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THE GREAT NEED.

The remark of the London Times that the British must set their teeth and prepare for a long war is justified by the facts. It is not news, however, for Lord Kitchener at the very outset warned all the nation. Apparently his warning and that of others was not taken, and as Mr. Lloyd George says, the people assumed that victory would come to them as a just tribute from fate. It is well, therefore, that the press should direct daily attention to the magnitude of the task to be performed and the grave danger to which the Empire is still exposed. It is true that today's cables tell of a defeat of the Austro-Germans by the Russians on one part of the eastern front, and that the Italians continue to make some progress, and to repulse successfully all counter attacks, while the French and British have rather the best of the fighting on the western front; but lack of guns and munitions is a great handicap that apparently cannot be overcome for months to come, perhaps not until we are well on toward another winter campaign. The more quickly the British people everywhere gauge themselves to put forth their best efforts in providing munitions and trained men the sooner the great task before them will be accomplished.

APPLYING THE PROBE.

At the opening of the session of the Royal Commission to investigate war purchases, at Ottawa yesterday, Sir Charles Davidson said he would endeavor to have a full and free investigation, without fear or favor, and the counsel for the crown was equally strong in this assurance of a desire to get at all the facts. Let us hope the Royal Commission in New Brunswick will be equally persistent on getting the evidence. In Manitoba the new government has been prompt to act on the charges made by a section of the Conservative party in the legislature, and yesterday appointed a commission of three judges to investigate them. It also enlarged the powers of the commission already enquiring into the parliament buildings affairs. Conservative rule in Ottawa and in several of the provinces has made royal commissions a necessary part of the machinery of government, and while it lasts those commissions should not be hampered in any way in probing scandals as they are one after another unearthed by the opposition.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

The Times recently gave some account of the work and aims of the Ontario Association for the Promotion of Technical Education, which represents boards of education, boards of trade, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, trades and labor council, women's councils and institutes, and other organizations. Mr. Thomas Bengough, Toronto, is its secretary-treasurer, as well as the editor of its official organ, entitled "Training." In a letter to a St. John man, this week, Mr. Bengough, referring to the Association's work, says:

"I am sure you will be pleased to know that we are pushing matters aggressively here, and that the president of our Association, Mr. Fairbairn (of the Toronto Board of Education) is planning to give considerable of his time next fall to the promotion of provincial associations like ours. He is planning a tour of the western provinces, but if leaders there made an urgent request he might visit your city and some other points in the maritime provinces. Mr. Fairbairn is chairman of the advisory industrial committee of the Toronto Technical Schools, and is also a well-known member of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. Our \$20,000,000 Technical School here, pronounced by experts to be the finest in the world, is to be opened on August 31, at the time of our National Exhibition. I would suggest that a delegation visit Toronto at that time, take part in the opening ceremonies, and then arrange with Mr. Fairbairn for a visit to your province."

This suggestion appears to be well worthy of the consideration of New Brunswick boards of trade, all of whose members realize the growing necessity for greater attention to the matter of technical education in this province. Organization is the key to the situation, and the experience of Ontario, though the movement on the present scale is still somewhat new there, should afford lessons of great local value. Premier Hearst of Ontario recently said:

"I feel that anything along the line of technical work and schools deserves the encouragement of the government, the encouragement of public men, and of the citizens of our whole country generally. I do not know anything upon which we can better direct our attention and influence than upon the problem of technical education."

THE SABRE RATTLES.

"The peace of the civilized world would never have been broken by France or England. I don't know about Russia, never having visited that country."

These are the words of Dr. Starr Jordan, the noted peace advocate, former president of Leland Stanford University, and now a director of the million dollar Peace Foundation. They

were spoken in an address before the Detroit Board of Commerce. Of Germany and the present war he said:

"Universal peace was coming in Europe, but a small group about Von Tirpitz wanted war. They did not dare bring it openly. They had to go behind Austria. They had been trying for six years in hard conspiracy, but their country could not be drawn into war."

Dr. Jordan insists that there is a strong peace party in Germany which will presently be heard from. On this point he says:

"In Germany there is a very severe division between such fire-eaters as Von Tirpitz and others on one side and Von Jagow, a moderate and considerate man, on the other. Being in the struggle, the people are with the sabre rattlers, but the great majority would bring about peace as soon as possible, if they could do that without discrediting the administration. The whole effort is to get out without this discredit. Should the people feel that the military administration had betrayed them, there would be a very great revolution. This revolution exists now. Letters to me from friends tell of this. These letters are mailed in Switzerland. The Friedensfreunde is a strong force for peace now as it ever was. This organization has held meetings, but these have had to be quiet. It cannot be militant in its efforts for peace since such militancy would mean death."

