

Through American Eyes

EDITORS' TRIBUTES TO BRITISH EFFORT

no matter how many candles may be lit from it. If I loved England before, I adore her now.

With characteristic courtesy, the first party of American editors who have been seeing England under war conditions at the invitation of the Ministry of Information, wrote with one accord to Lord Beaverbrook to express their gratitude for all the facilities which have been given them. These letters also convey, with moving sincerity, the admiration which these most competent judges have conceived for Britain's effort. We quote some typical passages from these letters:

Mr. Edward W. Bok (Ladies' Home Journal).—In common with many thousands of Americans I had no adequate conception of the British part in this war; in fact, I am free to confess that I had some distinct misconceptions. But remember, when I say this, how little we have been told of Great Britain's share. In these weeks, however, of mingling with your people here in England, and with your officers and men in France, it has been forcibly borne upon me what a tremendous part has been played by the British people and those of her Colonies.

My impressions of this long to be remembered trip are many, and they must first be clarified to give them cohesion. But above all there will remain with me a new conception of the British character, of your shy and reticent but determined men, and of your glorious women. The part that these latter have played and are playing in the successful prosecution of the war behind the lines and at home will alone make a wonderful chapter in the history of Great Britain.

Dr. Albert Shaw (Review of Reviews): We were enormously impressed by the efficiency of your war industry, and even more were we delighted with the human side of what you are doing in bring-

ing the mechanical and industrial effort of the nation to a war focus. The young women of England are in no manner less feminine, and in all respects they are the more valuable to themselves and the country, for the part they have taken in war work.

Mr. Ellery Sedgwick (Atlantic Monthly).—If you ask me what are the deepest memories I carry away with me, I answer unhesitatingly the quiet naturalness of men and women under this tremendous strain. The absence of mourning is extraordinary, the cheerfulness deeply moving. My second picture, which crowns the first is of the women workers. In my country factory women are sallow and listless. Here, in your great works at Glasgow and Carlisle and Manchester, they are ruddy as if they had come in from the fields, and they work with a will which the men would find it hard to equal.

Mr. Edward Wheeler (Current Opinion).—God bless you all for a nation of "dead-game sports," who take punishment with cheerful faces and stand up to perilous and soul-racking duty with a pluck and persistence never before in the world's history, as I believe, exceeded or equalled on a large scale.

Mr. C. H. Towne (McClure's Magazine).—If there is one impression deeper than all others that I am taking back to the United States, it is a profound sense of the courage of the English people. And I, who came as a humble pilgrim to a land that I have always loved, cannot express in words what I felt when I first saw London in darkness. Yet London has never been so light—spiritually. And it is so all over England, and in Scotland where I was also privileged to go. A nation that has held the fort for so long and bravely—how can one fear for her? We can only take some of her courage for our own, if we need it, and feel that we have not robbed her; for the torch blazes on,

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CANADA AND PEACE MEASURES

The Canadian cabinet must now give consideration as to what steps are to be taken in regard to the many war measures now in force, most of them passed under the War Measures Act. The first important act to be considered is the Military Service Act. The cabinet has no authority to cancel this act, but orders will be given immediately to suspend its operations. The various depot battalions will be disbanded as soon as feasible, and no more troops will be sent overseas.

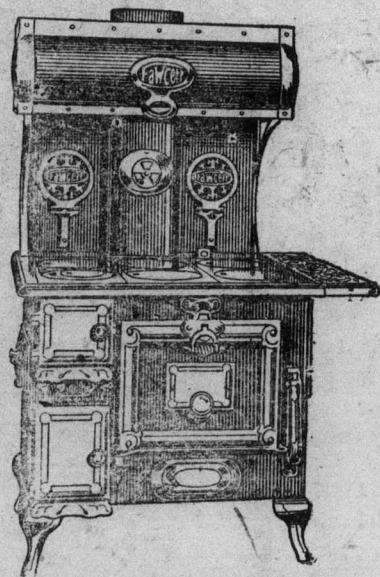
There are many measures in regard to espionage, customs restrictions, passports, travelling, etc., which will be suspended immediately. Their use is gone. The cabinet, like the Imperial Parliament, must now take in hand the responsible work of reconstruction.

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