e British forces will be neces.

ONTARIO'S CHANCE.

DER the title, "Patriotism and Production," the Dominion dent of agriculture has just issued cultural war book with the obincreasing the production of foodo meet the present situation. The al Star, commenting on the subys: "If ever a golden opportunity rlaying a useful patriotism ofitself it is surely developing itself the eyes of the Dominion at

nada will respond to this demand rtain. There is no section of the sh Empire where loyalty and pan is more real than in Ontario rio is sending thousands of her sons he front, and Ontario will see to it her gardens and her wheat fields made to yield to the limit. The uction of foodstuffs of the right kind in increased quantity has become an it necessity, and for the next few greater attention will be given to ulture in Ontario than ever before at the present time than to increase

the war is ended there will be a tremen- regard the same flag if found in a bore the magic name of Ellan Vannin. he studies the learned publications of the Manx Society, will know where to dous demand from the old world for certain zone appears much more serious To be completely beautiful an island look for the wealth of ancient monuoodstuffs. Meantime, while the war is to the Americans. in progress there will be heavy orders from the British, French and Russian

Governments. During the year the call for foodstuffs will be very strong for wheat, potatoes, beans, oats, dairy pro- poets. ducts, live stock and poultry. Last year were devoted to pasture. It is suggest- watchfully waiting as it were, ed that this land could with advantage be broken up and put into crop. Patriotic duty and good business urge it.

PROPHECIES.

E other is given credit for having and-so foresaw it, "like some bold seer in a trance," so to speak, told us

Well, of course, the war came, after all the prophecies and counter-prophhe specially and supernaturally inspired, en- or superabundantly and superheatedly ople ists for ten years back, who have been Bertha M. Clay a close second as a island, praised its maritime air and said ne telling us of Germany's purpose to writer of "yellow backs," is dead. Her that, buoyed up by its exhilarating st force a war. On the other hand, there stories slopped over with cheap sentier- were also many who, while not too ment, but they were clean. They were in oligarchy, believed or hoped that smellers. Do there would be no great war, for the Can- reasons that (1) it would be too nd per- awful for all parties engaged, and (2) has international finance would prevent Armageddon from actually materialno izing, as seemed to be the case in the as he could when he first started drinkription. Morocean affair of 1911, It has turned ener has out that the prophets of peace hoped an two for too much, while the prophets of And it war at least happened to have their

Can- warnings fulfilled.

But to show that neither superior scale. Men wisdom nor second sight had anything they have to do with these prophecies that have "come true," one has only to conindifference sider that probably hundreds of thoupatriotism. sands have for years back so talked een their of the German peril, and to remember that other perils have been similarly emphasized by the same sort of warmongers, in times past. From 1856 down to 1905, exactly half a century, too late. Russia was the menace, the sword of sponse has Damocles, 'certain' sooner or later will come to drop on Britain or India. Yet it dian con- never dropped. A more select few, here in Canada, have always been ready to warn us to prepare against invasion by the United States, but the invasion has never come down from the realm of scarlet fancy. Another awful fatality sometimes conjuced up is the Yellow Peril, but it gets no War-mongering is a habit,

not an inspiration. What is the lesson from such exam. Dull and forgotten as fragments ples and from the German war, that all war or peace prophets are to be Swords they were, but in the fire's red invariably revered and obeyed, or that once in a while they are bound to hit the mark? Great Britain at any rate prepared herself against the German menace, without being carried was They have by the suggestions of the alarmists, ists on the other. Uninfluenced by the militarist or ultra-pacifist twaddlers. recommending either conscription or the opposite extreme of a feeble fleet,

relatives. And that and steadily made such preparations ed by adopting a system for decades that since last summer the some would call United Kingdom is impregnable and

"THE U.S. IS SILENT."

THE strongest impeachments of the silence of the United States over a man's body and life. the violation of Belgian neutrality have appeared in American journals. Theodore Roosevelt used the plainest kind man's person is worse than of language in dealing with the atti-Secretary W. J. Bryan. Many American trality in humanitarian questions and a contrasting readiness to protest when

The most powerful rebuke from ar American writer is that of Hamilton think that before the Holt, editor of the New York Independexperiment of increased pay, cate, but he believes first of all in the ide the money from a tax on rights of humanity and the protection of these rights by every civilized nation. His striking charge is as fol-

Plumes of fire are dropped from and cities.

The United States is silent. eadly mines are strewn on the

high seas. The United States is silent. Buildings dedicated to religion, art, science and charity are razed

The United States is silent. Enormous fines, far in excess of military necessities, are levied on ravaged cities. The United States is silent. Seven millions stand emactate in

The United States is silent. The Hague Conventions are thrown into the scrap basket. The United States is silent.

