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EUROPE'S NEEDS.

Another extraordinary appeal for help has been made by Sir William Goode, British Director of European Relief. Great Britain is taking up public subscriptions to aid the starving women and children of Austria, and the British Government is doubling all private contributions—which indicate a serious official view of the situation. Sir William says immediate action on a great scale is necessary, as present conditions cannot continue without the certainty of political convulsions such as that which has isolated Russia from the civilized world. Everywhere in the liberated and ex-enemy states the British Director finds vicious circles of political paradox and economic complication, with consequent paralysis of national life and industry. The new states of repatriated Europe seem not only incapable of maintaining their economic life, but also either unable or unwilling to help their neighbors.

The salvation of Europe east of the Rhine, says Sir William, depends upon immediate action to assure (1) the restoration of peace; (2) credits; (3) transport and coal; (4) economic solidarity. To continue to provide food without at the same time providing raw materials with which to re-establish industries is merely to aggravate the problem of Europe. The British Director is convinced that full and far-reaching co-operation on the part of the United States is the only way to supply credits, and without such co-operation he believes a considerable part of Europe is bound to reach a state of utter demoralization and even anarchy. And the Director goes on to say that the Allies must abandon their hopes of reparation from enemy countries, at any rate for the present. "Another issue," he says, "which may just as well be faced is that neither the Allies, nor the new Allied States can reasonably expect American capital to be provided in the shape of credits for ex-enemy countries if these countries are to be taken out of the first fruits in the shape of reparation."

The following table shows the value of the supplies sent to the various countries in need of relief between the Armistice and the end of 1919:

Poland	227,624,500
Baltic States	6,353,000
North-West Russia	1,413,000
Greater Serbia	10,517,200
Czecho-Slovakia	21,817,600
Rumania	11,656,100
Armenia	4,040,000
South Russia	2,612,200
Austria	17,268,600
Total	£108,593,200

Delivery of supplies to enemy countries (excluding Austria):

Germany	£51,871,900
Bulgaria	1,029,000
Hungary	71,000
Turkey	877,000
Total	£53,858,900

Grand total £157,452,100

The following items are excluded from the above figures: British expenditure of £400,000 under £1 for £1 scheme; American Relief Administration deliveries to Belgium and Northern France (estimated cost, \$317,860,000), to Finland (\$25,278,000), and for miscellaneous relief (\$12,220,000).

The British Director estimates the import requirements of different countries before September, 1920, as follows:

Poland, 500,000 tons of cereals; Czecho-Slovakia, 350,000 tons of cereals and 400,000 tons of potatoes; Austria, 632,000 tons of foodstuffs, 2,400,000 tons of coal, 350,000 tons of raw materials, wool, cotton, leather, steel, etc.; Hungary, 380,000 tons of wheat and rye for human consumption, 1,433,000 tons of barley, maize and oats for animal feeding and industrial purposes, 53,000 tons of meat and 63,000 tons of sugar.
Armenia will need 6,000 tons of flour per month, and the United States has provided credits for 35,000 tons of wheat.
Turkey has sufficient foodstuffs, but the country being unsettled diff. outside of distribution are great, and large blocks of refugees near the reports will need food.
South Russia has grain available for transport, the amount being variously estimated from 1,000,000 to 4,000,000 tons, but if the Bolsheviks, resuming trading relations with the world, it is estimated that Petrograd alone will want to import 25,000 tons of food stuffs a month, on account of the difficulties of inland transport.

JELICOE'S SENSATION.

Lord Jellicoe's report on British naval requirements in the Pacific is said to have caused a sensation in official circles in England. The Admiral, as is publicly known, formulated demands for a considerable Australian fleet, eight battleships and eight battle cruisers and auxiliaries. It is now suggested that Downing Street

has been excited by the grounds on which Jellicoe has advocated a large Pacific fleet; he is said to have taken the view that in the triangular naval position in the Pacific Britain must rely upon herself to protect her interests and those of the Dominions. On what grounds he regards both the United States and Japan as potential menaces is not made public, and the English press suggests that this view is over-wrought. With American Senators now opposing the League of Nations on the ground that Japan might appeal to it for the recognition of race equality it does not look as if Britain's rivals in the Pacific would be able to agree to make common cause against her. Indeed, if one threatened her the other would probably rally to her support. The real danger is that of a clash between American and Japanese interests in the Pacific, in which event Britain might find it difficult to hold aloof.

IS THIS LESE MAJESTIE?

