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## Lovers of War

Germany is constantly charged, upon good grounds, with having cultivated amongst her people, a war-like spirit. The teachings of some of her philoso-tigue. rs, and more recently the Bernhardi books, are referred to as evidence of the prevalence of this evil spirit. War for war's sake, and war for the glory of Germany, have certainly been among the desires of ground for this view. The truth is that in both countries there have long been groups of men who, if

"As for public matters, of course I have been following every movement in America with the deepest interest, for the thing I love most is war. I have done so all my life. I had rather read a good account of a battle than a novel by Sir Walter Scott."

borough wrote: "The one thing we want is military strength for our security, and that the poltroonery of the Government will not venture to ask for, it will

Lady Dorothy tells us that Lord Ellenborough used Lord Ellenborough. In later years England has had portionately as great. The increased acreage pr a good deal of it. But the British side in the present ganda which is being preached in Canada and the conflict can at least claim that this admiration for United States is bound to bear good fruit. was the admiration not of a people, but of the

## Fatigue in its Relation to Work

Arnold Bennett, in his great work "Clayhanger," showed a gain of but 86.92 per cent. has given the world a vivid and compelling picture of conditions of work in England in the early nineteenth century. Those who have read this book can never forget what brutality, what suffering and what gloom characterized the labor of those days. We are too prone to idealize the past. The world does move, of its holdings of gold from less than £28, 000,000 at the outbreak of war to £89,000,000. The if slowly; and employers as a class to-day would expected liquidation following the opening of the New York Stock Exchange did not materialize, and it is

United States long hours of work in certain occupais, and the day and night shift. In many cases men because certain parts of the West had a snort crop
more and more evident that these condition cannot
last. They are a relic of the days of barbarism. They
cannot last for humanity's sake; and they cannot
last, from the point of view of competitive costs, in
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emergency the engineers of the vate contractor was busy on a section of the same men. work, but he gave his men their Sunday rest. The

am out to make money, and I have to look out for my statement he says:costs. I learned long ago that it was cheaper to rest my men and horses on Sunday than it is to use them. It is not sentiment with me-just business." Alert employers are discovering this to be true everywhere. Yet there is a surprising amount of continuous operations in factories and milis, both in Canada

The American Association for Labor Legislation finds that continuous operation is the rule in cement and paper mills, street railway service, steel and iron mills beet sugar refineries, breweries, canneries, electric light and power plants, gas works, glass factories, ice plants, newspapers, smelters, drug stores, libraries, theatres, streset cleaning, delivery service, and telephone offices, but in most of them provision is made to let the men off in rotation.

The seven-day evil was brought prominently to the front in the Bethlehem Steel Company etrike in 1910. In 1911 the United States Steel Corporation granted its men one day's rest in seven; but it was found a nths later that between 15,000 and 20,000 of the blast furnace workers, comprising half the force. were working during the whole seven days of the week. Of 173,000 blast and steel workers in the United States 29 per cent. were working seven days every week, and 20 per cent. of these were working twelve hours very day.

Now, the man who works twelve hours a day finds all his life absorbed by his work. To make matters gian question, the paramount issue of the present worse, he is often changed from day to night shifts war is the sanctity of treaties. Until that question during alternate weeks; so that every fortnight he is settled what is the use of making international has to work twenty-four hours at a stretch. Such agreements which one of the beiligerents, in a real or conditions of work are intolerable. It is no answer imagined emergency, regards as a "scrap of paper?" to say that a day off simply gives the men opportun- Wall Street Journal.

ity for a drunken debauch; or that the men them elves desire the continuous work to make extra pay With regard to these points, the United States Gov-

nment investigator has said: "I have been hearing those from the day that we awoke to the evil of seven-day work, and there is no merit in either of them. A single day off, when it has been forced on a plant by a breakdown or a strike, has brought drunkenness. because the men got their first taste of freedom and started out to celebrate. Where the day has been given regularly they have learned to make proper use of it. As for the desire of these la-borers to spend all their waking hours in gloomy mills, I have never found any of them who did not want their day off if they could make their living in the other six."

But, inexorable as fate, the twelve-hour day and ment I get home."-Ottawa Citizen. the seven-day week are passing to their doom. The "tired hours" of labor do not pay in dollars and cents. Where a man's whole system is poisoned by fatigue time for reflection and friendly intercourse, but find these days.—Edmonton Bulletin.