The dollars of American trade

are threatened
And the United States protests. It is the duty of the United States to protect the commercial rights of her citizens. But it is also the duty of the United States to protect the civilization of the world. Above all nations is humanity.

THE LUSITANIA INCIDENT.

Stars and Stripes-by a British land with this object is helping the submarine seems to be given moral. npire in its greatest crisis quite as if not legal, justification by the press altivation just now is good business. In it every day and think it a smart portion of their foodstuffs. When the treacherous motive to take life behind ar is over who is going to feed the old the act of the Lusitania's captain. He day the fields of continental Europe are sengers, many of them Americans, and the truth of the statement, made many whether you are none of these things lay the fields of continental Europe are sengers, many of them Americans, and but just an honest tripper out for a holiday. I can promise you a good time.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Swiss, although for war, are over 3,000,000 acres of land in Ontario sticking to business. Watchmaking and

> Germany's paper blockade of the British coasts is just as flimsy as Germany's scrap of paper promises.

> A Chicago professor says that six races are combined in Theodore Roosevelt. Does this include the race for of-

dynamite to destroy the good feeling you will want to make acquaintance it would be, but like Cassan-that exists between Canadians and

> The Hohenzollerns are said to be investing their private fortunes in New glens, waterfalls and curraghs; there are York real estate. Broadway may yet see Arrogant Willie dodging into a delicatessen shop for a pound of sausages like

Germany's military best sellers without being worst and wonder now whether the charm of

CURSE OF INERRIETY. [Philadelhpia Ledger.]

"Drink is bound to ruin a man's "Yes, Jinks can't stand half as much

IN A BAD FIX.

[Kansas City Journal.1 "Wombat thinks he's engaged to the wrong girl."

"He can't. He's buying the engage-ment ring on the installment plan"

THE SWORD'S FATE. [Margaret E. Sangster, Jun., in The Christian Herald.] Swords they were, made of the finest

Keen were they-so that the foeman of the sharpest-with standing near-Terror, and horror, and torture, and

Swords they were-bright with a silver-blue light, Cold as the moonlight on ice in the

Merciless-hewing at flesh and at hone Killing in thousands-or killing alone. Swords they were—then in a moment

Men laid them down for

Poured into molds by a calm-loving

Melted in firse, that over the sea Victors might say of their blood-red-dened spoil:

DAILY WAR PUZZLE



On guard in the rain. Find two more sentinels. ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE.—Upside down in front of Duchess Upper left corner down behind Duchess.

Press On the Big Bluff

[New York Evening Post.]

There is no present occasion for getting excited over the new German admiralty order. It is three-quarters bluff. What it undertakes to do, it is not within the physical power of Germany to do. nize; now we are to have an underfor Germany. It will cause new the enemy ships endanger neutral anxieties in England about food supplies, ships." That is a risk Germany must high rates of marine insurance. But that a few roving submarines can dethe German navy possesses, it is preposterous to imagine. Not even the German Chancellor could believe it. If the of the sea, it is ridiculous to suppose in naval warfare

that England can be blockaded and starved out in the way threatened.

RELATION TO NEUTRAL SHIPPING [New York Times.] Germany relies, not upon blockading squadrons, but upon the threat that her submarines will destroy enemy ships and neutral ships seeking to enter British We have heard of "paper" blockades, which international law does not recognize; now we are to have an under-water blockade. That this can be made will be in danger, since, "in view of the effective is unthinkable. The threat of hazards of naval warfare, it cannot alit may have a certain military value ways be avoided that attacks meant for

and may easily push higher the already avoid, for she cannot afford to incur it. The German admiralty certainly can THE flying of a neutral flag—the stroy the sea power of a country that it- of a "war zone," which in its very nature self has twice as many submarines as cannot everywhere and at all times be effectively maintained as a barrier to commerce will be respected, or that he destruction of a neutral ship with-German cruisers and battleships dare in the zone would be passed over as not come out to contest the command an unavoidable and excusable hazard

Irish Sea Holds World's Most Beautiful Island

oceans of the world, that the most One will find pleasure and interest in beautiful of islands was to be found the rich flora, another in the curious war. The threat of Germany to dis- midway in the Irish Sea, and that it rock formations. The antiquarian, if

it is impossible to mark where it begins ! lision between the war and the spring and ends, and to admire its form as a to the jaded city worker, who will find ped shores of Ceylon offer no such complete vision to the straining eye of the The proper use of a holiday is to traveller Yet how thrilling are the first the spirit of romance as that of your work now and then true treasure island. Such an island is Ellan Vannin, and from the first moshape, until the ship is steaming through the blue waters of Douglas Bay. in sight of green hills and rocky headlands, one is gripped by the beauty of it

