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## Ontario's Contribution

Events frequently prove us all to be wrong. Even The Telegram, which clamored for more ships in the North Sea, now admits that the senate was right, and Premier Borden was wrong, and there were plenty of ships in the navy, and declares that The World's proposal for Ontario to add another vessel to the British fleet is just one of those foolish and baseless ideas which The Telegram could never understand any circumstances support. It does not actually say that the senate was right and the government wrong. It leaves that inference to its readers in the following paragraph:

"As the campaign has evolved so far, the decisive conflicts will be upon the land. The British navy has shown the strength and sagacity to render the Kaiser impotent upon the sea. Admiral Jellicoe does not seem in any great need now of H.M.S. Ontario.

But who could have believed two years ago—even one year ago, or three months ago—that The Telegram would have admitted so much? Just the same, we do not believe the Admiralty would refuse an offer of H.M.S. Ontario.

It is well to remember that The World did not confine its proposals to a vessel. What we wanted and what we want is to see Ontario taking its place with the other provinces, and doing something adequate and worthy of its position to assist the empire in the common struggle. Ontario is benefiting by Alberta's oats and Quebec's cheese, and British Columbia's apples, and all we have done so far is talk patriotic shop. We are going to do something after we have consulted with the authorities, and asked to be asked to do something. We desired that Ontario should do something spontaneously, but The Telegram points out how silly and precipitate that would be.

We suggested a gift of 10,000 horses. We suggested a ship. We suggested food, if nothing else commended itself to the Queen's Park authorities. The Telegram is very strong on the food idea. The British troops are hunger-stricken, already, if we accepted The Telegram's view as here set forth.

The Toronto World flippantly remarks that we cannot defeat the Germans with breakfast food. Even if, however, most grasp the salient fact that we cannot defeat the Germans with breakfast food, it is for the great agricultural colonies to see to it that the British soldier fights his battles well-nourished, confident and strong. In Ontario's larger are the weapons with which great campaigns are carried to victory.

Pausing the misrepresentation which The Telegram unfortunately is constitutionally incapable of avoiding, we merely point out that our desire is to see the government get busy and do something. The imperial commissariat needs a brisker pace than Ontario sets. We are delighted to hear that consultations are going on, but we gravely doubt that "it is wisest," although we quite agree that it is wise to choose the best means of helping. The government that hesitates is lost. Either it is right or wrong to help the imperial authority. If it be right there should be no delay.

We shall be glad to hear that a gift of food, adequate and worthy of the resources and position of Ontario, is to be sent. England has enough wheat for four months, we have been officially informed. If we are to send no wheat till it is needed the war may be all over by then. The Dominion has sent a million bags of flour. Shall we duplicate this, or are we to send oatmeal? A much more useful gift, if we do not send horses, would be forage for the horses we are selling the army. And this reminds us that Ontario is selling a lot of things to the imperial authorities, but it has not given anything yet. A Port Hope journalist once hurled an epithet at Toronto which stuck and still rankles—Hogtown. It is not well that the province should share anything of the metropolitan odium. There is a suspicion that the government is figuring on how cheap it can get off, rather

than on what it can do to help. This would not be worthy of Ontario.

## Can Germany Stand the Strain?

The World does not believe that Germany can stand for many days the tremendous strain of her position, especially as it becomes not only more aggravated but wider also—more intensive, more extensive.

There is the strain of fighting in Belgium and France; the strain of resisting the Russian invasion on the farther border of Germany. The Slav peoples represented by Serbia are a growing menace to Austria. Italy threatens to come in—anyway there is the strain of watching that side of the situation, and now the strain that Japan has caused by declaring war. But if the strain of operation is enormous still more intense is the strain of direction—the strain on the German general staff in charge of everything, directing the fighting, directing the defence, watching the nations that are becoming daily more of a menace. There is the strain of directing the navy, even if it does nothing.

Another almost overwhelming strain is the internal condition of Germany. Sixty million of people left at home who have to be fed, kept in heart, kept at work or at least from doing mischief; the wide-spread seeds of rebellion not suddenly bursting into revolution and against the tyranny of the military system. The strain and emotion of the women and children of the six millions of men under arms is almost beyond imagination.

Victories over the Belgians, the occupation of Brussels, the march on to Paris, does not relieve this accumulating strain.

The big and wise policy of Great Britain and the allies would appear to be to keep Germany under this relentless and growing strain that she has brought upon herself. Germany must blow up under it.

## The Local Patriotic Fund

There is local need that all citizens should understand the aims and the pressing importance of the Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund Association, which was organized last week. Its sole object is to provide a war relief fund. The money is for the women and children of the soldiers, the volunteers, who go to the front from Toronto and York County. They will need fuel and food and clothing, and their rent must be paid in many cases.

This problem has been taken in hand by the greatest combination of public men who have ever been associated for a public purpose in Ontario. The officers and executive committee comprise nearly all the most prominent business men of the city. They have undertaken to raise a fund of \$500,000 in four days. They only need the sympathy, active and expressed, to the extent of its reality, to achieve this object. It is not much to ask from half a million people.

