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### Just After the War.

The Journal of Commerce has recently set forth a view of the business prospects of Canada immediately after the war, which differs considerably from the predictions which had been commonly publish-We are glad to observe that other newspapers States, have been of late less prodigal of predictions of a sudden restoration of the kind of financial prosperity which reached its climax in 1913.

We were being told that overwhelming immigration would set in after the war. Capital might be expected to follow. The boom would be on again. Real estate would boom. Company flotation would boom. The get-rich-quick artists would wake to find their paradise restored overnight.

ever much it may disappoint our private ambitions of the United States consumed 39,330,000 lation and money will follow-rather than precede
the country's own internal revivification of its in-What follows?

olaced by simple pleasures, may be reacquired. The eight, and him having a rifle and bayonet." birthrate of the native stock may creep ahead of the death rate. The wave of humanitarianism, which A few days ago the Journal of Commerce called atfuller expression of brotherhood. Human values twenty-seven hundred dollars. If Mexico were may rise as we go short on speculation.

While the race lives and breeds, and has command that turbulent country. of modern systems of credit, intercommunication and transportation, it is impossible but that this vast, rich and undeveloped land shall attract both

# The Ontario Loan.

The Ontario Government has sold to a couple of oonds, bearing interest at 41/2 per cent., at a price which makes the rate of interest to the Province a little less than five per cent-4.93. The transaction is on its face a fairly good one, having regard to market conditions, and the Treasurer is able to show that it compares favorably with recent transactions of several of the other Provinces, and of several of he large municipalities. Nevtrtheless the friendly Toronto Telegram has been criticizing the loan, claiming that "it is an indisputable fact that a better price could have been obtained for the \$4,000,-000 issue were tenders obtained from all the brok- the great Nile railway to Khartum. ers who wished to participate." We have not obhigher price than was obtained. A Treasurer who undertakes to negotiate a large loan of this kind by a private arrangement, without inviting competi tion, must always run the risk of sharp criticism. Temporary and short term loans may properly be handled by private arrangements with bankers. But when a loan for a large amount, for a long term, is rtunity to compete for the business. surer of Ontario has made his loan on fairly satisfactory terms, but his failure to invite public comnaturally leaves an open door for such criticism as that which the Telegram offers.

### You're Next!

Westmount, whose efforts to achieve greatness have been chronicled from time to time in these col- in Indo-China said of him: umns, has just had a new form of greatness thrust upon her. This city, which was set upon a hill by nature, has endeavored to keep herself in the lime of his silence; they loved him because of his justice. When the tango, turkey trot, and other newfangled dancers were being introduced, the city fathers of Westmount decided that there should not be any such "carryings-on" in their fair town, and banned all such performances from Westin would get on the water waggon during the period of the war, the city almost decided to follow suit, one tslider, however, being able to veto the scheme.

Westmount, the home of the citte, the cultured and the rendezvous of the four hundred, has an innovation. A new barber shop has been opened within the precincts of this city, manned, or more properly speaking, womanned, by a lady barber. Already the greybeards, and those whose locks are scanty and delivergowing least are showing a wonderful concern supplies for our soldiers.—Grain Growers' Guide.

about their personal appearance. The frequency with which they lie to a certain shop in order that their hirsute adornments might be given the latest touch, is characteristic of this enlightened auburb. Lady barbers have long been the vogue in Chicago, New York, Paris and other metropolitan and cospolitan centres, so why not in the most exclusive aristocratic city in Canada?

When it gets down to cold steel the British Tommy

We may be short of shells, but we are long on the bayonet. To gain ground by means of the steel is costly, but its sure. The Boshes hate to face the bayonet and give ground every time.