Dr. Jordan explained that he did not want to be understood as saying that all of Germany favored peace, but that there was a great peace element in the country, though the people were following their leader "like sheep." He declared also that the feeling against war was almost in Austria, "the country having nothing to gain." He added that "Whenever the German people take control of their government, then there will be an end to international war."

Dr. Jordan sees no present cause for drawing the United States into the war and is not impressed by the new League to Enforce Peace, with Mr. Taft at the head. He would have the United States remain outside of such a League, and not take any steps toward becoming part of a balance of power. World peace, he says, will be brought about by education, and he contends that governments alone should be permitted to manufacture munitions of war.

Dr. Jordan's theories and beliefs might be interesting if no war were in progress, but the world must face conditions as they are. The eminent professor blames the sabre rattlers of Germany for the present war. Obviously, then, if his dearly loved universal peace is to reign they must be reduced to a position where the German people will be able to take control of their government. The successful prosecution of the war by the Allies is therefore in the interests of peace and should have the sympathy of Dr. Jordan and the United States, for if the sabre rattlers are left in the saddle, peace will be farther away than ever, and the United States, whether it will or no, must face a condition threatening the future welfare of its people. Mr. Jordan says that the peace of the civilized world would never have been broken by Britain or France. Then their triumph is the best guarantee of future peace. All the evils of this war are laid by the eminent peace advocate himself at the door of Germany, and he cannot therefore regard with indifference such a prospect that of German victory.

Another patriot at 100 per cent profit has been discovered at Ottawa.

If German armies are on French soil, French armies are on German soil, in Alsace, and are slowly but surely pressing on toward the Rhine.

The ranks of the 55th Battalion are not being filled as rapidly as they should. Each day brings some recruits, but more enthusiasm is needed. It is a well-ordered battalion of fine fellows and the service in such a unit should appeal to young men.

The German prisoners at Amherst have been treated with great consideration, even to the extent of holding concerts and other entertainments on Sunday evenings. Apparently some of them do not regard such treatment as worthy of consideration.

The Germans have again shelled Dunkirk at a range of twenty miles or more. Will they now withdraw troops from the Russian front and make another effort to break through to Calais? A Russian report says they cannot spare the men, because the Russian armies are still unbeaten.

Recruiting men for the factories to make war munitions has had a hopeful beginning in the Mother Country. The Canadian government should give the largest possible degree of encouragement to factories in this country to go into the manufacture of shells on a larger scale.

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"I do, Your Honor. Last week a lady gave me a sovereign instead of a shilling, and I said to her—"Beg pardon, madam, but you've given me a sovereign." When she said—"Well, you old fool, keep the change and go out and get drunk with it!"

Remember.
"My boy," said the successful merchant, "never let your capital lie idle. Remember that money talks, but it doesn't talk in its sleep."

Sold.
"What makes you think this story would be particularly interesting to the readers of a woman's magazine?"
"Well, it's all about men."

Post Post.
"Henry, you talk in your sleep."
"Well, do you begrudge me even those few words?"

One on the Cook.
Gaffer (proudly)—I play with my head.
His rival—Yes, I notice that you are partial to wooden clubs.

Wore 'Em Out.
A teacher has been at great trouble to explain to her class the meaning of the word "withstanding," and, on asking for a sentence in which the word occurred, was somewhat nonplussed to receive the following effort from a blushing maiden of some little summers and wiles—
"Please, miss, my little brother has a hole in the seat of his trousers, and it's notwithstanding."

Colonel and Sergeant.
To the young man the sergeant is a much more awful person than the colonel. And that is how this story has been born. A sergeant in one of the regiments of the new army came along twice to enquire if anyone had seen the colonel. Presently the colonel arrived, and on his way had to reprimand a raw recruit for not saluting.

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"Oh, you'll cop it," said the recruit.
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R. K. Smith, secretary of the Amherst Canadian Club in Amherst, wrote to Mr. Roosevelt asking him to visit Amherst and address the Canadian Club here. He has received a letter from Mr. Roosevelt's secretary which began very informally "My Dear Bob" It was signed by J. W. McGrath formerly a fellow-student of Mr. Smith at Dalhousie College, but who is now secretary for the Bull Moose party in the United States. Mr. McGrath wrote that Mr. Roosevelt did not intend to visit the maritime provinces.

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The wedding of John Gallagher of St. John to Miss Helena Mahoney, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mahoney, took place in St. Patrick's church, Gagetown, on Tuesday, Rev. C. P. Carleton officiating. Miss Mary Mahoney acted as bridesmaid and Frank Mahoney was the groomsmen. After a wedding trip to Boston Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher will live in Lancaster Heights, St. John.

Robert Arnold Simpson of New Jerusalem and Bertha, only daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth and the late William H. Jones, were married on Wednesday afternoon in the Methodist church at Welford by Rev. J. Spicer Gregg, assisted by Rev. Robert Smart. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson will reside in New Jerusalem.

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