Those of us who stay at home, or who are unable to go ourselves, should not need to be told what we owe to those who go in our stead to fight for our liberty, for our protection, for our homes and for our opportunities. What we have we owe. In a world where it is possible for kaisers to control circumstances so that we are all in danger of the loss of our nationality, to the soldiers of the King. We contentedly and approvingly accept the services they render us, and it is but a little thing for us to do to give the dollar or the five dollars or maybe the five hundred dollars that we shall never miss to keep the women and children out of need when their bread-winners are facing fearful odds in Europe. We can hardly believe that much persuasion is necessary in this cause. There have been some calls already made upon us. There will probably be more. But we cannot have the shame upon us of knowing that the devastation of war has entered into the homes of Toronto because we would not spare a little from our abundance to ward it off. Women and children first should be the thought in the minds of all who have the matter brought be-

fore them today, and they will feel better when they have done their part to provide for them against the day of distress.

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## Fighting Disease

Toronto has a direct interest in the story of local men who make good. Some have begun to take rank already. Many of those who have gone to Valcartier have seen service on earlier occasions. Some have qualified in the past ten or fifteen years, and go to show what they are made of. There are places not on the firing line, quite as important as those in the front ranks, and in many cases far more important.

Disease in past wars of any duration has been responsible for more deaths than have swords or bullets. Disease, therefore, is a foe to be reckoned with on the field of battle, the camp or the bivouac. And disease is one of the foes of peace as well as of soldiers in battle.

In Toronto we have had a long and strong fight going on against disease in the most modern fashion, and the result has been to reduce the death-rate from typhoid and other epidemic causes to an extraordinary degree. A campaign against unclean and disease-bearing milk was the cause of grumbling on the part of many citizens who would rather have died than pay for the pure article. Pure water has been secured by various means, not always perhaps the most tasteful, but always without risk to health. Flies were declared war against, and this year with notable results. The mortality tables show that science is a conqueror.

Much of this work has been carried on under Dr. Hastings by Dr. G. G. Nasmith. In a quiet way, and unassumingly he has done heroic work. His ability in fighting has been heard of elsewhere, and he was sent for to Valcartier to take full charge of the sanitation of the big mobilization camp. He had made good. He was the best man in the force. He is in command of the soldiers in General Disease. He has also been given the rank of lieutenant-colonel. We salute Colonel Nasmith.

## Japan and China

In accordance with the terms of its recent ultimatum the Japanese Government has declared war against Germany for the express purpose of dispossessing that power of its Chinese dependency. Japan has neither forgotten nor forgiven the action that deprived her of the benefits secured by the treaty that ended the war with China. Much was regained after the Russian war, and it is not surprising that advantage should be taken of the European situation to remove the menace of a German naval stronghold within striking distance of Japanese shores. The Japanese Government has given the United States assurances that the intention is to restore Tsingtau to China, and that the objects of the Anglo-Japanese treaty as regards that country will be strictly observed. Britain having withdrawn the garrison from Weihaiwei on the ground that it was not worth holding may also, it is understood, restore it to its previous owners.

This course will no doubt be satisfactory to the United States, which has always been insistent on the maintenance of the integrity of China. It would also gratify the amour propre of the Chinese, and go far to encourage confidence in the good faith of the powers that more than any others are interested in the establishment of stable government in China and in the development of her vast mineral, forest and agricultural resources. What China needs is the disinterested friendship of the advanced western nations that have learned how valuable a thing it is to encourage national self-government in a backward country rather than to dismember it from motives of aggrandizement. Serious problems confront China, not least in connection with Russian aggression in Manchuria and Mongolia, and they can best be met by assisting the Chinese in their endeavor after the reconstruction of the political fabric of the state.

## GERMAN FLOATING TRADE IS TIED UP

Seven Per Cent. of German Tonnage is Now in British Hands.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The quasi-statement has been received by the British embassy here, today, that the floating trade of Germany has been brought to a standstill by the operations of the British cruisers in the different parts of the world. The German fleet is unable to interfere or to set the German commerce free, owing to the British main fleet which is cruising in full strength and preventing any interference with their operations. Already about seven per cent. of the total German tonnage is in British hands, and another twenty per cent is sheltering in neutral harbors, while the remainder is either in German harbors unable to move, or endeavoring to find security.

The British shipping, with the exception of less than one per cent. which is being rendered ineffective by pursuit by the British squadron.

The Austrian squadron in the Mediterranean has retired into the Adriatic before the combined Anglo-French fleet.

## The High Price Problem

Evidence has reached The World office that there are a great many citizens of Toronto willing to co-operate in an effort to keep the price of necessities at as low a level as possible during the extent of the war.

Scores of letters have been received offering suggestions as to how this can be accomplished. The majority of these bear no signature and consequently cannot be published. Others do not state a case or give the necessary information which will allow an investigation. Such letters are useless.