The Wall Street Journal points out that four and North Dakota, had a purchasing power of nine hundred and fifty million dollars furnished them type of the military macabre last year by their four leading crops. After all agriculture is the great basic industry on this contin- have just furnished on the water a more than suffi-

Brazil grows upwards of 75 per cent. of the world's coffee. The country has approximately 4,500,000 acres under cultivation, and more than 1,300,000,000 rees. The annual crop runs from 10,000,000 to 11, 000,000 sacks of 132 lbs. each, although this year's crop is estimated at nearly 17,000,000 sacks. Brazilian coffee crop is valued at \$200,000,000 per

The United States has now upwards of twentyive billion dollars of life insurance in force, although two-thirds of a century ago life insurance was regarded as a mere adjunct of the fire insurance business. The most rapid growth has been in the last two decades, more business being transacted in the years from 1895 to 1905, than in all the years which preceded, yet the average amount carried by citizens of the Republic is only \$2,000.

William Jennings Bryan, whose fondness for grane States drink bill at \$2,500,000,000 a year. "Grape The considerations which oppose this sanguine expectation need not be reviewed in this article. Let us assume it proved, as we believe it can be proved, productive channels. Undoubtedly he has som that we are not to jump at once into a high-pressure, grounds for his viewpoint if the consumption of beer high-priced period of excited business activity. Howet us accept the conclusion that the inflow of popu- beer, while last year they drank 66,189,000 barrels.

It will be remembered that a short time ago Michael lt follows that thoughtful Canadians may find real O'Leary, a former member of the North West Mountisons for gladness. The farms may regain some ed Police, captured a German trench single handed of their losses to the cities, and fortify themselves after killing eight men and taking several prisonagainst a second attack of what we may call urers. His father, interviewed on Mike's work, said, Thrift may displace the practice of "I'm surprised he didn't do more. I've often laid out taking "fliers," and the good old domestic virtues twenty men myself with a stick coming from Marecover their dignity. The habit of steady work,

has been flooding the whole earth and been almost tention to the salary paid the president of the Rehalted at the shores of "individualistic" Canada, may increase in depth, so that in legislation, in the modernizing and extension of our charities, and in the spirit and service of religion we may come to a sident of the Swiss Republic enjoys the salary of pay salaries on a par with these, there would be There is no room for doubt as to Canada's chance. fewer applicants for the position of president of

men and money. It is well for us that we are being world, and showed that two hundred and fifty-six given time to think, to arrange things, to save a lit-tle, and to plan ahead. of age, while only four were credited to men under forty. The remaining one hundred and forty achievements were performed by men between the ages of forty and sixty. Opinions may differ as to what the four hundred greatest achievements are, Toronto financial houses, who are expected to resell in New York, four million dollars of ten-year but at the same time the finding made by this auprove the Osler theory.

### KITCHENER AND GIROUARD

A first-class Kitchener man is, I see, the latest of those who are "back to the Army again." This is Sir Percy Girouard, who was Kitchener's right hand could talk when he was a baby." man in the march to Khartum. He is a railway genius, a blend of French imagination and Canadian "Yes," said Mary. "Nurse was telling us to-day push and go, who was chosen at the very early age of that it says in the Bible: 'Job cursed the day he thirty to be director of the Sudan railways. While Kitchener managed the fighting, young Girouard laid

In that campaign Sir Percy had the reputation of served the evidence, if it has been presented, on being the one man in Egypt who could and would Telegram bases its statement. In trans. "stand up" to Kitchener. The story goes that on one actions of this kind it not unfrequently happens that after the business has been closed parties display a not be done in time. Kitchener insisted that the willingness not previously manifested to pay a "Come back." Girouard returned and had way.-London Daily Mirror.

### JOFFRE.

He became captain at 24, and there he stuck. His to be placed it is usually wise to afford the public an tousied hair became streaked with grey, and he was Only a still a captain. But he knew his powers. On one very good price can make a useful defence for the of his visits home he urged upon his father the neces of such a loan without publicity. The Trea. sity of digging trenches to carry off the superfluous moisture of the spring flood in his fields. "Je m'; connais en tranchees. C'est mon metier," he said. And we may be thankful that the construction of trenches was Joffre's "metier." Certainly he has turned it to good account during the present war. And it was as a specialist and fort-builder that he won promotion. In 1884 Joffre was sent to Formosa, where won a decoration and the nickname of "the mar with the eyebrows." A colleague who was with him "He seldom smiled, he spoke still more rarely, and he never punished unless in an extreme case The natives feared him because -London Citizen

### ANOTHER EFFECT OF THE CANAL.

In Western Kansas, in the mineral district where Public Hall. Then when the King decided that he the M., K. & T. Ratiroad is delivering 400 cars of iron smelting opeartions are conducted on a large scale, ore from Galveston, received there from Australia.

