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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1914.

—There has been some difference of opinion expressed as to the desirability of proceeding with the celebration of the hundred years of peace between the United States and Canada, as announced just before the outbreak of the European War. To some persons it seemed that the proposed celebration during the present and conflict would be almost a mockery, and to others that it would probably be a failure. The Canadian Executive Committee of the Peace Centenary Association has taken pains to gather the opinions of a great many representative men in the United States and Great Britain as well as in Canada, with the result that while some changes may be made in the programme as announced, the preparation for a suitable celebration will be continued.

We copy from the Circular of the Committee a number of the opinions referred to, for the purpose of showing what strong hopes are entertained that the Celebration will have an exemplary influence not only on this continent, but, throughout the entire world.

Sir Robert Borden: "The project of marking in an appropriate manner the completion of a century of peace between the British Empire and the United States ought surely to command the widest sympathy. That terrible storm of war now sweeping Europe, the ravages of which reach even to the shores of this continent, brings into clearer relief the more excellent way which these two great powers have found and followed."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier: "I am certainly of the opinion that the celebration should not be interfered with by the war. On the contrary, at this moment more than ever, it would be advisable that the American people and the Canadian people should give an example to the world of their unflinching and determined desire to maintain peace."

"The Hon. Mr. Justice Russell, K. C., D. C. I. think the present is a particularly opportune moment for emphasizing the beauty and desirability of peace. Let the educational programme proceed, lectures, meetings, sermons, thanksgivings—whatever can bring home to the minds of our own people and the unhappy people of other lands the more excellent way than that which they have had recourse for the settling of their disputes."

Other well-known Canadian Judges, Lieutenant Governors and Premiers of the Provinces, leading clergymen of the different Churches, and Heads of Universities have expressed themselves in an equally emphatic manner. Several of the Legislatures of the United States have already taken independent action. New York has voted \$10,000 towards the celebration and also appointed a Commission to make needed arrangements.

At the last Session of the Legislature of Virginia, an Act was passed, which provides as follows:—

"That, throughout the State, at 12 o'clock, noon, on the said seventeenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifteen, and for the space of five minutes thereafter, all travel shall cease; all labor, business, recreation and active employments shall be suspended; and all persons within the territory of the State are recommended then to address their minds and hearts to thanksgiving for the continuance of peace for the past hundred years, and to pray that peace may still endure."

Virginia is also presenting a statue of Washington to the British Government. Among the other States in which legislation has been passed, creating official Commissions, may be mentioned Pennsylvania, Louisiana, North Carolina and South Carolina. The Louisiana Historical Society, acting in concert with the Government of that State, has arranged for a great celebration to be held at New Orleans on January 8, 9, and 10, 1915, and, at their request, an invitation is hereby issued to members of the Canadian Peace Centenary Association to be present and take part.

The modified programme as announced by the Canadian Committee is as follows:—

In view of the consensus of opinion that the Association should continue its activities, it has been decided to proceed along the lines previously set forth, with such modifications as may be rendered necessary by the present special conditions. It is probable that the erection of monuments in the capitals along the international boundary, and in some of the centres of celebration, may have temporarily to be abandoned. The Special Thanksgiving Services in the Churches will be held on February 14th next, as planned, and the Association will issue a special Order of Service for use by the different Denominations. This will be sent to the Clergyman throughout Canada. The Educational Programme is

will in hand. A series of articles on "How we kept the Peace" is being written by Professor W. L. Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston. Communications will shortly be sent to schools in places which bear the same names as places in the United States, with a view to the interchange of shields and greetings. A Masque, or Children's Play, has been written for production in the schools, portraying the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, and the blessings of the succeeding century of peace. A plan is being prepared for the granting of prizes for the best essays on Anglo-American relations during the last century.

While about a hundred centres of celebration had been arranged for, it is probable that some of these will find it necessary to alter their plans by joining with neighboring centres, and, in some cases, by abandoning the celebration altogether. The Association will render such advice and assistance as it can to those centres where celebrations may be held, and will endeavor to arrange for an interchange of speakers with American centres if desired.

The Association will be kept intact, and it is hoped that at the conclusion of the war plans will be arranged for a British celebration under the auspices of the United States and Canada which will give fitting expression to the gratitude of the people on both sides of the boundary for the blessings of a hundred years of peace.

—Great efforts have been made to turn the tide of public opinion in the United States toward Germany in relation to the present war. Dr. Heinrich Albert, Privy Counsellor of the German Ministry of the Interior, Dr. Dernburg, formerly German Colonial Secretary and others have come over to America charged with this purpose. How they failed to convince a Boston audience a few nights ago is now well known.