When you have landed and had time It will take more than Dernberg and to take stock of the near neighborhood, with the more intimate charm of the place. There will be no difficulty about much in such little compass There is coast and mountain scenery; there are ancient ruins of great antiquarian interest, so that when you set off on your voyage of discovery it does not matter strike a track which will afford you enough pleasant surprises to lure you on and make you forget the time. and not feel the least fatigue. That was the roadside, the white-washed cottages with their fuchsia hedges, the wealth of wild flowers and the glimpses of sea and mountain-had not something to with it. It matters not, however, if the

Swinburne in Hexameters. Not everybody can emulate Swin-burne, who, when he visited the island used to take long swims out to sea. On one occasion he was compelled to scramble into a fishing boat. To the astonishment of the crew, he stood at the bow and invoked the sea in Greek hexamef such feats are impossible for you there are innumerable rocky coves and sandy beaches where bathing is a sheer delight. If you go to one of the lesser resorts you will find it pleasant enough to spend the whole of the morning on the shore, bathing, pottering about among the boats, or basking in the sun-

hine which lies warm about the great oulders under the cliff. time for sea-fishing, but those who wish to try conclusions with a conger will to go out at night with someone who knows their haunts. Anglers will get good trout fishing in the mountain streams, particularly in the Sulby River, and so quiet and remote are some of the inland places that their waterside peace is little likely to be disturbed by hilarious trippers.

So few people, especially in the south. are able to realize that the Isle of Man

is something else than a popular holiday resort of the stereotyped pattern. They imagine it to be a sort of Coney Island, given over to switchback railways, wigthing. It is true that it is popular and vet above all it remains a land of farm loved to depict; a quiet Celtic land fa emoved from the shrill dissonance of nodern life. You may walk from Peel to Bradda Head, past Cronkna-lrey-Lhaa and Niarbyl Point, and scarcely meet a soul all the way; and if you one of the many mountain recesses you will wander among the still pine rees and hear nothing but the tumbling waters and bird voices; where the hushed solemnity of the scene conveys a sense of mystery as a play by Maeterinck, of which it would, indeed, be the fitting decor.

Much travelling has convinced me of tomologist, biologist, or antiquarian, or he studies the learned publications of should disclose beauty as a whole and ments still existing in the island, and the biologist will find at Port Erin a It must, therefore, not be so large group of Liverpool University men enthat when you descry it from the sea gaged in deep-sea investigations. But thing fully realized. Thus the volcanic that the sea journey has cut him off enof Teneriffe, or the low, palm-top- tirely from his work-a-day interests and given life its true perspective again. usual nerve currents and give happy rencentres with unknown sea- the system a rest. And so it is good boards, and none which evokes so much to put the sea between oneself and one's

I hope I do not seem to be apologizing ment it comes into view like a cloud for the Pierrots and music-hall perform ers, the singers and the musicians who provide popular entertainment at Douglas, for after all I am not so sure that they do not play as big a part as the beautiful scenery and the fresh air in rejuvenating the old and enlivening the young. May their jokes never grow stale or their music fall flat! I am conscious of a great debt to all such, and am not one of those who turn up contemptious noses at Uncle Sam or Florrie Ford or Wilkie Bard, or whoever stars it now on Douglas Head or at Derby And even the supercilious ones may turn into the palace to hear Madame Kirkby Lunn or Clara Butt, and thank their good fortune that there is rare event, a wet afternoon.

THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME [Belle Taylor, in National Magazine.] There's plenty of time for everything

There's time to laugh when you're in the mood. Time to labor and time to sleep, But not a minute of time to weep.

There's time to run and time to rest, There's plenty of time to strive and try But not a moment of time to sigh.

There's time another's burden to share Time for praises and time for prayer, Time for doing a kindly deed, But not a moment for grasping greed

There's time enough to gather sweet flowers. Time to improve the passing hours; Time to be sure you're on the right track.

But not a moment for looking back There's time to do all you need to do; Time to be brave and strong and true. But no time to spare for sniffs and And not a minute for waste in fears.

There's time to work for the kingdom Time for shedding his love abroad. Time to hope and patiently wait, But not a minute to spend in hate.

Time to enjoy the beauties at hand: Time to live without making haste, But not a minute of time to waste.

BARGAIN.

[Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.] Charles broke the spell as in a de-"Miss Fraser, I love you, but dare not dream of calling you mine. Yesterday I was worth \$25,000, but today, by a turn of fortune's wheel. I have but a few paltry hundreds to call my own. would not ask you to accept me in my reduced state. Farewell for ever.' As Charles was about to stride mournfully away she caught him and

'Good gracious! Reduced from \$25,-000 to \$100! What a bargain! Of course I'll take you. You might have known I

THE CHOICE. [La Touche Hancock in Judge.] Ah, you would have grand castles

placed In several countries I conjecture, Arrayed in most luxurious taste Of most imposing architecture; But where is one so rich and rare.

Though practical old folks may quiz

As that grand castle in the air



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SOME REASONS WHY

(Macon Telegraph.)

sent to those desiring it.

the Atlantic, many, because they believed that they

Germany savagery. has horrifled the world the hearts of the Germans. Germany

We rated the Indians savages because Monthly, says: "In the United States they killed women and children. But many have taken sides against Ger-Germany posts up bulletins boasting of saw in the victory of the western pow- the women and children killed by her ers a victory of liberalism, and in a air raids. It is no loss of military honor German victory a triumph of militar- for a German soldier to drop bombs upon unfortified towns. They seek the This is true. German writers have air to do what the Apache Indians did produced this impression and said Germany must control European politics and policies. But other things have come to pass which quickened the feeling of sympathy for the Allies; and that and such tactics are condemned as un Her savage and barbarous treatment worthy of a people who have boasted of Beligum, war upon women and chli-dren, levying tributes of millions and Macon lady has a letter from a friend illions by monthly exactions, starving in Scotland, saying that she has in her those helpless people, casting into prison care a dozen Belgian children, among any who even talk of the war and Bel-which are two lads with their hands hopped many things have entered into the Far and near and sweet and true the culture of the Germans. It shows reasons why many Americans have that Christianity has not taken root in taken sides against Germany.

Thoughts of things that ought to be Dreams of things we ought to de

Weyler's cruelties to the Cubans was

A Voice From the Dead

[New York Sun.] The distinguished exponent of spiritu-

list "science," Mr. William T. Stead, who went down with the Titanic, is ings the opposite difficulty. peard from in pursuance of his an- time sense survives: ounced resolve to communicate if posmaterial world of hard surfaces and sharp corners. The document is suggesive and may be considered without inforsement of the communicant or de-Mr. Stead seems to have suffered some loss in respect of his literary style. But much turbulent water made me try to help those who were in nervous spasms of terror at the thought of death" is flashing phraseology: "much turbulent abor of the mind in description. There is some confusion between the fleshly and the ethereal points of view. dents of the document, especially those emperamentally inclined to "modern will note survival into the next world of the Genesis tradition of sin and the sinner's sorrow: "Woman was the who sinned and woman is the one who suffers." It is not surprising that Alas for the terrestrial readers should better under- "uncanny"!

stand the references to mundane than Waiting, too, with eyes brown wide, those to celestial existence and experi- All day long in dust and strife ence, but Mr. Stead might have been expected to meet in his new surround- In this vale of love and lifewas one month before I fully realized that I had died"; and the strength of professional ble after death with his friends in this can't resist the sea change: "I cannot close this article without . .

There is a tantalizing touch of mysticism in "Wireless telegraphy cannot re- Life's low message-zone to zonemain under water; it will send up wires As with lily and with rose of more volume than any yet in use." On the other hand there is a comforting solidity in the sentence: "There will be a bureau of communication" beworlds.

The building of the "mansions" for the war's dead is beyond our compla-hension. The personalities of the spirit and the medium we cannot discriminate Agnosticism is confirmed. But there the distinction drawn between spiritual spiritualism and purely commercial spiritualism based on "uncanny mani-

Alas for the immortality of barbarous



TO OUR OWN. Dreams of things we ought to do. All day long above them all, Sweet I hear the message fall-Serf or slave or king or throne-Let's be loving to our own!

She that waits when evening creeps Up the sunset-mantled steeps. ose who chatter by her side, Something whispers, soft of tone-But the Let's be loving to our own!

That their faith is worth the while; They have many wounds to heal, Let us help them with a smile; Up and down the world it goes, Let's be loving to our own!

COULDN'T ESCAPE [New York American.] Dobbins-I hear that your daughter's married a struggling young man. Jobbins-Well, yes, he did struggle, out 'twas no use; he couldn't get

BROTHER IN ST. THOMAS BUFFALO, Feb. 8.—John M. Bevier, ged 63, brother of Amos Bevier, of St. Thomas, is dead at his home in one son, Homer Bevier, and three other brothers. He will be buried Thursday morning here in Union Hill Cemetery,



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