This is an illustration, rather unexpected, of the way in which the Canal is bringing advantage to some of unt is devoid of saloons and li- the railroads at least. More of this ore is coming. lops, but the council decided that that was no Formerly the ore went to Liverpool, but the canal why they themselves should be numbered has opened a new market here, and it has given the ailroad a good long haul on a staple material for unt, the home of the elite, the cultured and which there is likely to be a constant demand.—Wall

supplies for our soldiers.—Grain Growers' Guide.

#### THE LUSITANIA.

In accard with the chivalry oft the sea—for there is still known as international law. It may be that scienti-citizenship. To such a nation, the heritage of the fic warfare will progress to the point where it will be a glorious achievement to drop upon cities, from the sical qualities of the Russian millions are a magnifiskies, the germs of plagues.—The Insurance Press.

### TEACHING BELGIUM KULTUR.

Pillage, fire, massacre, rape; the neroes of Wallensteain and Tilly survive; the Thirty Years war itself War" on a far ampler scale and illustrating a stronge

An ex parte report to be sure; but the Germans cien presumption of their gentleness on land.-New

### "A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN"

In a game of poker a good deal depends on a good eal.-Philadelphia Record

Borleigh: Some men, you know, are born great ome achieve greatness-Miss Keen: Exactly! And some just grate upon ou.—Buffalo Courier.

Korea seems to have the ideal way to drive young men into matrimony. Gay bachelors over there are prohibited to wear trousers. Skirts drape the limbs of Korean non-benedicts.—Springfield Republican

Rev. Silvester Horne once heard a Tory member of Parliament say in praise of bishops: ot really stiff and starchy. There's a good heart beating below their gaiters

Who said money was scarce? A sign on an Evan ston drug store, closed in bankruptcy, reads: "Any barrels of one who desires to pay a bill will knock on the door several times," Our practice is to knock once, and lightly.-Chicago Tribune.

> "I notice that you publish a verse from the Bible every day," said the caller to the editor of the news-"Do your subscribers ever read it?"

> "Should say they do," replied the editor. "Why, it is news to most of them."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

> "Wud yez luk at thot!" exclaimed Mrs. O'Toole in just indignation. "'Washin' and ironin' done.' Shure, she ain't wan bit better than Oi am. Oi've got me just indignation. washin' and ironin' done, too, but yez don't hangin' out no shingles braggin' about ut."-Ladies

While Jane, the new maid, was taking her first esson on arranging the dining table, some one in the basement kitchen put something upon the dumb waiter below, relates Collier's. "What's that noise?" asked Jane, quickly. "Why, that's the dumb waiter," responded the mistress. "Well," said Jane, "he's a-scratchin' to git out."

During a famous trial in Chicago two Irishmen standing on a street corner, were heard to discuss the case. One of them was trying to enlighten the other concerning the functions of a jury, claims the New "It's this way," he said. "Ye're arristed! Thin, if ye gets the smartest lawyer, ye're innicent; but if th' other man gets th' best lawyer, ye're guilty!

"Father," inquired the little brain-twister of the family, "when will our little baby brother be able to

"Oh, when he's about three, Mary." "Why can't he talk now, father?" "He's only a baby yet, Mary. Babies can't talk." "Oh, yes, they can, father," insisted Mary, "for Job

What do you mean?"

was born,"-From Stray Stories

### THERE IS NO DEATH.

There is no death! The stars go down To rise upon some fairer shore: And bright in heaven's jeweled crown They shine forever more.

There is no death! The dust we tread Shall change beneath the summer showers To golden grain, or mellow fruit, Or rainbow-tinted bowers.

