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### United States' Sympathies in the War

We have already discussed the advantages the United States would have enjoyed by joining in the fray in Europe and stopping it at the earliest possible moment. Our neighbors would have been millions of dollars in pocket, to put it on the lowest basis, and they would have had the satisfaction of helping in the cause of humanity. They have the satisfaction of bearing their losses with more or less equanimity and of not interfering in the cause of humanity, which would have been setting a precedent. The attitude of the Washington Government has been admirable in every way that a neutral power can display its courtesy and good-will.

The attitude of the great majority of the American people has been far more cordial and sympathetic than any neutral government could diplomatically dare to be. They have shown their appreciation of the issues at stake and the spirit in which those issues have been taken up, as only those could have done whose hearts were warm in the cause. The press of the republic has reflected this feeling all but unanimously, and the exceptions but serve to mark the intensity of the general popular feeling.

Upon this situation comes Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to Washington, and with that curious misreading of the national feeling which appears to be characteristic of the Germans, and has led to many diplomatic errors and evidently suggested many steps taken in the preparation for war, the count has placed before the American people the idea of a German invasion of Canada. Perhaps it is all done in wisdom, and the kaiser's officials wish to convince him by ocular demonstration of what he cannot be convinced by their well informed assertions. If it be so the kaiser ought to be convinced. As he is not, he is evidently a poor master to serve. But if it be the intention of his ministers to disillusionize the kaiser they should have begun earlier, and they should not have given him such good grounds for supposing that they agreed with him. Ireland, India, South Africa, Canada, Australia and the other British sons-in-law have not justified any of the hopes of revolution which Germany's experience with her own colonies appears to have led the kaiser to expect. British and German colonization are evidently carried on with different objects and in a different fashion.

But Count Von Bernstorff seems to think that an invasion of Canada would be a proper and desirable move under the circumstances. We need scarcely say that Canadians do not agree with him. The point is, would the people of the Stars and Stripes think well of it? We feel sure they would not. And it matters not in the least whether Germany is the able or unable to carry out the project, or whether it should be carried out, the German troops would be victorious or defeated in Canada. The United States press is quite clear that Germany has as much chance of invading Canada, while the British navy floats, as the New York World puts it, as of invading the moon.

There could be no purpose in invading Canada for Germany except that of occupying the country when conquered. We may be certain that this would never be consented to by the Washington Government, whatever party might happen to be in power. Germany has shown too well what kind of a neighbor she would be by her attitude to her sister nations in Europe. For a century Canada has lived next door to the United States with an invisible line between them, and the line has been a line of peace. We are entering on a second century of this policy, which grows stronger with age. In Europe, Germany has never regarded frontiers as lines of peace. They have been ruled according to the rules of war and the edges serrated with fortresses. In one case

where a century had rolled past under a guarantee of peace from five great nations Germany was unable longer to continue the record.

It could only be for conquest and occupation that Germany would come to Canada, and once here, her policy would be the old policy of fortress-battered frontiers, standing armies, conscription and unending rivalry of nations armed. Americans will think of these things as they read of the carnage of the Marne and the Aisne and of the still greater carnage in Flanders, 5000 Germans slaughtered in crossing the Yser, 10,000 in a rout by the Russians, 20,000 slain by pursuing Gurkas and Sikhs.

America does not wish to participate in such bloodshed, whether actively or passively, but a German occupation of Canada would make it a logical necessity in a coming generation. Britain is fighting for the peace and liberty in Europe which she has maintained with the United States for a hundred years in America. That is the real basis of American sympathy with the allies in the great war.

### The Kaiser's Three in America

The Literary Digest of New York has gone into the service of the German kaiser and is doing its best to promote an anti-British campaign in the United States. Worse than that, it is trying to promote sedition in India, Egypt, South Africa, as shown in its issue of last week. It has abandoned, so far as this war is concerned, all its pretensions of being an impartial reflector of public opinion on the great issues that interest the people of this continent.

The Canadian and the British Governments should bar its entrance here or in the mother country.

