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FOUR YEARS' WAR FOR PEACE

Great as was the consternation throughout the world when on the 4th day of August 1914 the greater part of Europe was cast into the melting pot of war, there were few who fully realised what the conflict would entail, and still fewer who would dare to predict a conflict of the magnitude to which the present war has developed. From a European war a world war has been brought into being during the four years since the British Expeditionary force first landed in France, to protect treaty rights and punish the iron hand of ruthless Germany.

Many of us will remember how in high spirits troops would adopt for their catch phrase 'To Berlin and back for us'; and we will recollect how the financial experts of the world predicted a hasty collapse of all combatants on account of money shortages. Alas, our boys' hopes were doomed for the nonce to disappointment, but the right spirit was there—the spirit that has won for the Empire what she holds so dearly; and the financier has to remodel his ideas of currency and finances of nations. The war has proceeded and will continue to go on in spite of the immense sums of money expended by the nations engaged.

The late Lord Kitchener sounded a warning note to which but few paid much heed, when he advised the British Government that the war would last for three and perhaps five years. Four years have now passed by and it is only in the last few days of the fourth year that we see any real glimpse of a possible satisfactory solution of this struggle.

The real history of the world dates from that day in August 1914. Labour, capital, commerce, government, social life, national being, inter-racial relationships, moral standards, all date from that day and in that hour the old world was melted down. The poor unfortunate schoolboy would even so have more history on his hands than we who have finished our schooling, and he is to be pitied when he has to trace, in after years, the ramifications of this great world war and its effects upon the world's history.

This whole affair was started by three shots from a Browning

revolver in the hand of a Serbian student of Austrian nationality. These bullets found billets in the bodies of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian throne and of his wife while at Serajevo visiting the newly annexed province of Bosnia and Herzegovina. These bullets were not the cause but rather the excuse for this war, and we have to look into political, racial, diplomatic and intellectual spheres before we come to the real cause for all this awful bloodshed.

Going back to the Balkan war when Serbia was made a free state and thus was a barrier placed across German expansion and

aggression to the East, we come more nearly to the real cause for the plunge that Austria took at Germany's dictation. Serbia cut the Berlin to Bagdad line, she strangled the Hamburg to Basra route to the rich East over which Germany had developed a passion for dominion. The racial question was Slav versus Teuton and diplomatically we can lay the blame on "the absence of good-will in Berlin" as Sir Edward Grey has so mildly put it.

Ideas however were not the real cause. They were the essence only. The cause of the war was a combination of forces and will issuing



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