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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved"—H. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

NO "INCONCLUSIVE PEACE"

"Inconclusive peace! The very words would stink in the nostrils of all honest people. Whatever our sacrifices may have to be—and daily we realize that they may be drastic and terrible—we will meet them with strong and courageous hearts, and it will be time to begin to talk peace when the resurrection of barbarism has been finally vanquished and freedom and liberty have been forever assured for ourselves, our allies and the whole of the civilized world."

In these words Sir Edward Carson, formerly Attorney-General of the Government of Great Britain, answered a newspaper correspondent who asked him regarding the report that peace negotiations between Great Britain and Germany would soon be opened. While the former Attorney-General resigned from the Asquith cabinet because he disapproved of certain matters connected with the conduct of the war, the utterance quoted above leaves no doubt as to where he stands on the question of countenancing peace proposals before the task to which Britain has set her hand has been so thoroughly accomplished that it will never again require attention.

How different is the attitude—if not of the German officials,—at least of the German press. Some editors have openly declared that the German people, tired of the slaughter and carnage and waste, are desirous of returning to the development of their country along peaceful lines, while English papers, recently to hand, chronicle the passing of resolutions by German trades unions and similar organizations representative of the mass of the people, which, while not openly condemning the war, indicate very plainly that peace sentiment is rapidly gaining ground.

But no matter what the attitude of the Germanic people may be there can be no peace until those who are tated in favor of war have been taught a salutary lesson. Germany entered this conflict as the bully of smaller nations. Aggression and conquest were the motives impelling her to action and she was prepared to ride roughshod over all humanity to achieve her goal. During the past six months she has learned to her sorrow that defeat is to be her portion and although her instruction is not yet complete the primary lessons have been sufficiently painful to indicate what she must undergo before graduation. And the Germanic people, aside from the disciples of Kultur who subscribe to the doctrine that might is right, have proven fairly apt pupils. Despite the misrepresentations sent from Berlin and Vienna there is a realization that the Teutonic cause is hopeless. Groups of thinkers all over Germany and Austria are coming to the conclusion that if their countries are to escape from this conflict with any vestige of power remaining the time has arrived to commence negotiations to that end.

Unfortunately for that idea negotiations cannot be carried on without the acquiescence of the other parties concerned and the powers of the Quadruple Entente are not prepared to consider overtures of that nature. The Allies are united and confident, moreover, they have not yet attained their full strength, and after prosecuting the war for sixteen months, the first half of which was against overwhelming odds, are quite prepared to go on to the finish.

That is distinctly the spirit of the men of the Empire. The wrongs suffered at the hands of the Prussian powers are too grievous to permit of the dogs of war being pulled off until they have exacted full and complete satisfaction. That day has not arrived but that it is approaching will be admitted by all observers of the progress of events. As far as realizing the ambitions which led her to engage in war Germany is already beaten. But the full measure of her punishment has not yet been imposed and until that is done peace is not to be thought of. Sir Edward Carson voices the sentiment of the world when he says "It will be time to talk peace when the resurrection of barbarism has been finally vanquished and freedom and liberty have been forever assured."

THE ANCONA CASE

Reports received last night from Washington indicate that twenty-seven American citizens lost their lives when the Italian liner Ancona was shelled by an Austrian submarine. The Ancona was bound from Naples to New York so the Teutonic powers are unable to justify her sinking on the ground that she was carrying contraband of war.

After the Lusitania tragedy Germany promised that she would not interfere with vessels carrying neutral passengers. In the present case, as the submarine floated an Austrian rather than a German flag, it is to be presumed that all the voluminous correspondence will have to be gone through again. Probably the United States will demand an apology, reparation for the lives lost, and an assurance that there will be no repetition of the attack against unarmed vessels carrying neutral passengers.

Just how far an apology will pay for the loss of lives it is difficult to see. Doubtless the relatives of those who have been done to death will have their grief assuaged by the knowledge that Vienna is sorry for the occurrence. Doubtless, also the authorities at Washington will feel that their liability to protect American citizens will be amply discharged by the receipt of a "scrap of paper" from the Kaiser's ally, stating in effect that the murder of the Americans on the Ancona was unfortunate but necessary according to the Germanic conception of the ethics of war.