## Germany's Food Shortage

The Wall Street Journal, an unusually well-inmany Germany, nave certainty been among the users of the germany. But a recent defender of the German cause makes the argument that a similar spirit of American Consuls in Germany that there is a has been manifested in England by those who have long been urging the British people to prepare to fight Germany. The British advocates of a big army, bled in price, while imported articles of all kinds sell conscription, and a big navy have, the German writer at a great advance. The German newspapers, inspirthinks, been as much promoters of war as anybody ed by the authorities, are imploring the people to It cannot be denied that there is some cook potatoes in their skins, and to mix potato meal

The drop in meat prices is explained by the fact tries there have long been groups of hich they did not actually seek war, have regarded it as that food for animals is becoming so scarce that it they did not actually seek war, have regarded it as that food for animals is becoming so scarce that it is inevitable, and have therefore manifested a war is necessary to kill off cattle, as the cost of feeding states the states of th The military element has constantly striven them is prohibitive. The Wall Street Journal shows for more recognition, and more power. It is not only that on Germany's average crop production she canin recent years that this has been shown. In Lady not feed herself more than nine months in the year, Dorothy Neville's Reminiscences there is a letter and that with many of her able-bodied men under from Lord Ellenborough, son of the famous judge, arms, future production will be seriously curtailed. written during the American civil war, in which he says:

unlike eating seed corn. Germany is having cheap meat because grain is dear. In other words, she is rapidly approaching the time when famine will stalk through the land.

The Yukon River is the fifth river in size in Northof America, draining an area of 330,000 square miles. In another letter, some years later, Lord Ellen- Its length, including the Lewes and Teslin Rivers, is 2,700 miles. The Mackenzie River, also flowing into the Arctic Ocean, is 2,868 miles long, but comparatively little is known of either the Mackenzie or Yu

The United States Department of Agriculture re to say to her: "War and women, these are in reality ports that the farmers of that country have added the only fit interests for a man." This spirit of 4,135,000 acres to their winter wheat acreage, while Bernhardi-ism, as we may call it, did not die with the increase in the spring sown grains will be pro-

not heads. Unfortunately the regardings war In the decade from 1903 to 1913, Canada's total in England could only be attributed to a few, trade increased by 138.98 per cent., being the second ne in Germany a part of the so-called "Kultur" greatest increase of any country in the world. The record was held by the Argentine Republic, which showed a gain of 156.92 per cent. The United States gained 66.9 per cent., and the United Kingdom 57.29 Germany, despite its many boastings,

The opening of the London Stock Exchange, which Nevertheless, we still have in Canada, and the not expected that anything serious will develop as a result of the opening of the London Stock Exchange.

Canadians, who see nothing but blue ruin ahead work during a seven-day week. But it is becoming because certain parts of the West had a short crop the world of affairs to-day.

What agitation and laws have failed to bring about is coming as a direct result of economic knowledge.

Within a few years the man who works regularly works then the hours a day or more than six days out the states of short crops and hard never the next along the next day.

The mother came the next day.

The m of seven, will do so against the best judgment of his employer. This is seen from the report of a Fedural more than ten hours a day, or more than six days out times. In many tracks of country which are now father's name is Ferdinand and my name is Liza, so gold, and continuous pressure was brought to bear eral investigator in the United States, who was sent

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The captain of a steamer, while loading at Burntisgold for notes. to look into complaints made by men employed by despite these ups and downs, these western lands land, took on two hands—one a Kirkcaldy man who especially active in this propaganda, and it is also the government in reclamation work. Although there are to-day selling at prices never dreamed of even in was without a written "character," and another, a stated that officers, and even privates, have been United States Government were driving the construction that Canada will emerge from the present depression dence as to his honesty and uprightness. tion gangs seven days a week. Not far away a pri-and develop at a rate undreamed of by our business

investigator went over to inquire into conditions at It is somewhat significant that the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, happened, and sought the captain. "I can't afford seven-day work," said the contract who five months ago was decidedly pro-German, has tor. "It may be all right for the Government, but I taken a diametrically opposite stand. In a published

"I was pro-German five months ago. I have been lecturing for five years about the lessons we might learn from Germany. Five months ago it may be remembered, I gave an interview, in which I praised Germany and took the part of the German people in the dreadful war that had come. But I have changed my mind. I have seen that I was mistaken. Several months ago I gave instructions to my lecture bureau to withdraw my lecture, 'The New Germany,' from my list That was done about the middle of Septem and it was only then that I realized what a German success would mean to the world-how there could be nothing else but a world of armed camps, how we in this country, too, would have to adopt militarism in order to live. Just prior to that time, in the first of my Sunday evening sermons in this course, I had praised the Kaiser I believed in the German ideals, I believed in German progress, German inventions, German principles. But I was wrong. I have now come convinced of what I never imagined before—that in the German viewpoint the only sin against the Holy Ghost is military impotency, and, to use Treitschke's words again, the only virtue is militarism."

