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THE END OF THE WAR

The beginning of the fourth year of the war naturally gives rise to speculation as to its future duration. In the New York Times, Mr. Frank H. Simonds, who has been very cautious in his predictions, anticipates the exhaustion of Germany by the end of next year, unless new and at present unforeseen elements enter into the situation.

Another reviewer, Mr. W. R. Flewman, in the Toronto Star, while he finds that "having reference only to the apparent relative strength of the armies in the field and their position on the war map, it cannot be said that we enter the fourth year of the war under as favorable conditions as those obtaining at the beginning of the third year of the war."

"Germany, the mainstay of the enemy combination, is seriously exhausted by tremendous efforts against nations superior in numbers and resources. The other three nations in the combination are war weary and impatient that advances be made for peace. The last desperate effort of Germany to gain victory, now being made in the unrestricted use of the submarine, is already doomed to failure and has brought into the war a new belligerent which has almost unlimited resources in men, money and material, whose might will begin to be felt in the summer of 1918.

"The man-power of Austria-Hungary is so used up that Germany, already unable to carry on an offensive campaign against a strong foe, and in a shocking financial condition, has to provide an ever-increasing number of men for the defence of the dual empire and hundreds of millions of dollars to keep Bulgaria and Turkey in the field. Indeed she hitherto may have to hire the armies of Bulgaria and American discipline, courage, and determination will refer our allies in their great work of pushing backward the German invasion."

"This war has brought the British and American people very close to each other in spirit and in aim. Next year great American armies on the western front will do their part in accomplishing what Mr. Lloyd George, without bluster but with terrible earnestness set forth as the unshakable determination of the people of the free nations of the world.

While the murder of one man in St. John has not yet been cleared up another murder has been committed. A serious case of arson is also still before the courts. St. John is in the main a law abiding community, and these crimes come as a great shock to the community. The murder committed last night is surrounded by mystery. As yet nothing has been revealed to give any clue to the cause or to the identity of the murderer. We can only hope that in the three serious cases under consideration, two of the major and one of the minor, the facts will eventually be revealed and the guilty punished as they deserve.

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Germany is in financial straits and is seeking gold from Switzerland. The strain upon her resources must grow constantly more severe until her trade with neutrals will be seriously affected because of her inability to meet her obligations. The strain on the Allies is great, but Germany must not only finance herself; she must carry the burden for Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria.

The Tory attempt to persuade the people that there can be no hope for Canada unless a portion of the Liberal party agrees to swallow the Borden government and all its works will not succeed. The government's record condemns it, and a union government dominated by its policies and methods would be no improvement.

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THE FAMILY COMPACT

The House of Commons yesterday voted a ministerial salary of \$7,000 per annum to Sir George Perley as overseas minister of militia, and \$5,000 per annum each to F. B. McCurdy, M.P., and Colonel Hugh Clark, M.P., respectively, under-secretaries to the militia department and the external affairs department. The salaries are to begin at the date of appointment. Liberal leaders very vigorously protested against the provision which relieved Sir George Perley of the necessity as a minister to go back to his constituents for re-election, pointing out that this course had recently been pursued by Mr. Winston Churchill, and Sir Sam Hughes stoutly asserted that there was no need of an overseas minister of militia, and that extravagance was running riot in this connection the remarks of Hon. Mr. Lemieux are worthy of note.

"I say," said Mr. Lemieux, "that Sir George Perley is a millionaire, and he should come back here and seek re-election as everyone else will have to do. By what right are we creating a new family compact. Today it is Sir George Perley, tomorrow it will be Sir Joseph Flavelle. Next day Sir Clifford Sifton. We are being dominated by a family compact of millionaires."

OUR AMERICAN ALLIES

Commenting on the speech of the British prime minister on Saturday last, and quoting the declaration that "there must be no next time," and that the Allies must "manfully, courageously and resolutely eliminate war from among the tragedies of human life," the New York Times says:

"Mr. Lloyd George spoke then the will of the British people, and that is also the will of the people of the United States. We have entered this war to end it with a victory for humanity over Prussian militarism, to end this war and make war hereafter impossible. The premier said that Field Marshal Haig had secured all his objectives in the new drive in Flanders. The drive continues. It will be followed by others. Presently the American flag will appear on the western front and American discipline, courage, and determination will refer our allies in their great work of pushing backward the German invasion."

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JANE AUSTEN.

July 18, 1817—July 18, 1917. When gray Arthurian shadows creep space, And Winchester's arched vaults grow dim and high, Filling the gloomy transept where you lie With fitting form that cross and interlace.

Do they come trooping round you, gentle Jane, The beings that you once made laugh and weep, To wake you from your century of sleep And greet their author in the sacred fane?