A few weeks ago commercial interests in the United States complained to Washington that their business was being interfered with by the blockade of German ports. At once a protest, strong in tone, was dispatched and American newspapers of the jingoistic class brought out their poster type to blazon to the world Washington's decision that she would protect the rights of the neutrals. As far as can be learned the only "right" interfered with by the British blockade was the "right" of American businessmen to make money by selling goods to the Teutons. In the Ancona case the Austrian power has challenged the right of American citizens to sail the open seas on an unarmed boat, bound away from the scenes of conflict and carrying no cargo open to suspicion. The action of Washington will be eagerly awaited. Not that it can have much effect upon the fortunes of the warring powers but it will illustrate to the world whether lives or dollars weigh the heavier in the regard of President Wilson and his advisers.

Lieut. Col. George W. Fowler, of the 104th, whose battalion was recruited in record time, has offered to raise a second battalion for the same regiment. Lieut. Col. Mersereau has offered to recruit a battalion on the North Shore and a similar offer has come from M. G. Siddall of Westmorland county. The recruiting tide is at its height.

News of the safe arrival in England of the 55th Battalion will be gladly received. The report that that battalion is on its way to the firing line gives 1,000 more reasons why New Brunswickers should enlist in the fight for liberty.

"We've got the men and we've got the money, too," remarked the Canadian Finance Minister in a recruiting address recently. And Beck's Weekly, Montreal, adds: "And we might have had the ships if a slight accident hadn't happened to them at Ottawa."

The report of disaffection in India and Egypt, and a situation so serious that the master mind of Lord Kitchener is required to clear away the difficulties, sounds very very like the production of a pro-German press agent.

Lt. Col. Armstrong has received authority to recruit for the Royal Flying Corps of aviators. There is a chance for some of the young men who have failed to answer the call for foot soldiers. No other branch of the service offers an equal opportunity to rise.

And now a British war vessel has searched an American vessel in a

Mexican port. Another note from President Wilson! If this sort of thing continues the president will soon be running short of typewriter ribbons.

Canada, To Arms

("England has saved herself by her courage."—Pitt, after Trafalgar.)

Canadians! Canadians!

The trumpet calls afar—The sound of conflict heaven reads. The world, the world's at war.

By our trident flag that flies, By eternal Truth and Right, Rise and smite your enemies, Strong and stern in righteous might.

Shall bells of Nelson, Pitt and Clive, And mighty Wellington Haul down that flag and tribute give To ruthless Turk and Hun?

By the blood of Wolfe and Brock, By Britain's deathless name, Win from fateful battle's shock Glorious Victory and Fame.

—R. W. Geary, president Lady's Lane Historical Society, Niagara Falls, Ont.

Go or Give

(Toronto News.) We should send to the front every man that we can induce to enlist and that we can train and equip. As for those of us who cannot go, whose services would not be accepted if they were offered, and who cannot boast since we are not to be tested, we should give every dollar that we can spare beyond the decent support of our families to hospitals, to the Red Cross, to patriotic funds, to the various agencies and organizations which, in the words of Lincoln, strive to bind up the Nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and orphan. Any man who makes money in these days is disgraced. Any man who seeks to be richer at the end of the war than when the war began is a traitor to those who offer their lives for his protection.

Kavala

Kavala, the Greek port where, it appears, a new allied expedition is to be landed, has long figured conspicuously in Balkan disputes, and for a double reason. It happens that the welter of races which makes the division of Macedonia everywhere difficult is absolutely inextricable at Kavala and that the town is of much commercial importance as the centre of the district in which the very best "Turkish" tobacco is grown. Consequently, whenever Greek and Bulgarian have cleaned the state of men, the contentious questions there is always the standing grievance of Kavala to keep them asunder. It was the Greek King's refusal to approve the proposed cession of Kavala to Bulgaria early this year that caused the first resignation of the Venizelos Ministry and dashed the hopes of the allies of a new Balkan League. Kavala is famous for a landing of quite a different nature from that now imminent. When it was called Neopolis St. Paul landed there on his way to Philippi, now a mass of ruins among the tobacco fields.