New York Sun and Herald: "First President Wilson, exercising his undoubted prerogative to our Secretary Lansing, launches a national thunder-bolt with his diatribe that his Administration, and therefore the United States Government, cannot function without him, though his own official person may not be able to function. Then President Wilson, reading the riot act to Great Britain, France and Italy, launches an international thunder-bolt with his imperious notice to the principal Allies that they cannot among themselves arrange their own affairs in Europe in general and on the Adriatic Sea in particular without him. "More than that: With Mr. Wilson present in their councils or absent from their councils they cannot decide anything for themselves or about themselves, though they all be unanimous for it, if it is not exactly what he wants. "By the same token it must follow when Mr. Wilson commands that a thing shall be done by them, though the other member of the Allies should want it, though no other Power of Europe should want it, though no other nation on the face of the earth should want it, that his will shall be done. "Nowhere else under the sun is there such assumption of autocratic and universal power. Nowhere else under the sun does any public servant pretend that he embodies such omnipotence. Nowhere in the world is there today and nowhere in the world has there been in the last hundred years, anything like the despotism Mr. Wilson makes of democracy under him in America.

"Mr. Wilson, back from the sick room to the long unoccupied Executive office of the American Government, is running true to form. "Some weeks ago Hon. Mr. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine, said the Government was contemplating the construction of two 15,000-ton passenger liners for the trans-Atlantic service. Subsequently Sir George Foster said the Government had not definitely decided on a policy of building passenger liners. At present the Quebec Board of Trade is urging the Government to subsidize the operation of twenty-knot liners in the British-Canadian service. In this connection it is worth recalling that the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd., is already making provision for twenty-knot liners. Of the two notable ships being built for this company at Patricola's, Scotland, one which will be called the Empress of Canada is well advanced, and may be in service next winter. This ship is of 22,000 tons displacement, and will have a speed of twenty knots. She is 644 feet long, 77 feet beam, and 54 feet depth, and will have passenger accommodation for 1,500, including stowage. There are only two or three larger ships at present under construction in the world.

U. S. DEMAND FOR LUMBER.

It is reported that there is an extraordinary demand for Canadian lumber in the States, and various interests in Toronto and Winnipeg have been so disturbed that they are asking Ottawa to put an embargo on the export of lumber, until home demands have been provided for. American buyers are reported to have offered to purchase all the stocks of Canadian dealers in the Western Provinces at an advance of 25 per cent. on list prices, and to pay on a par basis of American money. Winnipeg is urging that the soldier settlers in the West be assured material for building. If the reports of an exceptional demand from the States is true there will be serious interference with the efforts to counteract the shortage of housing accommodation, and the rent profiteers in urban centres will have a new excuse for high rents.

WHAT THEY SAY

More Discrimination. Viscount Astor has taken his seat in the House of Lords, but the occasion being less spectacular than that when Lady Astor took her seat in the House of Commons, his costume is not described.

Auto Developments. (Vancouver Province.) The advent of the automobile is said to have resulted in a marked decrease in cases of melancholia among women residing in isolated or rural districts. It is also noted that the men are becoming more loquacious and, at times, their language is not adapted for drawing-room circles.

The Public. (Washington Evening Star.) Says capital to labor, "We will talk it over, neighbor, and the public shall admire the wisdom deep." Says labor, "I am willing. For my mind I have been filling With some information far too good to keep."

They argued and expounded, And each side they surrounded With a vast and indefatigable din. Here and there they grabbed a mis-sic. Silencing the factory whistle, And the public murmured, "Where do I come in?"

Then the discord rising thickly Turning the harmony right quickly As the two exclaimed in a convincing way, "Don't feel nervous or dejected, You shall never be neglected— You shall be the audience who has to pay."

Didn't Get a Grip. (Toronto Telegram.) Sir Josephine Pash seems to be a wind which bloweth where it listeth. He started like a whirlwind and finished like a zephyr.

The Little Hero of Harlem. (Toronto Telegram.) The more Canadiana read of modern Holland, the more Canadiana are inspired to curse the memory of that schoolbook character—the juvenile Dutchman who stayed up all night with his finger pressed against the hole in the dyke and thus saved his native land from being drowned out of its place in geography and history.

Despotism of the Mob. (Edmonton Journal.) The jury system lies at the base of our freedom. It pre-supposes that the juror is a free agent and there is still need of ensuring his liberty of action. A case is reported from Louisiana where a jurymen, who had voted against a verdict of "guilty" at the trial of a negro for murder, was taken from the jury-room, publicly whipped and then dipped in a mud-hole. On his being brought back to the courthouse he coincided with the opinion of his fellow-jurors. But even then the citizens were not satisfied. He was required to leave town immediately after being discharged. The despotism of the mob is quite as despicable as that of any medieval potentate.