The announcement that these distinguished Germans, with several German Professors in Harvard University, and Dr. David Starr Jordan, Chancellor of a University of California were to address a meeting of the Boston Economic Club, drew together the largest audience of members in the Club's history.

Dr. Albert who has been engaged for some time in writing to American journals and addressing audiences in different parts of the country was the principal speaker. He made the usual German plea of the law of necessity, and repeated the false charge that Belgium's neutrality had been virtually broken by Great Britain, France and by Belgium herself. But, he laid special emphasis upon the name of Dr. L. Oppenheim, a German by birth and citizenship, but of late Professor of International Law in Cambridge University, England, "perhaps the very greatest authority on international law," and claimed this distinguished scholar as justifying the action of Germany in the war.

Dr. David Starr Jordan who had already spoken asked permission to speak again. He endorsed the opinion of Dr. Oppenheim's scholarship and ability, claimed him as a personal acquaintance and friend, and asked permission to read a letter which he had received from him since the beginning of the war. The letter is as follows:—

"Dear Dr. Jordan,—When we met last we did not know that Germany was perpetrating the greatest international crime which has been committed since the time of Napoleon I, namely, the violation of the permanent neutrality of Belgium."

"This deliberate act has changed the face of the case entirely, and nothing can be done but to fight and to try to vindicate the authority of international law."

"I cannot tell you how I am suffering. I am entirely thrown out of gear. I sometimes think I shall not live to see the end of this dreadful war."

"L. OPPENHEIM."

The effect of the reading of the letter was very marked. In quoting Dr. Oppenheim, the German Privy Counsellor had opened the opportunity for the knocking out of the foundation of his own address. Dr. Oppenheim, a German, by birth, education and citizenship, "perhaps the very great authority on international law," puts the proper value upon Germany's international crime.

—The Literary Digest represents Dr. Dernburg as saying that Count Von Bernstorff, German minister in Washington, in his note on the Monroe Doctrine, "recognizes it in so far as the doctrine can be recognized."

What does this mean? Who can interpret it for us? If a man should say to us that he recognizes the ten Commandments as far as they can be recognized, what interpretation would one naturally put upon his language? Would not one correctly conclude that circumstances might arise in which the man would feel himself perfectly justified in violating the ten Commandments? And does not Dr. Dernburg in the remark quoted open up to Germany a convenient method of violating the Monroe doctrine? We think he certainly does.

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Premier Murray has again called upon the people of Nova Scotia, on behalf of the oppressed and destitute Belgian refugees. We have confidence that the call will not be in vain. The present need is imperative. Never in the memory of living men has there been so fearful and heart-rending a call. It is a call of humanity. The aged and infirm, suffering women and fatherless children have been robbed of their homes and their means of livelihood, and for no fault of their own thrown upon the compassion of those who have enough and to spare.

It is more than a call of humanity. For the citizens of the British Empire it is a call of honor and gratitude. We dread even to think of what events prove would have happened, had not King Albert and his brave army stood in the breach and kept back the German violators of peace and truth until the other Allies had time to take breath.

Nova Scotia has already done well, and Belgium has expressed its hearty thanks. But, Nova Scotia can and will do more. Even if some of us are obliged to deprive ourselves and families of luxuries to which we have been accustomed at the Christmas season, let us put to proof the saying of Him whose advent we are soon to celebrate, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

At the request of a well known gentleman, who has forwarded a generous subscription, we are to-day opening

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We take pleasure in announcing in this issue the following amounts already contributed:

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Forty Years Ago

(From Monitor files of Dec. 1874.)

DEATH—At Belle Farm, near Bridgetown, Dec. 3, 1874, Edward FitzRandolph, Esq., aged 67. For many years he was one of the magistrates of the County. He will be missed in our community.

At a meeting on Friday last an address was given by the Rev. J. C. Troop, regretting his retirement from the representation of this County and thanking him for the manner in which he has for past seven years served the party who elected him. Mr. Troop in a few words expressed his gratification at being so highly honored and said he should ever look back with pleasing recollections to the noble manner with which the electors of the County had sustained him.

At the Political meeting held in the Court House on Friday, Mr. R. J. Unjacke of Annapolis, was unanimously chosen in support of the Liberal Government for the Western portion of this County. During the meeting Mr. Obediah Taylor, the gentleman selected to represent the eastern half of the County arrived and also addressed the large meeting of electors.

The opposition meeting held on Saturday was also largely attended. Avard Longley, of Paradise, and Wm. B. Troop, of Granville, were the choice of the convention.

Our esteemed townsman, Mr. J. H. Hills is offering for sale his house and premises on Granville Street, opposite the Post Office. If not sold by Dec. 24th, it will on that day be offered at public auction.

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