What think all the clergymen and teachers of Canada and Britain who have paid so much of their good money to Funk and Wagnalls for their publications in years past?

Professor Munsterburg, Count Bernstorff and Funk and Wagnalls are the kaiser's special men in America these days.

### Incidental Results of the War

When Germany started this war the underlying and causative factor was the ingrained belief that on land her armies were supreme. Much was written by German authors about the role their country was predestined to play in the conduct of European affairs. German influences, German culture, German interests were to dominate the world. Success in war meant not only the establishment of that dominance but the liberation of German industry from the load of debts it had to carry. War, carried to victory, would immediately rid Germany of that burden, provide a vast amount of capital for industrial expansion and place Germans in supreme control of the ocean highways.

Such was the light—not certainly from heaven—that lured the Germans into the path of conquest. So certain were they that success would attend their armies that they made no provision for a possible defeat. Now they are confronted with happenings of dire omen which have undoubtedly resulted in anxiety and apprehension. Whatever the German people may have been led to believe, that they have been badly deceived is probable from the reports filtering over from returning neutrals, refugees and prisoners. Defeat in the present fierce campaign waging in the extreme west, with its resulting disillusionment, will bring more trouble for the war lord.

Rapid victory, such as the kaiser anticipated, would have brought relief from many of the ills that are gathering over Germany. Among these is the prospect that important channels of trade, of which Germany had a substantial monopoly, will be filled from other sources. Anxiety, for example, has been felt over the supply of aniline dyes and dry colors. But it now appears that the Basle district of Switzerland can itself supply a large portion of the demand. Many more manufacturers, in Britain, too, than were at first supposed are in a position to fill orders. The threatened shortage in dyes and dry colors would have entailed the operation of important Canadian industries, including manufacturers of printing inks, colors, cottons, woollens and leather goods. Lithographers also would have suffered with the printing trade, dependent as they are on imported colors.

Live Canadian firms should also take advantage of the opportunity now presented to open up a valuable line of industry.



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## UNIVERSITY BUDGET PASSED BY CABINET

Governors and President Submitted Balance Sheet for the Year.

The governors and president of Toronto University yesterday came before the Ontario Government to obtain formal approval of the year's balance sheet. Sir Edmund Walker outlined the program of expenditures for the year, and showed in detail what economies were being practiced and what extensions were necessary. He stated that the board could not hope to end their year without a deficit—such a thing was too much to expect—but he assured the cabinet that there promised to be a material decrease in its size.

Different members of the delegation pointed out the need of the university for increased support in the future and elaborated the explanations given earlier in the year. They stated, however, that in many branches considerable paring has been done, and some of the extensions hoped for will not materialize this year.

The custom is for the government to go over the annual university program before it becomes final, and Hon. Mr. Hearst and the provincial treasurer approved the outline given by the board yesterday.

### HIGH STANDARD SET BY OFFICERS OF R.C.D.

The Dragons Now Fighting Will Be Proud of Their Reserve Force.

Owing to the high standard set for enlistment in the Royal Canadian Dragoons many men who presented themselves for service were turned away yesterday, and the number chosen was less than anticipated. The men are being selected carefully so that the regiment now in Europe will be proud of the reserve. Upon being sworn in the men are placed on the roll of the permanent militia force and pay of 50 cents a day for privates is paid. The men are taught cooking, first aid, care of horses and many other accomplishments. Only seasoned men of 25 years and over are accepted. Cooks, blacksmiths and saddlers, who are paid higher rates than privates, are given preference. It is expected that the necessary number will be chosen within a few days and the squadron will take charge of Stanley Barracks.

### EXAMS. LAST NIGHT.

Over forty employees of the General Postoffice are trying the quarter-yearly examinations before the board yesterday. A superintendent presides at each class, conducted in the new quarters on the second floor.

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## ONTARIO'S FINANCIAL SITUATION BRIGHTER

Hon. I. B. Lucas Gets Cheering News—English Loan Available.