A BIT OF VERSE

A SONG OF SLEIGHING.

Down the young year our touring-car Flew like some giant tanager! A mimic stage, a blushing star. A swain—and Cupid manager. We drank the sweet new wine of May In bursts of fire and hickory. The altar of the August hat. From roadsides blue with chicory. Today, roads we cannot go. A-May-ing nor a-May-ing; But earth is ermined in the snow, And what's so fine as sleighing?

Up little bays where lilies grow,

When ways ashore blazed dustily, We steered love-ventures and seas. And sung love-atches lusty, Anon we touched a bank to make Great nosegays of Sankatia, And where the willows kissed the lake We read things to Hypatia. Our boat is beached and down the stream The winter's hounds are baying; The mallows are a fading dream— But what's so fine as sleighing?

The summer's lute we testify

Was sweet, but not a riffsless one. For our chauffeur was (even I) A willing but a shiftless one. When all else prospered, Someone's hat And veils plucked her prodigiously; Africa's twist only prudent that We kept our seats religiously. But smuggled in our cutter's furs, The sky no cloud displaying, Her eyes on mine and mine on hers, 'Tis perfect bliss, in sleighing!

THEN AND NOW.

(Helen Dirks in London Nation) I used to write a simple rhyme About a flower or a kiss; But that was in the spring of time When everything was made for this.

To see a butterfly at play

About a garden with delight, Would make me glad all the day; I never dreamed it died at night.

The laughing glance of any boy

Would set the world in love for me; I never dreamed a lover's joy Could end but with eternity.

Now I can write no simple rhyme,

My faith is gone, no way is clear, Let out of doubts and pains of time I say, I know I love you dear.

A BIT OF FUN

Reason Enough.

New Cook (after two days with the Browns)—"I'd leave this minute only for one thing. Mrs. Brown—And what is that? New Cook—My trunk hasn't got here yet.

Supersensitive.

Mrs. Jones—Where were you last night, John? Mr. Jones—It's a lie! Who told you?—Passing Show.

Economical.

Wife: "The tailor said he couldn't make the gown for less than \$125, so

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

My sister Gladie was out last rite on account of Mr. Parkins taking her to the theater to celebrate her birthday, and my cousin Artie was erround, and I sed, I wish I had something to give Gladie for her birthday, because then id have more rite to ask her to give me sumthing for mine the next time I have one, and Artie sed, Wy dont you do sumthing to surprize her, wy dont you change the furniture erround in her room so it will look like a new room?

O, I bet she wont reconize it, sed Artie, and I sed, It'll be a surprize all rite, And we went back to my room rite next door to Gladie's and played lotto till Artie went home on account of having to, and I went to bed and wondered how much Gladie would enjoy her birthday surprize and the first thing I knew I was asleep and the 2nd thing I knew I wook up on account of sunbody bumping into sumthing in the next room and saying, Owich, owich, wats this thing doing over on this side?

Being Gladie and jest then she bumped into sumthing elts, saying, Owich, for goodness sake, is the room turned erround, or is it me?—wars in the world is the lite?—every thing seems to be in the rong place—hevins, I hope I didnt get into the rong house.

And she bumped into 3 more things before she litt the lite, saying, Well, of all things, wat on erub. Merry be-erday, Gladie, surprize, surprize, I yelled from my bed, and Gladie came running in and grabbed the covers off of me and picked up my Boy Scout book and started to hit me all over with it on account of me not keeping still enuff for her to aim at any one place, and I yelled like anything and pop came up in his pflammers, saying, Wat the mischief, wat the doose? and Gladie sed, He moved all the furniture in my room to make me bump into it and if im not all black and blue its not his fault. I did not, pop, I did not, I moved it for a birthday surprize. I cant help it if she wanted to bump into it, I sed, and pop sed, The way of the benefactor is hard. And he gave me a krack some place with his hand for good mezzure and went down stairs agen, saying, Go to sleep.

Wich I did.

I told him to go ahead. "But, father, I tell you the world didn't you consult me first?" Wife: "I didnt want to spend a nickel telephoning, dear."—Boston Transcript.

A Start. "I wont give my consent." "But, father, I tell you he has enough money for us to start on." "What does that mean? Taxi fare to the station?" Sounded Bad.

She was a professor's wife and she was awfully proud of her hubby. One day when the Smith-Joneses came along to tea, she told them all about him. "He's a wonder, is my husband," she said. "Just at this minute he is in the laboratory conducting some experiment. The professor expects to go down to posterity." B-r! Crash! Rattle! Another B-r from the direction of the laboratory.

"I hope he hasn't gone," said one of the visitors anxiously.

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