

of the world—par-
those who will be selected
to the Disarmament Con-
ference—were to travel the entire
distance from New York to San
Francisco, for days, conjuring up
that ghastly spectacle. How would
it then be possible for the delegates
to return from the conference with
but another "scrap of paper"?

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UNPATRIOTIC EXPENDITURE.

The Editor, Montreal Daily Star:

Sir.—What a reflection upon the patriotism and good sense of those who, particularly during a depression, think so little of their country and its welfare as to send millions of dollars out of it in payment for materials to be used in the construction of Canadian buildings, when the same is available, as good in quality and as reasonable in price as that which they ordered and purchased from the United States and other countries.

The community and the country as a whole are indebted to Mr. Norman Holland for the information which he has been able to secure as result of the personal survey he made. That almost 27 million dollars should be sent abroad in the purchase of materials which could be ordered and obtained in this country indicates how thoughtless men can be who presumably would be the first to appreciate the opportunity their position gives them to patronize home industry and buy Canadian materials, instead of giving the preference to foreign firms. That material of this kind should be purchased when the means to erect the buildings comes from relief appropriations makes the offence all the greater. Of what avail is it to carry on a "produced in Canada campaign," and encourage men to invest their money in the equipping of factories to meet domestic wants, when we send such a huge amount as 27 million to foreign competitors of Canadian firms? Twenty-seven million dollars in Canada would mean a great deal of work and business at a time when it is very sorely needed.

Surely, the Government, when these facts are brought to its attention, will take action not only to penalize those responsible for the specifying and purchasing of foreign made goods, but to prevent a recurrence of so unpatriotic an act and policy. The Star is deserving of the warm appreciation of its readers and the public for giving the prominence it has to the report of Mr. Holland.

BERNARD ROSE.

Points From Letters

J. T. Chenard, Montreal, writes: "I suggest a city manager for Montreal, to remain in office 'during good behavior.' Also, a large reduction in the number of wards. The mayor and aldermen should be elected for four years."

H. B. Parr, St. Lambert, writes: "It would be a grievous error to include all Tramways men in any condemnation, because most of us can recall some cases of kindness or consideration, but the very fact that such instances become indelibly impressed on the memory indicates the rarity attached to them."

James Watt, Montreal, writes: "Much is said against the machine these days, but the machine is here to stay and the time will never come when it will supplant man. What we take out of labor-saving devices is not rest or idleness but the power of accomplishing more and more."

E. M. Bennett, Montreal, writes: "Many will agree with a statement made by Dr. Ernst Jackh, German economist, at the People's Forum, Montreal. Dr. Jackh stated that the anti-peace demonstration in Paris was the most hopeful event that had yet taken place in regard to the prospects of the 1932 disarmament conference at Geneva being successful, for it indicated that the militarists were getting alarmed at the trend of the world toward the abandonment of arms. Should there be no cause for alarm they would not trouble themselves to the extent of breaking up meetings called to further the cause of peace."

NATIONS AND DISARMAMENT.

The Editor, Montreal Daily Star:

Sir.—It is to be hoped that the disarmament conference in 1932 will be a success, but there are many reasons why it will fail. It is very doubtful that the whole world will decide to disarm. Some nations will be balking, and so long as one nation is fully armed it would be disastrous for the rest of the world to disarm. Can anyone imagine the nations of the world destroying the war equipment on which they have just recently spent billions of dollars?

Let us here form a mental picture of the actual results of the war that ended in 1918 ("the war to end war").

Not less than 11,000,000 dead. If they were buried, side by side, the graveyard would stretch from New York to San Francisco, or from Gibraltar to Moscow. Imagine a row of crosses 3,000 miles in length. Then imagine a line of 9,000,000 crying war orphans behind the crosses. Behind them imagine 5,000,000 weeping war widows lined up, and again a double line of helpless wounded, 20,000,000 in all. Behind this ghastly picture we may add some 50,000,000 starving unemployed or part-employed, the indirect effect of the war. If any further effect is necessary we may pile up all the ruins of churches and buildings.

It would be good if the statesmen

Canadian peasoup, which is made with bones despite the new contempt. For the most part, the rest of the soup is just wash.

You will never grow up into a big strong man like me unless you take more pride in your bones.