The granite rocks disorganize To feed the hanging moss they bear: The leaves drink daily life From out the viewless air

is no death! The leaves may fall, The flowers may fall and pass away; They only wait through wintry hours

The coming of the May. There is no death! An angel form Walks o'er the earth with silent tread, He bears our best-loved things away;

And then we call them dead.

eaves our hearts all desolate: He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers; porfed into bliss, they now Adorn immortal bowers.

The bird-like voice, whose joyous tones Make glad these scenes of sin and strife, Sings now an everlasting song Amid the tree of life.

And when he sees a smile too bright, Or heart too pure for taint and vice, He bears it to that world of light, To dwell in paradise

Born unto that undying life, They leave us but to come again; With joy we welcome them-the same Except in sin and pain.

And ever near, though unse The dear immortal spirits tread; For all the boundless universe Is life—there are no dead! -Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton.

Russia has gained in the last ten years a popula-tion of forty million. In the next ten years she will in accord with the chivary of the sea—for their away in the first lifebeats that were launched from the Lusiania. Men stood aside as they did when the Pitanic out of or more. The bulk of this vast population as sitania. went down. In contrast with these acts is the deed of one blood, sane and unspoiled, with high ideals, which sunk the ship. Excommunication from civilization would be a proper penalty to impose upon the cultured barbarism which torpedoed women and children in violation of the agreements among nations cation, in industry, and, still more, in manhood and cent promise to the human race.

Writing in the Vorwaerts at the end of March, Professor Vogt, a well-known German authority on Russian affairs, said: "It will take a long time, great States in the Union, viz., Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa scarcely yielded so rich a harvest, Goya's "Disastersof headway against this new Russia. Russia's offensive energy and patience, and many powers have hardly been touched. Her staying powers are enormous. Her army has done magnificent work, while the Russian financial and ecsition has seldom been better."

The German publicist may not be a willing witness to the greatness of Russia, formidable to her enemy full of promise to her friends; but we may be assured that his testimony is true.—From sia," by Charles Johnston, in the American Review of Reviews for May.

### A REMARKABLE FLAGSTAFF.

The longest flagstaff produced in British Columbia will be forwarded soon to Great Britain as a present from the Provincial Government, and will be placed in the Kew Botanical Gardens, a few miles out from London. The tree from which it was made was a perfect specimen of fir pine, and the staff, which 216 feet in length, is without flaw or defect.

In its original state the stick was 5 feet in dia meter at the butt and 14 inches in diameter at the top, and perfectly straight. Dressed into shape, the staff has a diameter of 32 inches square at the butt for a distance of 16 feet. For the next 100 feet it is octagonal in shape, and for the last 100 feet it round. The upper 200 feet is a gentle taper from 32 inches to 12 inches in diameter. The staff is now in the yards at False Creek, Vancouver, awaiting shipment. It will be forwarded as a deck load on one of the big liners running out of this port. The flagstaff at the courthouse in Vancouver, which is 204 feet long, came from the same timber limits.

### THE PEACE CASUALTY LIST.

During the first six months of the war we lost about 10,000 soldiers by death, either killed in action or died of wounds and disease in France and Belgium. In that same six months we lost by the ordinary imperfections of our society fully 100,000 lives, this estimate being arrived at by comparing the death-rate of the United Kingdom as a whole with the deathrate of well-to-do districts where poor people ar present in small proportions. War, on the big scale is a thing of occasion; peace and the horrors of peace are with us nearly always.-The New Statesman (London).

### SHAMES THE TURKS.

(New York Evening Post.) Germany ought not to be left in a "moment's doubt now the civilized world regards her latest display of "frightfulness." It is a deed for which a Hun would blush, a Turk be ashamed, and a Barbary pirate apologize. To speak of technicalities and the rules of war, in the face of such wholesale murder on the high seas, is a waste of time. The law of nations and the law of God have been alike trampled upon.

### MUST BE STOPPED

In his mad exploits the Kaiser first must be stopped pefore there can be any question of amends for the unspeakable horror that lies at his door. Does Mr. Wilson realize that? Does he realize that if he starts with the mental reservation, "whatever comes we won't fight Germany" he is making a very bad start? The country is behind the President. Let the President stay ahead of the country.-New York Herald.

