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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved"—H. M. The King.  
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

### WAR POSSIBILITIES.

If one half of the rumors in circulation concerning the possibility of nations, now neutral, entering the war, the contending armies in Europe will receive mighty additions and the period of struggle will be prolonged. Greece, Roumania, Bulgaria and Holland have been mentioned as likely to join the Entente Allies providing certain greatly desired concessions are made, while there are reports that Sweden may cast her lot with the German powers.

A writer in the New York Sun points out that Sweden, for the past month, has been mobilizing her armies in the northern portion of the kingdom, and the writer believes this indicates that she aims to strike her blow primarily at Russia. Since the outbreak of war the Swedish army has been increased to more than 600,000 fighting men, equipped with the best of field artillery and heavy ordnance. Consequently it is not to be despised.

Should Sweden decide on a course that would likely mean national suicide she would probably initiate her campaign in Finland, and it would be necessary for Russia to direct troops to that area to resist threatened invasion. While the Finns have been loyal to Russia and have proven devoted soldiers in the cause of the Czar, it should not be forgotten that for hundreds of years Finland was a Swedish province and the Finns still owe to Sweden much of their civilization and the rights of self government conferred upon them by Gustavus Adolphus. These facts would account for the opinion of the New York Sun's correspondent that in the event of war Sweden could rely upon more than a little support from the people of Finland.

Sweden has had leanings toward Germany since the outbreak of war and it is not unbelievable that the Teutons have managed to secure supplies through that country. Officially, however, King Gustav has maintained neutrality and not only that, but in the first months of the war he entered into a pact with Norway and Denmark insuring that the Scandinavian peninsula would stand absolutely aloof except to take whatever steps might be regarded as necessary to prevent the violation of their territory as the Germans violated Belgium. Should Sweden now join with Germany and Austria it would afford additional evidence of the futility of treaties.

But in the event of Sweden exchanging the "muff" of neutrality for the war trappings of a belligerent, Norway and Denmark pronouncedly friendly to Great Britain, would also be involved, and might reasonably be expected to throw their weight in the scale on the side of the Entente Allies more especially as they would have the prospect of rich gains on the conclusion of hostilities. If this should prove to be the case, Germany would not gain by the addition of Sweden to her forces, as the other two Scandinavian powers should be almost a match for King Gustav's troops. Holland's entrance, almost certain to follow Sweden's, would also add to the odds against the Swedes.

As to Greece, Bulgaria and Roumania, they have been so long described as "on the brink of war" that little surprise would be manifested should they decide to take the plunge. The opening of the Dardanelles would be a mighty factor in convincing them that their interests would best be served by participation, while any notable German or Turkish triumph in that region might also unite them for purposes of defence. With possibilities in practically every European capital not yet engaged in war, the political developments of the next few weeks should equal in interest the story of the events on the fields of battle.

### A CHANCE FOR PATRIOTS

The Canadian Government will, of course, exert every effort to guarantee the welfare of the soldiers who return from the war maimed or otherwise injured so seriously as to prevent them from earning a livelihood at the calling they forsook to join the colors, but there will be ample opportunity for generous Canadians who possess the means to give tangible expression to their gratitude toward the men who, when the call came, did not

hesitate to make sacrifices for the cause of Empire.

While the pension schedule and the additional allowance provided for wounded soldiers will probably suffice to keep them in the necessities of life, there will be need in many cases for additional consideration. The men who went to the front in the Canadian contingents came from practically every walk of life; many of them surrendered positions of profit, and while they can return to these without serious loss, yet those so unfortunate as to be maimed while on active service will naturally find their earning powers interfered with.

For such cases there will likely be need of assistance on a scale more liberal than the Government can furnish. Homes will be provided for the maimed, but the crippled soldier without family will naturally hesitate before availing himself of institutional care. His chief concern will not be for himself but for those dependent upon him and it is in such cases that private generosity can do so much good. The chief problem to be faced will be that of employment, and if any plan can be devised whereby work can be found for wounded soldiers, unable to earn a living at their regular callings, it should prove of great benefit. The problem has not yet arisen, but when it does its solution will provide a worthy field for those Canadians whose means will permit them to engage in it.