## Prices Elsewhere.

Editor World: You have asked for information regarding prices of products. Butter is 32c. per pound in Toronto, and I would like to know who are the people that are making such huge profit on this one article, as on Saturday last in the Town of Markdale, 88 miles from Toronto, pound prices of best butter were quoted at the stores at 19c. and on Monday at Allenford, near Southville, 10c. per pound. Eggs were quoted at 20c. per dozen. There is a vast difference between this price and the prices here, and it cannot all be charged to freight.

Now at this time we are trying to find out who are the patriotic citizens. Do not let them all go to the front line, but let some of them who control prices in the city charge a fair margin of profit and give the people who are out of work, thru no fault of their own, a chance to live.

Jesse G. Wright.

## BUY BATTERY HORSES FOR FIELD ARTILLERY

Sir Adam Beck and Major Leonard Seek Two Thousand Mounts.

Sir Adam Beck and Major Leonard, commanding officer of the 6th London Battery Canadian Field Artillery, have been in the western part of the province the last week purchasing horses for the army, including battery horses for the regiment. They have secured a considerable number of an exceedingly good class and very useful for the purpose.

Sir Adam, acting under instructions from the minister of militia, has now undertaken the purchase of over 2000 horses for draft, artillery and riding purposes, and stations will be opened at Guelph, Oak, Woodstock, London, Stratford, St. Thomas, Chatham and Windsor. Sir Adam will take personal charge of the operations.

## DEATH OF MRS. WM. COWLING.

A lifelong resident of Riverdale, Mrs. Mary Cowling—died at her residence, 629 Wilton avenue, on Saturday. She was the widow of the late William Cowling, who was well-known in York Township. The surviving members of the family are: Dr. Thor. Cowling and his wife, Mrs. James Mayor and Mrs. W. Bonney of Toronto, Mrs. J. L. Gunn of Tapscott, and George of Edmonton. The funeral will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 2 p.m.

## BRITISH SOLDIERS WRITE FROM WAR

German Prisoners Astonished to See Their Uniforms—Spies Plentiful.

LONDON, Aug. 23, 2.30 a.m.—While the movements of the British soldiers on the continent are enveloped in secrecy, the papers publish extracts from letters written by some of them at the front which throw an interesting sidelight on the situation. For instance, a sergeant writes:

"The Germans seem to have pushed their worst troops on the firing line in Belgium under the impression that anything was good enough to beat the Belgians."

A private writes: "Our great trouble is to get away from the French villages who offer us wine. After what Kitchener said most of us are strict teetotallers and will remain so until the war is over."

Another private says: "German prisoners were astonished to see our uniforms. They never imagined that we had crossed."

A corporal writes: "German spies are plentiful. They come in all disguises. One was a traveling monk, another a commercial traveler. A third wanted to be attached to our force as a camp follower. They were quickly dealt with by the French."

## THREE LOCK GATES ARE CARRIED AWAY

Welland Canal Blocked—Soldiers' Tent Flopped and Supplies Damaged.

ST. CATHARINES, Aug. 23.—Three gates of locks of the Welland Canal were carried away by the steamer John B. Ketchum, owned by the Reid Wrecking Company, Sarnia, at 2.30 this morning. Confusion or misunderstanding of signals between the captain and engineer was the cause of the accident. The steamer, which was upbound, light, struck the head gates at considerable speed, opening them to a distance which allowed the water of the level above to wrench them off and also to tear one of the foot gates from the fastenings. The steamer was forced rapidly down the level but not seriously damaged. The water overflowed the banks and lifted the government concrete scow to the top of the lock. The scow, which was occupied by the military guard at lock five was flooded and the supplies and equipment of the soldiers on duty soaked. The work of repairing the gates is being rushed, and canal officials expect that navigation will be resumed tomorrow morning.

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Full particulars, berth reservations, etc., at Grand Trunk ticket offices. Toronto city office, northwest corner King and Yonge streets. Phone Main 4209.

## NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

In view of the fact that suffragists are all actively engaged in patriotic work of various kinds, and that they purpose continuing to minister to the pressing needs caused by the present war, Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, the president of the National Union of Women Suffrage Societies of Canada, wishes to announce that the national union will not take part in the Labor Day parade.

BELGIAN COUNTS AT KINGSTON.

Special to The Toronto World. KINGSTON, Aug. 23.—Countess Janssen Deverebeke is here, having hastened from Paris by steamer, her husband, a Belgian, having urged her to return. She was formerly Miss Kingsbury of this city, sister of Rev. Father Kingsbury. She knows nothing of her husband and is very anxious. He was in Austria when he telegraphed and he may be a prisoner of war, or he may have had opportunity of getting into Belgium and joining his regiment, of which he is an officer.

AND HE DID

I'M GOING TO SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I LET THIS FIRE CRACKER GO OFF IN MY HAND!

AND HE DID—

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Men

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