictum "A national debt is a national blessing" was uttered.

WAR CORRESPONDENT ARRANGING DATES FOR ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

Harry Sloan, a prominent New York theatrical manager, was a visitor at The Standard office last evening. Mr. Sloan is at present acting as the personal representative of Earle Harrison, a former war correspondent and special writer for the London Times, who is now touring the United States lecturing on personal experiences in Belgium and France and on the battle lines. Mr. Harrison is a war correspondent of long experience, and was with Lord Kitchener in Egypt, and previous to the present war he was present at the mobilization of the German fleet in the Mediterranean. He was in London at the Declaration of War and proceeded thereafter to the battle front as the special representative of the London Times. Mr. Harrison was one of the very few correspondents accredited by the Belgian government, from its legation at London, to go to Belgium, under the auspices of the government. He was also a special representative of the Red Cross Society. He spent some time in the German lines, ostensibly as a representative of the New York Times, but was ordered out of the country when his nationality was suspected. It is probable that arrangements will be made for a lecture by Mr. Harrison in St. John at some time in the near future under the auspices of some one of the patriotic societies.

THE CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

In a letter to the press C. B. Allan, secretary of the Canadian Patriotic Fund draws attention to a case recently before the police court in which a heavy sentence was imposed on Mrs. Charles Carlin, of 72 Camden street, for an attempt to secure from the fund money which she was not entitled to.

"This was prevented by our system of identification, showing the necessity of those receiving money from this fund preserving their identification cards. I would also like to point out that there have been cases where people have accepted and cashed checks to which they were not entitled. The patriotic fund as well as separation allowance is intended for the families and dependents of soldiers now serving, and the relatives of soldiers who have left the service are running great risks in accepting and using money to which they are not entitled after the soldier's name has been struck off the rolls of the battalion to which they belonged. I would suggest that any of this class should immediately return checks of this nature to 'his office'."

Mr. Allan now has his office in the Globe-Atlantic building through the courtesy of the owners.

CANADIANS' STORIES OF THEIR EXPERIENCES AMUSED SIR JOHN FRENCH

London, June 17.—A story is told by the Paris correspondent of the Daily Express about the visit to the

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

Me and Reddy Merly and Sid Hunt and Sam Krawas and Puds Simkins was wawking along today, and awl of a suddin I saw a sent awn the pavement, and I stooped and grabbed for it the same time as Reddy Merly stooped and grabbed, only I got to it befor he did awn akkount of me beeing a pritty quick stooper and grabber.

Hay, give me that, that belongs to me bay rites, sed Reddy Merly. How dus it, I sed.

Because I saw it first, thats how, and wich are ou going to do, give it up or ste me for it, sed Reddy Merly.

Wich I didnt want to do eethir, and I sed, Lets arbertrate.

Wich we did, awl setting awn my frunt steps and Sid and Sam and Puds beeing the arbertrayshin cummittee, me and Reddy Merly eetch stating our side of the case like a reguilar arbertrayshin meeting.

Gentlemen of the arbertrayshin cummittee, I sed, this sent belongs to me because I was the wun that picked it up, and according to the rules of war the wun that picks a thing up is the wun that keeps it.

Thats rite, sed Puds.

Thats the way we awlways do, sed Sid Hunt.

Gentlemen of the arbertrayshin cummittee, sed Reddy Merly, thats my sent because I say so, and any membr of this cummittee that sees it aint has got to rite me for calling me a liar, now ill call the roll, Puds, whose sent is it.

Yures, sed Puds.

Sam, whose sent is it, sed Reddy Merly.

Yures, sed Sam Krawas.

Wich by that time I was in the vesterbule as the I wasent thinking of anythin gpesuhal, and Reddy Merly sed, Sid, whose sent is it.

Yures, sed Sid Hunt. Wich as soon as he did, I opened the vesterbule door and fixed the latch so nobody elts cood open it and went in the house and quick slammed the door shut agen and startid to run out the back way, wich ject as I was closing the gate afir me I herd the frunt door bell ring like enythin, probably beeing Reddy Merly.

Proving that the only time you can get anythin by arbertrashin is wen the arbertrayshin judges is afayed of you.

For Belgian Orphans.

The collection taken up by Miss Marion Richardson and Miss Dot Fernandez at the ball game yesterday on the Marathon grounds, between the newspaper men and the members of The Chocolate Soldier Company, totaled \$7.55. It has been turned over to Mr. Daniel Mullin, K. C., for the Belgian Orphan Fund.

London, Ont., June 17.—Lieut. Col. Campbell Becher, commanding officer of the Seventh Fusiliers, this city, and second in command of the First Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, has been killed in action at the front, according to a private message received from the Adjutant General's department, Ottawa, tonight, by Jeffrey Hale, manager of the local branch of the Bank of Commerce, an uncle of Lieut. Col. Becher.

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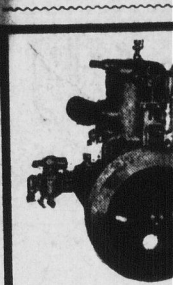
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Have A

Wedding

A pretty wedding home of Mr. and Mrs. Ten, 50 Victoria street, when their daughter was united in marriage with Mr. R. F. McKim, performed the ceremony of about one The bride was hand in cream satin with with bridal veil, car blossoms. She carried a bouquet of roses and carnations. The bride was supported by her sister, Freacren. Miss A. was maid of honor. The groom was groom. Many guests were received. Mr. and Mrs. Brock will reside in Victoria.

On Wednesday of Mrs. Myles, of street, West End, united in marriage chle by Rev. H. H. bride was supported the groom by W. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs of Brock & P. Ralph Sherman pecony. The bride grey suit with grey carried a bouquet of ley and violets. The groom was supported by R. F. Wright and J. and Mrs. Brock will spend their honeymoon.

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