The Toronto Telegram is inclined to boast as to the part the city of Toronto has played in the supply of volunteers for the Canadian forces. The Telegram says:

"Toronto, with one-thirty-second of this country's population must have supplied or will supply nearly one-fifth of this country's recruits for the Canadian expeditionary force."

This leads the Ottawa Journal to remark:

"Wrong in arithmetic and wrong in spirit, Toronto has one-sixteenth of this country's population, not one-thirty-second; and while it has done splendidly in recruiting, there are other places which, proportionately, have done as well. The English speaking population of Montreal have supplied more soldiers, comparatively, than Toronto."

And, after all, New Brunswick has not done too badly.

The Times appears dissatisfied with the manner in which this journal of the home and fireside has handled the reports of the proceedings of the Chandler Commission in Fredericton. We have failed to notice that the Times, last evening, had the fairness to comment favorably upon the fact that two clergymen, supporters of the Liberal party, came from Gloucester county to Fredericton, to give their testimony as to the excellent work done by Provincial Government road-makers on a piece of road concerning which Mr. Veniot had made charges. It is the policy of the Times to magnify anything that seems to promise political capital for the provincial opposition and to withhold credit from the Clarke Government for good work when done.

The Telegraph cites the Canadian Courier's editorial comment upon Sir James Aikins, provincial opposition leader in Manitoba, and seems to think that the Courier's estimate definitely establishes his present and future place in Canadian public life. We admit that the Canadian Courier is a creditable publication, containing many able articles, but when did it ever have an opinion to express on any political question that it was not pro-Liberal?

The Maritime Board of Trade has declared in favor of military training of all men for home defence. The idea is a good one. While there are many arguments to be used against compulsory military service, the present war has furnished more than one piece of striking evidence of its great value to a nation in time of need.

In Toronto a street naming committee has the task of renaming thoroughfares, the original titles of which were derived from Germany. St. John is practically free from German named

streets, but there are one or two where a change would do no harm.

The purpose of that British ban on cotton is to prevent Germany from securing cotton for use in the manufacture of explosives for her army. Germany requires no cotton to make explosives for her navy so long as the Kiel Canal is a safe place of refuge.

Sir Ian Hamilton reports an important success in the fighting in Gallipoli. Slowly but surely the Allies are winning their way to Constantinople and the elimination of the Unspeakable Turk.

The Germans are running the Russian steam roller on reverse gear now, but it will prove a costly job before they get it as far as Petrograd.

### Rheims

(Frederic Taylor, in London Standard)

Chilled as in death, and palled in lampless gloom,  
Torn, scarred, profaned, droops yon cathedral pile.  
And, lo, the glory of that awesome smile  
Which lured Day's earliest glimpses to illumine  
Rheims' immemorial brows, now fades at last  
Beneath the curse of Hell's malignant blast!

Where was the coddles of thy honored shrine  
When foamed the vandal fury of the Hun?  
Were these thy sacred rights to be undone?  
Could nought prevail to spare what once was thine?

Might none withstand the darkling legions' speed  
To glut on rapine and each evil deed?  
And when the spiteful missiles smote thee sore,  
Rending thy walls with devastating fire,  
How sordid seemed Ambition's fierce desire!

How ghastly glared red Moloch drenched in gore!  
But, hark! From east and west the Purges rise,  
Swift to assert the Justice of the Skies.

Yea; thunderous myriads gird their loins with power,  
And, strong in God, sweep onward to the fray.  
Rheims, thou shalt rise and hail the Victors' sway  
O'er tyrant Vrons that gasps his latest hour!

One last wild shriek ere Infamy shall end,  
And Peace and Mercy on the world descend!

By all the crimes that terrorized mankind;  
By all the wrongs to Belgium and to France;  
By every cruel, cruel circumstance;  
We pledge our souls each shackle to unbind!

No more the cry, "The Hun is at the gate!"  
For soon Earth's foe shall bow the vengeful Fate!