# "WITHIN THE LAW."

The Lusitania sailed "within the law". The United States government so certified and guaranteed. Does any American take the word of a foreign govern against the word of his own?—Chicago Herald.

### ARE WE TO BE LIKE CHINA ?

No American cares to think of his country in the position of China, but that would be the logical ultimate result of a peace-at-any-price policy.-Albany Journal.

# The Day's Best Editorial

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* ENGLAND AND CONSCRIPTION. Great Britain has never needed conscription before,

not even in its long and savage struggle with Napoeon, although it practised a form of securing sailors for its fleet; and an order by which every man of military age may be called to the ser vice will come like a shock to the British people; but it should not be forgotten that even in this coun try, where the conscription or draft is even more un popular, it had finally been adopted during the civil ar both by the United States and the confederacy and in both instances it produced disturbances and rioting. The draft riots in New York were of a mos serious character, causing the loss of many lives and the destruction of much valuable property. It had been found that volunteer enlistments and big bounties would not furnish enough men to crush the con ederacy. If a people as bitterly opposed to conscription as are the Americans found the draft neces ary in the '60s, the people of Great Britain will probably conclude that they must make a similar sacrifice in the present world's war, where so much

is at stake.—From the New Orleans Times-Picayune.

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### ATTEND TO DERNBURG.

This man Dernburg, who flaunts in any and every city of the United States the crimes of those he presents in Berlin, needs nothing so much, for the sake of common decency, not to speak of international obligation ,as to be put out of the country

What the first President of the United States did promptly to Genet was long ago due to this creature Dernburg. Genet officially was less of an offence to Americanism than Dernburg semi-officially is an outrage both to Americanism and all civilization.

George Washington more than a century ago snuffed out the blatant Genet. Let the noisy, noxious Dernburg, in this year of 1915, follow the less insuferable Genet .- Washington Times.

# THE BRITISH ARMY SHOE.

The Outlook (New York).
One of the greatest feats in this matter of equip. nent has been the manufacture of shoes. It was not hard to find shoe factories—England is full of them; was necessary to find the machinery and raw material for the good quality, heavy army shoe. In times of peace such a shoe is too cumbersome for the rich and too good for the poor. It was necessary to create a new industry. And the English have not only shoes for their own army, but have furnish at least as many to France.-Arthur Bullard

### ALL WE WANT OF GERMANY.

This country wants no expression of "heartfelt ympathy" from a government that deliberately murdered scores of helpless American men, women and children. It wants no further admonitions from Germany about the necessity of heeding German warnings of intended violations of international law and of intended crimes against Americans. All it wants from Germany is full atonement for the outrages already committed, and a clear understanding that here is to be no repetition of these outrages .- New York World.

### IF SHE REPEATS THE OFFENSE

Let Germany but announce that she purposes to epeat her offence against us, against humanity, and all Mr. Wilson's task will then be done. He might then lead, but he could not restrain, a nation looking from the grim spectacle of the women and children on the pier at Queenstown, poor, mute evidences of the meaning of German policy of "terribleness", to those other, living children, against whom German rage may now be directed. One question remains to be answered: after that our action will be automat -New York Tribune.

### SAVING THE SITUATION

Calgary Albertan. Let us hope that this gallant struggle of the Canadians in holding the line against the best of the enemy will bring us once more to a sense of our duty purify the minds and elevate the soul of the Canadian people. There is one great responsibility laid upon every Canadian citizen, now and until the close of the war. That is for every British subject to do his tmost on behalf of this Empire. Let us do our duty Let us cease to be petty.

