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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.

An article from the New York Times, iblished in another column, this orning, is worthy of careful and oughtful perusal. If the writer of oughtful perusal. If the writer of at article is covered in the section. ions, and it must be admitted that he hat article is correct in his conten makes out a most plausible case, then the German Empire has already commenced to wince under the pressure being applied both on land and on sea. The Kaiser's armies may display unprecedented bravery in battle, they may overrun Bukowina and drive the Russians out of Peland, they may even gain successes against British and French troops in the western fighting area, which will give Berlin excuss for noisy and ostentatious celebration, but all of this is of little moment compared with the practical admission of official Germany that the food question has already become one of major importance, and that the Pritish threat of blockading German ports will have the effect of preducing, if not actual staryation among the civil population. nakes out a most plausible case, then he German Empire has already comtarvation among the civil population, condition closely akin to it.

Napoleon once said that an army advanced on its storage and while the expression may be considered some expression may be considered some what inelegant in this twentieth century there will be none to question or deny its truth. While a soldier can eat regularly he can conserve his strength whole people irrespective of political affiliation. It agrees with the opinion expressed in England that, during war egularly he can conserve his strength nd fight but once the food supply ecomes irregular all the multary equipment and organization in the world will 'not avert disaster. Possibly the German government is genuinely concerned regarding the fate of its civil subjects, but it is more likely disaster. The civil subjects, but it is more likely disaster is solder has a constant of the country of the country and the country of th that the well-being of the soldier has been the factor most contributing to the frenzy at the prospect of a blockade and consequent interference with

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into attempt to starve the civil population of Germany in an effort to subjugate the military force... Such argument is capable of being answered, also on the ground of humanity, for there is no doubt the pressure which a successful blockade would evert could have no other effect than the shortening of the period of war and the saving of hundreds of thousands of lives to Germany as well as to the Allied nations. Instead of being inhuman it appears that the British plan, if adopted, would work to the greatest good of the greatest number and on that ground would be fully justified even by those who, professedly for humanitarian reasons, oppose it.

While the decision of the British Government has not yet been officially anneunced it is easily evident that Germany fears it and for this reason makes frantic appeal to the United States to use her good offices in dissuading Britain from carrying out her threat. The United States Amhassador has already transmitted the German appeal to London and it is unfikely that the Washington Government will do mete. If German submarines, or German adman, in attempting to give effect to the German property. Washington would have good and sufficient reason to demand and accure immediate satisfaction. Otherwise the advices in the borrowing money for war purchased attachment of the advices to the proposal to give assistance to the British navy. Do they for a minimum appeal to London and it is unfikely that the Washington Government will do mete. If German submarines, or German adman, in attempting to give effect to the German proclawation of a war zone, chould shed American brookers. The United States and accure immediates attachment of the administration of the greatest provided to advocate that Canada should be advocated that cana

coses Canada really is borrowing to the greatest of public works. Todas, the Canadian people are engaged it assisting to build safe and sure the British Empire and the reward in day, to come will be such as to demonstra

Germany Confesses to Shortage of Food.

In the comments upon the war zone matter and our note by the press and the public men of Germany there is a surprising insistence upon the hardships put upon the Germans by the English policy of isolating the empire and cutting off its food supplies. The tone of these comments would indicate that there is real alarm in Germany about the stock of provisions not merely for the army but for the people themselves. The proclamation of a war zone sems to reflect the prevailing uneasiness on that score, since it was avowedly a measure of retailation against England for her interference with German commerce, and the position understood to have been taken by the German ambassador at Washington, that the Berlin Government would not withdraw or modify the war zone declaration unless England consented to the free transport of food supplies intended for civilian use in Germany, bears out that construction. There is something almost pathetic in the appeals made to us to cause England to desist from her interference with commerce and food sufferings of the German people under the conditions brought upon them by the war would be as painful to us as to any nation on earth, but the Germans should remember that we have not cauged those conditions, nor can we remove them. It would be well for them to take thought about the probable effect upon the English mind of their surprisingly frank admissions of the stratts to which they have been brought. If they confes to shortage of food, so far from relaxing the pressure, England will almost certainly increase it. It is the first sign of exhaustion, the expected and earliest sign of the provimate ending of the war. Englishmen will arsue that it would be inhuman to permit Germany to get the food supplies she urgently needs. That would prolone the war; it would condemn hundreds of thous ands of Germans. Frenchmen, Russians and Englishmen to death on the attelfield or in the hospital, without one lota of gain to anybody. If the stock of provisions in Germany is nearing exhaustion, then unqu sirous of doing the business of Cana-

will be because the Grit desire to add and consequent interference with food supply.

It has been said that Germany was well stocked with foodstuffs, that the war party, during its years of preparation for this supreme conflict, had seen to it that the granaries and ware houses were filled with substantials sufficient for all requirements during the tenure of ordinary war. But this is not ordinary war and Berlin realized it. Britain has hardly commenced to the this supreme data was an interest to the supplied to depart the commentation with the hardships the German people have already experienced, plainly suggests that the circumstances of the Kaiser's subjects, both clv4 and military, will be worse before they are better. Consequently when, so early in fithe game' the specialce is prevised of Germany appealing against earned food shortage, one is empted to doubt the claor-rate stories of her preparation against the contingency of familie.

Yesterday's despatches indicated that German pewapener regarded the attitude of the Childer States as an artiful "bluff." Possibly, it those problems that the offer of Germany to abandon her threatened blockade of British ports if Grent of Germany in avail all bill. The Premier would be absolutely correct if he should decid that needing roof of Germany in avail and bill. The Premier would be absolutely correct if he should prove the substance.

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I thawt I told you to hurry, sed me.
I thawt I told you to hurry, sed me.
You took yure time, about hurrying, then, sed ma. do you meen to tell me you dident go enyware exsept strate to the stoar and back.
Puds Simkins was down at the cornir with his noo bysickel and he let me ride it up to the telegraf pole and back, I sed.
And wat cits did you do, sed ma.
A horse fell down wile I was kumins back frum the stoar, and I stood thare till it got up, I sed.
I sippose if it had nevvir got up, you wood nevvir of kum hoam, sed ma, well, wat cits.
That awl. I sed.
Are you quite sure, sed mar looking at me funy.
Well, the man was cleening the lite awn top of the lampposa, but I dident watch him lawns, I sed.
And wat cits, sed ma, still looking at me funny.
Wich I was going to say, Nuthing cits, ony jest then I happened to look in the mirrer and saw my fase and wat was awl erround my mouth but blackberry jam, proving I had aic it pritty fast, I gess, and ma sed, Well, thinks now, wasent there enything cits.
O yes, I sed, I went back in the kitchin and took 33 spoonfulls of blackberry jam.
Well I am glad to heer you say so, so, I feered you were going to tell me a ite, and if you had I wood of punished you, but for being truthfill you may have a penny, sed ma.
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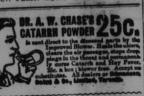
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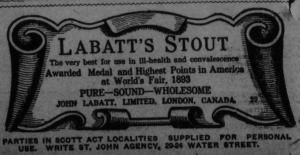
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