Apart from the Servian question, or even the Bel-

## PETER THE GREAT AND LAWYERS.

"The defendant," said Mr. Justice Lane, commenting on the case, "is undoubtedly and manifestly of coarse type and emanates apparently from a social class more inferior to that of the plaintiff, whose father belonged to the legal profession That's what a Montreal judge said in giving his

That's what a Montreal judge said in giving his decision in a separation case. As a matter of fact the legal profession has made considerable advances since the visit of Peter the Great to Britain. At that time Peter was taken into Westminster Hall and after seeing the court in operation asked who all those the seeing the court in operation asked who all those the globe. In this number we publish a letter, one of many received from interested correspondents, enbusy people in black gowns and flowing wigs were, and what they were about. When informed that they were lawyers the Czar remarked in astonishney were lawyers the Czar remarked in astonish-doubt that the action of the Australian fleet in the fent that he had only two in all Russia. "And," he Pacific has taken the whole subject a step further. added reflectively, "I shall hang one of them the mo-

### FLATTERING ATTENTIONS.

Where a man's whole system is poisoned by larged formany has been offering Sweden a part of russ trated by a cartoon entitled "Good Hunting." The he can not perform effective work. Employers who have reduced the ten-hour day to a nine-hour d have been surprised and gratified at the results In Denmark the provinces Germany took from it if the an object lesson which has gone deep when her exthe future men must be treated less like machines alliance will stand neutral. At the same time Routhe future men must be treated less like machines and more like human beings. To destroy a man's mania and Greece have been assured that Bulgaria will not regard themselves as this work; and men will not regard themselves as creators, but more as drudges, if they are given no creators, but more as drudges, if they are given no creators, but more as drudges, but find

### GETTING POPULAR.

Edmonton and some other cities of the west have have ships of her own instead of contributing.

the hoe and the man with the mouth. Co-operation trade routes all over the world, our Imperial navy i will reduce their number.—Grain Growers' Guide. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

## "A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN"

always happens .- Punch. "Does your husand keep a scrapbook?" "Not exactly; he keeps a cheque book, and we

have a scrap every time it is used for my benefit."-(Boston Transcript. Mistress-Why did you place the alarm clock beside the pan of dough, Mary?

Mahy-So it would know what time to rise, mum. Boston Transcript.

Cavalry instructor (to recruit who has fallen in dismounting)-"From where did you receive instrucions to dismount, sir?"

Raw recruit-"From hindquarters, sir."-Punch.

An item of war news which the President of the Society for the Promotion of Propriety thinks the Censor might very well have censored: "To the south of Lask the Russian troops took Shertzoff."-Punch.

how very dirty you are! How is, it that your little brother is so much cleaner than you are? Johnnie-"Well, you see, he's three years younger."

Flannigan, a new recruit: "Ha! Yes, shirts, socks, flannels, all very good. Now, can you assure me that all the articles of your kit have buttons on them?" 'No. sir." said Private Flannigan, hesitating, "How's "Ain't no buttons on the towels, sir

Uncle Sol threw aside the letter he was reading and uttered an exclamation of impatience. "Doggone!" he cried. "Why can't people be more

"What's the matter, pa?" asked Aunt Sue. "This letter from home," Uncle Sol answered, "says father fell out of the old apple-tree and broke a able achievement. In the German newspapers much

A new teacher found that a little negro girl was named Fertilizer Johnson. "Are you sure that Fertilizer is your right name?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied the little girl.

"Well, tell your mother to come here," said the institution.

Dundee man who had abundance of documentary evi They had not been long at sea when they encounthe other hand, the Bank of England has freely ac-

crossing the deck with a bucket in his hand, was the public, and, while the issue of currency notes swept overboard. The Kirkcaldy man saw what had has undoubtedly enabled the Bank to retain gold which

'that ye engaged wi' the fine character?"

"Yes," replied the captain. "What of it?" "Weel he's rin awa' wi' ver bucket."

## GIVE PEACE, O LORD.

O God, our Father, bend Thine ear And hear our prayers to-day For those who gallantly go forth Bravely the price to pay.

Father Divine, protect, we pray Our soldiers, brave and true, Who march to death or glory Neath the red, white and blue

Give peace, give peace, O Lord, Oh, let the conflict cease; Give victory to the brave, And to our country peace

We know our men will be. With them the British flag Is safe on land and sea. True to their colours, true till death.

True to their colours, true till death,

Should it claim them for its own They go not forth alone. Give peace, O, Lord,

Oh, let the conflict cease;

Give victory to the brave And to our country peace

Muriel Carter in Dainty Novels.