Hon. I. B. Lucas, provincial treasurer, received some cheering news from England. Official word has come to him of the lifting of the British moratorium and the setting back into place of financial affairs.

### OPENING PLAN WILL REQUIRE MODIFYING

LONDON, Oct. 27.—The plan of the London Stock Exchange committee for reopening will require some modification before it will meet the approval of the government.

The scheme of continuing existing loans for an indefinite period is looked upon with disfavor, and it is claimed that an additional margin of ten per cent. would force many of the loans to be sold.

The outlook, therefore, for the early reopening of the exchange is not so promising.

### A HISTORY OF 7000 YEARS.

From the First Pharaoh of Egypt to the Present Day.

The first authentic records of mankind are dated nearly 7000 years ago. From that time until the 20th century man has continued to leave some record of his doings and his sayings, and his descendants might know who and what he was. With these records before him, Larned traces the life of the human race, from the first generations by a survey of history—not only of naked events—but the movements and influences by and through which the human race has come to be what it is now living, have come to be what they are. It requires a genius to do this. And Josephus Nelson Larned, author of the famous "History for Ready Reference," is conceded by all scholars to be a genius in historic writing. His "History of the World," now being distributed by this paper, is his latest work, the result of many years of research and study in the field of history. It is as accurate as a photograph and as entertaining as a novel. To one who has never read history it is an education in itself. To those who have read the ordinary school histories, it is a revelation. That it should be in the home of every reader of this paper goes without saying. Our coupon offer points the way, and the coupons should be clipped consecutively beginning with today. Books are on view at The World office, 48 Richmond street west, Toronto, and 15 Main street east, Hamilton.

ALL WELL SO FAR.

Karl Ahrens has received a card from Col. Mercer of the Queen's Own. He states that the men are in magnificent shape and everything has gone most satisfactory so far.

### A FINE BLOTTER.

The Jackson Press Issue a Patriotic Blotter of Merit.

The Jackson Press, of 78 West Adelaide street, have just issued a patriotic blotter that is certain to appeal to all Canadians. With this blotter the Jackson Press advise the people of Canada to blot out goods made in Germany, and assure them that a printing order from them will not be printed on paper made in Germany. The Jackson Press do high-class printing at reasonable prices, and have developed a remarkable trade in the few years they have been in business. Copy of this blotter will be forwarded to any person interested on receipt of a postal request, addressed to The Adelaide street west or by telephoning Adelaide 26.

### SUCCESSFUL FLAG SALE.

NORWOOD, Ont., Oct. 27.—The Daughters of the Empire of Norwood collected over \$100 from a sale of flags, which will be devoted to the patriotic fund.

## COUNCIL LIKELY TO DECIDE ON STEEL

Bloor Street Viaduct Controversy to Be Brought to a Head Monday.

### WIDENING IS DROPPED

Yonge Improvement and Ter-a-ulay Extension Must Await Better Times.

The controversy as to whether the Don section of the Bloor street viaduct shall be constructed of steel or concrete will be brought to a head at next Monday's council meeting, and the question finally decided, according to the decision of the board of control yesterday morning.

The mayor brought up the matter and questioned the wisdom of delaying the work for months pending the passing of concrete specifications by the Ontario Railway Board, while it was almost certain that the works commissioner and council would decide on steel. Council will debate the question just as if the railway board had passed the concrete specifications, and if, as expected, steel construction is decided upon, the work will go ahead without further delay.

The board recommended to council the annexation of the Cedarvale district without any conditions at all. This recommendation was previously thrown out by council.

**Oppose Lower Wage.**  
Ald. Cameron's proposal to reduce workingmen's wages to 13 cents an hour on relief work was unanimously turned down by the board.

The board instructed Commissioner Harris to report on Controller Church's scheme of rapid transit, with radial entrances in the city and suburbs.

The board partially endorsed Ald. Cameron's motion to consider the issuing of small bonds of \$10 or multiples of \$10, to citizens to finance local improvement works. They will take the matter up again after consulting with the city treasurer.