### Germany and Spain

(Boston Transcript)

Germany must be in need of help when German editors invite Spain to become an ally. They tell the Spaniards that they ought to come in now; the water is fine. Spain has only to dive into the war to bring up Gibraltar, Portugal and other valuable things which it has long desired. To the Spaniards the water may look too troubled to make the invitation acceptable. Gibraltar has withstood several Spanish attempts to redeem it. Spain may hate the sight of the British flag on the rock, but to lower that standard is beyond Spain's power. As for Portugal, a Spanish invasion would be the one thing that would bring the warring Portuguese factions into unity. The Portuguese when they get their blood up are by no means contemptible soldiers, as Spain has realized ere this. Spain is not a Power in the diplomatic sense of the term. It has a weak army and a still weaker navy. Its interest is to walk in the ways of peace while its industries are being reorganized, and King Alfonso, though young, has an old head on his shoulders.

### The Future Not Dark

(Ottawa Journal)

The United States and Canada are preparing to harvest one of the greatest grain crops in history. The total value of this year's food crops in the United States will be over \$5,300,000,000.

The total value of Canada's grain crop alone will be well up to \$500,000,000.  
Such colossal production is bound to make for business prosperity. Canada is so closely allied with the United States, financially, commercially and even socially, that it is inevitable we should share in that country's prosperity, just as we have during the last forty or fifty years shared to some extent in its financial depressions.  
Looking at the crop prospects from another angle the people on this continent may well be optimistic for the future. People allow the war to get so badly on their nerves that they get gloomy and pessimistic. They are apt to forget or become blinded to history, to lose sight of the fact that nations have always made remarkable recovery from the devastations of war. With a continent capable of producing the yield of wealth that North America will

## Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

Pop was in the setting room after supper yesterday, and I sat there looking at him a while and then I sed, Say, pop.  
Wats awn yure mind besides hare that needs cutting, sed pop.  
If I told you I broak yure watch wen I dident at awl, wood that be a story, I sed.  
It serieny wood come undir that classification, sed pop. And he kepp awn smooking a minit and then he sed, Say, you havent by any channe bin munkyng with my gold watch, have you.  
No sir, its ovr awn yure bewro, I sed.  
Then wat the mischiff do you meen by stoping the progris of the werld by asking sutch fool questshins, sed pop, are you quite sure you havent touchted my watch, are you quite sure its still awn my bewro.  
Yes sir, I sed.  
Is it running, sed pop.  
Yes sir, I sed.  
Awl rite, sed pop. And he kepp awn smooking, and then he sed, Say, spossue you run ovr and bring me my watch, Id like to have a look at it, jest for fun.  
Yes sir, I sed. And I went and got it and brawt it to him and he looked at it and opened the back and looked at its inside, saying, I ges its in good condishin, but wy in the naim of the grate sfnx did you make that obzervayshn about brakeing it.  
Bekause I dident want to menshin yure fountin pen, I sed.  
Wat about my fountin pen, sed pop.  
It was rite next to the watch and I was trying to see if the pen part was reel gold and it broak, I sed.  
Follo me, sed pop.  
Wich I did.

turn out this autumn, we have ground to expect that this old war-racked world will rally again.

### Understanding Germany

(New York Life)

So much confusion has resulted from a misuse of terms with regard to Germany that the following definitions are humbly offered as a guide to students of the German character.

Diplomacy: A method of informing all who differ with you that your standard is the only one by which the case is to be judged.

Reprisal: A logical system of carrying out your hatred by killing the wives and children of those whom you hate.

God: An excuse for wholesale murder.

Kultur: (See Reprisal).

Enemy: Anybody who doesn't agree with you.

Friend: Anybody who is willing to do as you say.

### Has No Complaint To Make

To the Editor of The Standard: Sir,—I will esteem it a favor if you would kindly correct an error which appeared in your issue of August 7th, inserted evidently through some misunderstanding, in reference to the visit of Sir Charles Davidson and

members of the commission to the ship "Wray Castle" on August 4th. I beg to state that myself and crew received every courtesy and consideration from the commander, officers and crew of German auxiliary cruiser "Prinz Eitel Friedrich." We had no cause whatever to complain of our treatment. Yours truly,  
W. SHARP.

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