### THE CANADIAN NAVAL PROBLEM Wr. Richard Jebbs' and Admiral Henderson's Views

(From the "Editorial Notes and Comments," in United Empire," the organ of the Royal Colonial Insti-tute.)

The articles by Mr. Archibald Hurd and many received from interested correctionsing the view taken by Mr. Jebb. The usefulness of even so small a naval force as Australia already possessed has been abundantly demon strated, and the capture of the Emden gave a drama Germany has been offering Sweden a part of Rus-trated by a cartoon entitled "Good Hunting." The New Zealand Government of his Britannic Majesty, King George V., now occupying for his Majesty," etc., etc. Many congratulations are due to New Zealand on government has made rapid progress on being the first Dominion to undertake work of this in the United States and has spread to Canada. It was recently adopted in St. John, New Brunswick, her views on the naval question, and will desire to heretofore, to the Imperial navy. The naval sketch map, published in this issue of United Empire, will There are too many men between the man with show that, apart from the work done in securing certainly in the right place in the North Sea, but that does not detract from the fact that the Ausralian navy was also in the right place in the Pacific Admiral Henderson's Letter.

The Dominions and the Naval War: an Auton liew .- I should like to support every word of the article by Mr. Richard Jebb which appears in your November number. The naval operations in the Pa-Reply to those who think it absurd to take precaucific and East Indies distinctly show that the Royal Reply to those who think it about to the Hun-expected that tions against invasion:—It's the Hun-expected that Australian Navy was the saving factor in the situation; and I hope when the details become known due credit will be given to the people of the Commo wealth for their loyalty and prescience in carrying out the 1909 agreement, the reversal of which been the cause of all the difficulties which have ensued, involving much dislocation, and an expendit much greater in effort and cost, than adherence it would have entailed.

The first strategic principle for an oversea Empire such as ours, is to see that its outlying portions and trade routes are at all times secure. When, as war progresses, it is evident that this is accomp lished, forces so employed can be gradually drawn in towards the centre, thus strengthening it for the de cisive operations. A superior navy should force the inferior one to concentrate from the outset

Your obedient servant W. H. HENDERSON November 17, 1914.

## The Day's Best Editorial

A RE-ASSURING SHOWING.

(The London Financier.)

Ever since the outbreak of war there has been ous increase in the stock of gold held by the Bank of England, and the value of the precious metal now in the possession of the Threadneedle Street institution has already reached the unprecedented figur of almost £89,000,000, inclusive of the £16,500,000 held on account of the currency note redemption fund When it is recalled that on the outbreak of war there was less than £28,000,000 of gold in the Bank of England, it will be acknowledged the improvemen established within the past four months is a remark is made of the fact that the gold reserves of the Reichsbank have increased from £63,150,000 to £98, 550,000, but this increase is insignificant compare with that recorded by the Bank of England, especially if account is taken of the drastic expedients adopted in order to reinforce the gold stocks of the German Here we have very substantially aug mented our stock of gold without resorting to any o especially among the peasants, in order to induce peo ple in the national interest to exchange their hoarded compelled to disgorge their gold pocket-money wit which they started for the front. In this country, tered rough weather, and the Dundee man, while cumulated gold without exercising any pressure would otherwise have gone into circulation, those "Doe ye mind you man frae Dundee?" he asked, notes are now secured to the extent of 45 per cent. by gold, and, like Bank of England notes of highe denominations, are freely convertible into gold on demand. In Germany, on the other hand, notes have been forced into circulation which are secured by gold only to a very small extent and which are no moreover, convertible into the precious metal. Side by side with the increase in the Bank's stock of gold there has been a natural and automatic in-

crease in the note issues of that institution. But the security for the notes actually created was never better than it now is, for the obvious reason that a the stock of gold increases and the securities held against note issues remain a fixed quantity, the ratio of gold to notes tends to advance. At present the ratio of gold to the notes created is no less than 79 Of the £90,433,000 of notes created, however only £35.591.000 are in active circulation, and as the quantity of gold in the issue department of the Bank of England is £71,893,000, the notes actually in use are covered slightly more than twice over by gold. In other words, the Bank holds twice as much gold as would be required to convert into cash all the notes in active circulation. The position of the currency notes is also becoming increasingly favorable, for, as we have previously explained, while the weekly additions to the notes outstanding usually fall short of £1,000,000, at least a million's worth of gold is being set aside each week for their redemption. At the present time the £16,500,000 credited to the redemption fund represents a shade over 45 per cent, of the notes outstanding on the 9th inst., the latest date for which particulars are available. No doubt the ratio Report of Industrial Training Commission.— One will continue to increase until the security as to gold cannot expect an old head on young shoulders, espeof currency notes will be as substantial as that of cially when the backbone has not been well nourish-

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