Controller Simpson's motion, that application be made to the Ontario Railway Board for an order compelling the Street Railway Company to carry night passengers, was referred to the corporation counsel for report.

**More Money for W. P. L.**  
Mayor Hocken again brought forward the question of the necessity of appointing a finance commissioner and asked the board to consider the advisability of such an appointment.

A request from the Women's Patriotic League for another \$500 to carry on relief work was granted. Mrs. L. A. Hamilton and Mrs. Cummings, who, at the deputation, explained that 600 women out of work had registered. Many women cared for were on the verge of starvation.

Amidst applause from the members Mayor Hocken unveiled a large oil painting of ex-Controller J. J. Ward. Every member spoke of the esteem in which Mr. Ward was held by all council members.

**The Poor Just Now.**  
The board at a special private conference decided to rescind the bylaws passed in connection with the Yonge street widening and Ter-a-ulay street extension, because the city is now unable to finance the undertakings.

When financial matters clear, another bylaw will be passed and the work proceeded with.

Four officials of the accounting department will go to New York and Philadelphia to study the systems in force in those cities. Changes in the Toronto system will probably be made on their return.

A special conference was called with the Social Service Commission and representatives of the House of Industry to discuss relief work. Officials of the House of Industry are opposing the proposed new system of the commission, which will largely cut into their work.

### RALPH CONNOR VOLUNTEERS.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 27.—Among those who have volunteered for active service is Rev. C. W. Gordon, (Ralph Connor), the novelist. He expects to go to the front as chaplain with the second contingent.

### GETS EDINBURGH DEGREE.

KINGSTON, Ont., Oct. 27.—Dr. G. A. Platt, son of ex-Warden Dr. J. A. Platt, of Portsmouth Penitentiary, has received the degree of F.R.C.S. at Edinburgh, where he is studying. He graduated from Queen's University in 1906 and is a former newspaper man of Kingston and Ottawa.

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### DR. CARMAN EXPLAINS WHY HE IS EMERITUS

At Eighty Years He Feels His Strength Unequal to Former Tasks.

Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent emeritus, issued an address to the Methodist membership yesterday, explaining the cause of his retirement from the active duties of the office.

Dr. Carman says that at the spring conference at Sarnia and St. Catharines "being then fully an octogenarian," he found his strength somewhat reduced, and he felt inadequate to continue as he had done for forty years.

Describing the proceedings at the general conference at Ottawa, Dr. Carman says: "The conference appointed a committee, perhaps unusually large, to discuss the superintendency and kindred themes. With the sub-committee I had the honor of an interview. Because of the nearness of conference I had kept my thoughts on the condition of things to myself, except as communicated to a brother, thru whom the situation came to the conference by its committee."

"At the opening of the conference I was general superintendent in full force and authority, having been elected to the position by the general conference of 1910, for eight years."

He could have gone on the superannuated list, or "could have been called" to his reward in the skies," but

decided to "be relieved of all responsibility," with the ex-officio privilege of ex-officio relationships.

### FEW CHANGES SHOWN IN SWISS ELECTIONS

Radicals Still in Large Majority—Troops Kept Under Arms.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
BERNE, Switzerland, Oct. 27, via Paris, 3.26 p.m.—The triennial election for members of the Swiss National Council resulted today in the change of only eight seats. The standing of the political parties in the council now is: Radicals 110, Conservative Catholics 39, Socialists 18, Liberals 13, Social Reformers 7, Independents 2.

The Swiss Government is preparing an income tax bill for presentation in parliament to meet war expenses. The government has spent \$10,000,000 upon the mobilization and maintenance of Swiss troops guarding neutrality. The decision of the administration has been that it would not be safe to disarm at the present time.

### BISHOP'S BROTHER AT FRONT.

KINGSTON, Ont., Oct. 27.—In a letter received from England today, Bishop Bidwell was informed that his brother, Major R. F. Bidwell, second in command of the 101st Grenadiers of Bangalore, India, is at the front. His nephew, Lieut. J. F. B. Watson of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment is also at the front.

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