

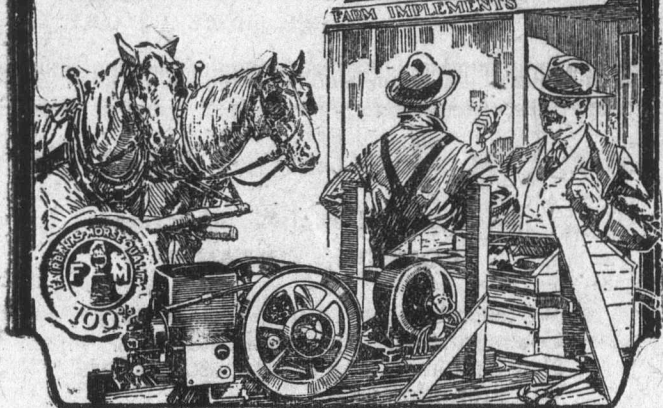
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## CANADA'S WAR CLAIMS

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Expert on These Matters Points Out That Germany Cannot Possibly Pay for All the Losses Caused by Their Attack on Other Nations—He Feels That We Are Adding to the Embarrassments of British Statesmen.

**F**RANK H. SIMONDS, the famous American expert on European matters has been examining Canada's war bill, and has the following comments to make: "Our neighbor on the north asks from Germany something a little less than \$2,000,000,000 as reparation and indemnity for the costs of the war to the Dominion. The exact figure is \$1,871,000,000. Now, this figure supplies an interesting basis of calculation. In the first place, Keynes estimates the total reparations which the British Empire might claim as a little less than \$3,000,000,000 as against \$4,000,000,000 by the French. But, in addition, he prescribed a method of payment, stretched over a long period of time without interest, which gave to the British share a present value of approximately \$1,400,000,000. We have then, from Canada, a bill which amounts to materially more than the whole sum allotted to the British Empire by Keynes.

"Under the Keynes proposal, then, if Canada is paid her price not only will the United Kingdom receive nothing, but Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, all the British colonies and dominions will go equally unrecompensed for financial sacrifices which, in the case of Australia alone, must equal those of Canada.

Now, at Hythe there was adopted a tentative financial program which fixed at \$30,000,000,000 approximately the total reparations payment of Germany. But again, this was to be stretched over a long period of time and interest was eliminated. Thus, the present value of the reparations would be \$15,000,000,000 and the total British share but \$3,500-

000,000. But the British Empire, under agreement with her Allies, will obtain only a quarter of the total reparations payment. But accepting Canada's claim and placing that of Australia at the same sum, or even placing the combined claims of Australia and New Zealand at the same amount, the whole of the payment to the British Empire is absorbed and there is nothing left for the United Kingdom, much less for India or South Africa.

"Now, looking at the thing a little differently, if Canada's bill is \$1,871,000,000 what possible justice can there be in putting the claim of France at \$2,062,500,000, as does Keynes (that is, substantially that of Canada, or at \$4,255,000,000, as did the American commissioners at Paris, when this sum no more than equals the claims of Canada and Australia alone? Certainly no one will pretend that either Canada or Australia suffered any losses due to German devastations, and Keynes places the French loss from this source alone at \$4,000,000,000, and Keynes is notoriously low in such estimates.

Again, Canada asks more than Keynes would allot to Belgium as reparation for destruction due to wanton violence and restitution to meet German stealings during the four years of occupation. Canada would, too, fare far better than Italy, despite the fact that most of the Province of Vaud was ravaged by German and Austrian troops following the defeat of Caporetto, which was the direct consequence of the despatch of a German army to the Alps and is therefore chargeable to the Germans.

"I dwell upon this Canadian item because it sheds a great deal of light upon the whole question of indemnities as well as of reparations. In point of fact, Keynes and his school insist that none of the Allies is entitled to any indemnities; that under the terms of the armistice Germany could only be asked to make good for destruction and seizure and not at all for the costs of the war. Others argued that Germany might perhaps be justly taxed with the costs of the war, but whatever her moral responsibility, it was a physical impossibility to extract more than \$15,000,000,000, and that, as is obvious, the sum would no more than pay for the restoration of the regions devastated by German acts and of the ships sunk by the German submarines.

"Finally, we have the Hythe proposal. Under the Hythe scheme the share of the British Empire will no more than discharge the claims of the two largest dominions—Canada and Australia—without making any provisions for the actual destruction of British property and shipping, belonging to the United Kingdom, which Keynes estimates at \$2,850,000,000.

Hitherto it has been customary to charge the French with the chief responsibility for the undue expansion of reparations claims. But if Canada is warranted in asking nearly \$2,000,000,000, then the French can justly claim a sum at least as great as the total demanded of Germany by the Hythe proposal, and Belgian reparation at least equal to that represented by the whole sum allotted to the British Empire.

"All of which leads directly to absurdity, for it means a total reparation demand of upward of \$100,000,000,000 stretched over at least a century. But, recognizing this fact, it will still be appreciated that the filing of the Canadian claim adds one new and grave embarrassment to all which afflict the British statesmen, who are seeking to reduce the sum total of German payments in the interests of world stability. It may even involve them in disputes with their overseas dominions in which they will occupy the situation they now hold with respect to the French."

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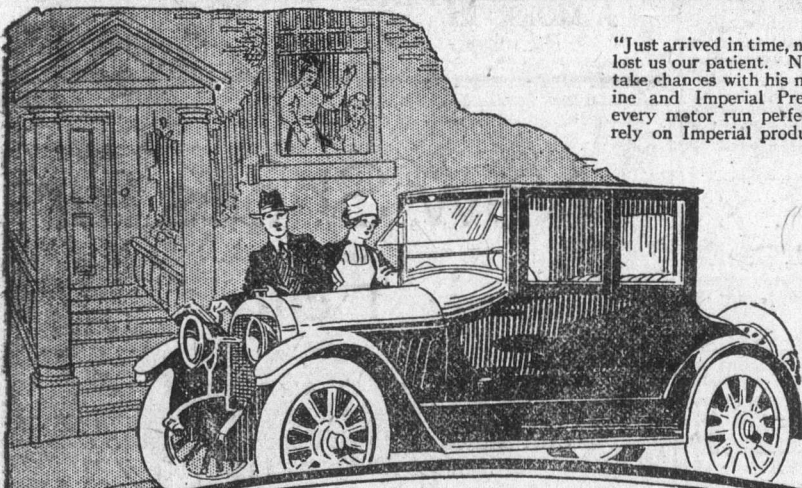
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