How Australians Can Die

(London Daily Mirror, Oct. 23.) With what heroism Australian gunners have died is told by the Central News correspondent at Perth, West Australia, in the following letter home from Corporal H. R. McLarty, of the West Australian Artillery, now at the Gallipoli front. It has sent a wave of patriotic pride and enthusiasm right through the colony.

"Corporal McLarty writes: This is how the men in this battery (the 8th) die. When the smoke from the guns cleared and cleared away Wallis ran up to see the damage. He found Mick Taylor crawling about the ground, covered with blood and dazed.

"He said, 'Are you badly hurt, Mick?' 'No, Bill,' he replied, 'I'm only scratched. Look after Doug, and Stan.'

"We found later that he was wounded in fourteen places.

"Bill Wallis then picked up Doug Lennard. The poor lad had one arm off, one leg shattered at the thigh and internal wounds.

"He said: 'I'm done. Look after Dick and Stan. Don't mind me.'

"Carter was leaning on the gun. He had a fearful wound in the side. He said, 'I'm sorry I'm moaning. I know it will upset the others, but I can't help it. I can't help it.' He died, poor chap, almost immediately. His last words were, 'Did they get the gun?'

"Doug was in fearful agony, but kept saying, 'I'm dying, but please God I'll die game.' He lingered for two hours, and it was a terribly pitiful thing to watch.

"His last words were: 'I died at the gun, didn't I?' And so he went, dear lad, the most gallant, the most unselfish little soldier God ever made. He has taught us all how to die.

"Mick may pull through—fourteen wounds!

"The general spoke to us all. He said: 'Dear lads, I have heard of nothing grander than the way your comrades died. I am proud of your battery.'

The Russian Spirit.

(London Times.) Russian army headquarters, Oct. 15.—In travelling here from Moscow by motor-car I purposely covered many back roads in order to question the peasants, so that I might form some conclusions as to whether this war is really backed by the people themselves. On the high roads I passed,

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Me and pop and me was in the setting room after supper last nite, pop smoking a segar and nooking the ashes awt into a littel glass thing, and ma reeding a book and stopping every wunts in a wile and saying, The idee, reedickills, reedickills. Meaning the book, and aftir a wile I sed, Pop, I bet you cant tell me wat rimes with silver.

You're not to ask me a harder wun than that if you expect to stump me, sed pop.

Well, wat dus, I sed.

Rimes with silver, wy, lets see, sed pop, silver, bliver, mliver, lets see, silver, bliver, waite ill find a werd, dont laff yet, silver, bliver, twilver.

Willyum, in merseys name wat are you making those funny sowads for, sed ma.

Im hunting for a rime for silver, and wats more, Im going to find it if it takes till daybrake, sed pop, silver, bliver, mliver.

Well please dont hunt out loud, Im trying to reed, sed ma, goodness nos this book is alsers enuff without you making funny noises, reedickills, reedickills.

Tilver, wilver, darn it awl, silver, bliver, sed pop.

Cant you find wun, pop, I sed.

Serteny I can, dont rush me, thats awl, sed pop, bliver, quilver.

Now, Willyum, how do you expect me to reed, sed ma.

Fliver, hang it awl, silver, sed pop.

Ill go in sum uthir room and reed, if thats wat yure trying to make me do, sed ma.

I gess theres nothing doing, Benny, sed pop, yure mothr ses ill haff to stop trying.

Well, its a good thing, because silver is wun of the werds that aint got any rime, I sed.

Get out of heer, leave my site, sed pop.

Wich I did, going out and getting in a game of hare and hounds.

without exaggeration, above 100,000 refugees, and I have questioned great numbers of these poor people about their opinion of the war and its outcome.

After talking to groups of these homeless wanderers, amounting to hundreds, I found not a single one who expressed a wish that the war might terminate before the Germans are defeated utterly. I have heard the same comment again and again—"We must win now, regardless of the cost and the time it takes. The sacrifices we have suffered are too great to hesitate at anything short of victory."

In general I find the peasant refugees are extraordinarily well-informed regarding the war and the Russian policy of retreat.

The peasants of the villages in the interior, though they are ignorant of the conditions and causes of the present position, show the same stubborn qualities and the same willingness to make sacrifices that one sees in the soldiers at the front.

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