Old Admirals in uniform of blue Saluting gravely; maidens debonair And bright-haired parsons; oft, a gay Lothario. Ever outwitted by a lover true? Nor they nor you are numbered with the dead Who still live on within the tender thought Of generations three; whose praise un-dimmed Another hundred years shall leave un-said.

And we who know a troubled age more drear, Turn your un-fading pages, and set free One moment from this world's dire misery, Give God our thanks for your un-beatening cheer. LOUIS MANNING HODGKINS.

LIGHTER VEIN. Nearer Right. We have ceased talking about the H. C. L. Hereafter we will say "the high cost of trying to live."—Life.

Some Throwing. Sanson made a splendid showing. Hercules' feats were fine; But history tells of Caesar throwing A bridge across the Rhine.

Accommodating. "My, but that popoon smells good!" exclaimed the girl. "I'll drive closer," remarked her accommodating escort.

Specifications. "For centuries poets have had trouble in defining a kiss." "Let's see your definition." "In these days I should describe it as a meeting between lip rouge and fine fat."

Could Hear Them. Mrs. Bacon—"Has your husband got good, sound teeth?" Mrs. Egbert—"Oh, yes." "Have you seen them all?" "No, but the other night he got frightened and I heard them."

THE LAND OF WHITEWASH (Toronto Star) "One mighty big credit mark is due the British government," says the Syracuse Journal. "This refers to use whitewash."

The reference is particularly to the way in which the Gallipoli expedition and the still more recent Mesopotamian campaign were reported upon. There had been blustering and the facts were brought out and the blame placed on the eminent men responsible for it.

The text furnished by the Syracuse Journal leads the Winnipeg Tribune to declare that the chief difference between Canadian and British politics is that "Canada is a whitewash" and Britain is not.

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SHIPBUILDING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vessels Worth \$27,000,000 Under Construction. Year Ago Industry Represented Less Than \$50,000 in Annual Output—Now One of Most Active Industries in Canada.

(Montreal Financial Times). A year ago there was not a large ship building in the Province of British Columbia, and the industry did not represent an output of more than \$50,000. Today there are \$27,000,000 worth of steel and wooden vessels under construction or on order.

While the shipbuilding industry of the province is by no means new—wooden ships were built here as far back as 1788—its firm establishment as one of the chief assets of the west coast of Canada has taken place within the year. It is, of course, due to the ever increasing demand for ocean tonnage.

It was at Nootka Sound that the first wooden ship was built in 1788, since then a number of small vessels have been constructed from time to time. With the growth of Vancouver and Victoria, shipbuilding and repair yards were established, and several steamers and sailing ships of medium dimensions produced.

A year ago, however, there was not a single large vessel either building or contracted for in British Columbia. The Aid to Shipping Act, passed by the Conservative government early in 1916, drew attention to the facilities available for shipbuilding; and soon afterwards contracts were placed for the construction of an auxiliary-power wooden schooner type.

This particular type of vessel costs about \$150,000, and is similar to the motor sail ships that have been built in the Pacific States. They are 225 feet long, 44 feet in beam and 82 feet deep. Boiler engines of 160 h. p. drive twin screws.

In order to assist communication between eastern and western Canada, through the Panama canal, the Dominion government decided to establish a line of vessels, and have already let contracts for two ships of the auxiliary schooner type.

This started the activity, and contracts amounting to \$18,000,000 had been let up to a few weeks ago. Since then, an announcement has been made by the Imperial Munitions Board of the letting of contracts for a further twenty-seven wooden steamers in this province.

The total programme of construction now amounts to \$27,000,000 in value. Higher Priced Ships. Of the original ten auxiliary schooners, six are to be built at the Wallace Shipyards at North Vancouver, and four at the Cameron-Genoa yards at Victoria. Also at the Wallace yards here are to be built three steel steamers of the "War Dog" type, one of which has already been launched.

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(Toronto Star) "There is too much haste, too much argument, in connection with war matters in Canada at the present time and not enough action."

This was the opinion expressed by Sir Douglas Cameron, ex-lieutenant-governor of Manitoba, to a Star representative at the King Edward hotel last evening. Questioned as to some specific remedies for existing conditions, he singled out the milling industry, with which he is intimately connected.

"We all know that the food problem is and will be for some time probably the most pressing we will have to deal with, and yet we are not, in my opinion, getting the full wheat yield in our flour that might be obtained if a full investigation were made of the matter.

"In England at present they are using eighty to eighty-five per cent of the wheat for flour purposes—that is, they are using just as much as they can of the nutritive values for the purpose of bread-making and other prepared baking necessities. In Canada the majority of the mills are still operating at the same percentage of sixty per cent that was used previous to the war.

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