### ABOVE WATER, TOO

(New York Evening Sun.) Edison is said to have perfected an invention for keeping the air in submarines pure. We wish he would do as much for offices, hotels, city halls, prisons and other airtight compartments above water

WON'T FORGET. (New York Tribune) The nation which remembered the sailors of the will not forget the civilians of the L

#### FOR THOSE WHO DIED IN BATTLE. (By J. R. Lowell in the Commemoration Ode.) Virtue treads paths that end not in the grave; No bar of endless night exiles the brave;

And to the saner mind We rather seem the dead that stayed behind. Blow, trumpets, all your exultations blow! For never shall their aureoled presence lack; I see them muster in a gleaming row,

With ever-youthful brows that nobler show; We find in our dull road their shining track; In every nobler mood

We feel the orient of their spirit glow, Part of our life's unalterable good, Of all our saintlier aspiration

They come transfigured back, Secure from change in their high-hearted ways. Beautiful evermore, and with the rays
Of morn on their white Shields of Expectation.

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of Unfavorable German Reply to Out No Stock-In Any Event, But S

usive Leased Wire to Journal of New York, May 18.—Business was al of the stock market and prices off a good-sized fraction compared v Traders were inclined to sell sto the belief that the market could not ding the arrival of the German re here might be a sharp decline in the on was made to President Wils War order stocks declined with gener se losing 1%, and Bethlehem Ste ne of a point. Pressed Steel Car w strong feature, the first sale being rise in this stock was attributed t placing by the Peensylvania Railroad for freight cars, of which it wa tantial part was obtained by the r Company.

New York, May 18 .- Little was don f hour, but after a decline running nore in leading houses, the market sl ncy to steady itself.

Large interests seemed to be doing p hing and traders, while inclined to or ear side, seemed to be well satisfied tunities for the realization of smal erefore covered their commitments or Atchison moved with the general list, rview with President Ripley attrac on. Mr. Ripley expressed the be nings for the year ended June 30th w cent. on the common stock, compaer cent. in 1914, and also asserted tha ns are splendid, notwithstanding some

New York, May 18 .- Trading continued he end of the first hour and price of ofined within narrow limits. Brok omers that the market would probab nd fill pending the arrival of the Ger ould decline sharply if the reply were and that for the time being it was advis The insistence by certain German paper

ny make no change in its way of con as regarded in some places as the f unfavorable reply, while in conservat was contended that such things were m as feelers to ascertain what was th ould satisfy the American demands easure lessen the present tension.

New York, May 18 .- Prices sagged er in the second hour, but that seeme neglect rather than to pressure of stor exceedingly dull, and the Street's a de was a waiting one. Words of cauti ssed in many quarters, but whether t her justification than the unfavorable he German reply contained in press de

open question. It was said American Can Company sub-contracts running into millions of e manufacture of timing springs for u ls, and it is turning them out with ent of its facilities for making of can dinary products of the plant.

From its opening price of 1314, Miss old down to 11% on rumors that the not ing in rapidly under the plan to e

New York, May 18.—The volume of tra rly afternoon was down almost to the mum but prices were a shade firme ad been earlier in the session. Predic vorable reply from Germany brought ind indications were that the market was

ghly liquidated condition. Among the experienced traders there ho thought that the refusal by German cessions to the American demands sult in declines of more than 2 or 3 poin sent level. The market has had a eline and prices are low enough to discoun

orable. Such business as was done was in con nall lots, the great majority of the trans ing of 100 shares while there were few al

N. Y. COTTON RANGE. New York, May 18,-Cotton range at clo

High. 1.15 9.15 May ... 9.17
July ... 9.44 9.19 9.45 9.37 .... 9.81 9.81 r .. .. 10.04 9.95 10.11 10.00

DIVIDEND WAS AGAIN PASSE New York, May 18.—At a meeting of t solidated Mining, Smelting and Power action was taken on the dividend. While ny's plants are now operating at some o full capacity it is felt that no disbury idends should be made until the losses

ent depression have been more fully ms AMERICAN CLEARINGS. New York clearings, \$382,195,496; increas

Philadelphia clearings, \$27,901,030; incl

U. S. COPPER EXPORTS. Washington, May 18.—Copper exports for ided May 8th were 11,869,484 pounds, of 10,000,000 was shipped to France, England ports of ore, matte, etc., were 412,482 popls, ingots, etc., 2,241000.

CANADIAN STOCKS IN N. Y. York, May 18.—Granby, 80; British

EX-DIVIDEND TO-DAY,