

## Britain's Four Years of War

THE MANNING OF THE WAR MACHINE.

(By Harold Begbie in the London Chronicle.)

Great Britain had to contribute, and gle with Central Europe a force of the Alliance, in men alone, which represents nearly a quarter of our total population.

has reason to be proud, represents for the fighting forces. means that we have given all we had does not by any means represent the who are serving the common cause, or the considerable body of old and unfit men who, in divers ways, are essential to victory, nevertheless conwar legions of England, Scotland and from our original force of ten million Wales. It is the male force which men. the manning of its War Machine on its civil and military sides.

### The War Wastage.

military, and from first to last, we alone have suffered a wastage in this total capital of man power which stands at over two millions. This does not

ing forces is well over four million men, and these forces are not merely being maintained, they are constantly being increased. In the last six Effort. months many hundreds of thousands of fit men, mostly of Grade 1, have been called to the Colors. Not only have we expanded our Navy and created a great Air Force, but the Army we have raised and reinforced by this sacrifice is of a Continental size, and we have now to keep it at that mark has contributed, to the world's strug- by annual reinforcements of young men. Outside this immense Army, What has Britain done? nearly 10,000,000 men, between 18 which is fighting seven campaigns, and 43. This is to say that we have all the rest of our capital in men is made a contribution to the service of engaged in essential war work; and almost the whole of this body, something like four million men, are eith er of a low physical grade or too old

We have a million men building our entire capital in man power. It and repairing ships, with an addimeans that we have given all we had tional host of men making the tools to give. It stands as a record of a necessary for this work. We have a free nation's complete and exhaustive million men making munitions of war sacrifice in a struggle not of its seek-ing and for the attainment of ends more than a million men mining coal in which it has not one single selfish for ourselves and our Allies. W interest. But even this proud figure have nearly half a million men in the does not by any means represent the Royal Navy, guarding the ocean for entire effort of Great Britain. It ourselves and our Allies. And we does not include the vast battalions have over 120,000 men at sea in the of women in trades and occupations mercantile marine, serving the comabsolutely essential to its success mon cause of ourselves and our Allies.

Here, then, with over four million maintaining the reputation of this men in the fighting forces, we get a country as a land of unpaid volun- total strength of eight million men. tary service; or the men, women and And if we were to make enquiries in children engaged in numerous trades those trades which are randering and occupations which, if not actually great service to our Allies, as well as to ourselves, such as timbering and tribute to the welfare not only of our boot-making, we should find many own military forces but also of the thousands of men who figure among military forces of our many Allies, the two million civilian and military This proud figure of nearly ten mil- casualties which the Ministry of Nalions stands solely for the masculine tional Service describes as wastage

British democracy has mobilized for A single figure gives a useful example of the extreme thoroughness with which the nation has mobilized its man-power. A force equivalent to nearly six divisions in the field has From all causes, both civil and been taken from the Civil Service

## A Great Achievement.

So perfect and ingenious is the ormean that our enemies have inflicted ganization of the Ministry of Nationupon us two millions of casualties. al Service, which was reconstructed It means that from all causes what- only a year ago, that it is now posscever -- death, accident, sickness, sible for the Government to put its etc .- we have lost out of our avail- hand at a moment's notice on the able ten millions of men during the medical history of every man in the Harmony on Monday, Septemfour years of the struggle a total of country who is or may be made ever two millions. Of the remainder, available for military service. This the Ministry of National Service can achievement is something much more give a precise account, with the ex- than a feather in the cap of the Minception of one per cent., this one per ister; it is a feather in the cap of the tent. represents drafts at sea, men whole nation. For it means that changing over, and men for the mo- people long free, and by nature as ment lost sight of; it does not mean well as tradition stubbornly inde that one per cent, of our man power pendent, has submitted of its own will to the uttermost violence of State The present strength of our fight- control. Not only does the State

work this is the

tally and constantly interfere beween employer and workman; and not only have ninety trade unions accepted with the finest patriotism an overriding authority, which must continually set at nought their hardwon privileges, but the individual Briton has submitted his personal, his most intimate, liberty to the control of the State, and counts himself a

ple to a paramount control by the State represents one of their greatest victories — the victory over themselves. It should hearten our Allies, who have made enormous sacrifices in this long and bitter contest with the Powers of Darkness, to know that | Or T. N. the nation which has preserved for An' so the them the freedom of the seas, has also made, not a partial or a halfhearted sacrifice of its man power, but a sacrifice which is unequivocal and absolute.

We have given our all.

## What Has Britain Done?

(By Rev. Frederick B. Hodgins, B.A. the New York Herald, Aug. 24.) What has Britain done? Kept the faith and fought the fight
For the everlasting right;
Chivalrously couched her lance
In defence of Belgium, France.
This has Britain done!

What has Britain done?
Given every seventh son
Met the challenge of the Hun;
Placed her men on every field;
Proud to die, too proud to yield.
This has Britain done!

What has Britain done? what has Britain done?
Answers ever far-flung breeze
Blown across the Seven Seas:
"Watch and ward secure she keeps
Vigilance that never sleeps."
This has Britain done!

What has Britain done?
On every front, her flag unfurled, Fought a world-war round the Then, when all is said and done, Ask her allies, ask the Hun, "What has Britain done?"

For her slain Bditannia weeps-She might boast who silence keeps when all is done and said, Call the roll and count her dead, And know what she has done.

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## The Day of the Older Man.

London Daily Chronicle: This is by an important speech on Serbia, who is on the threshold of 80, was Rev. Frederick Hastings, who preached his 80th birthday sermon on Sunday, Mr. Balfour defied all the doleful medical prophecies of his youth. the work would be fatal. MISS FLORA PIKE will re-

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able escape and rescue of some of the crew of a damaged U-boat. Cruising submerged, she struck German mine laid to trap one of our

submarines. The engine-room quickly filled, and with this weight of water the stern sank and the bow protruded vertically out of the water. There was only one way of escapeby the bow torpedo tube. A torpedo

had first to be removed from the tube. Then some of the crew, standing on each other's shoulders up the height of the tube, formed a human ladder, and thus some escaped. Rockets were passed up and fired as distress signals. They were an-

swered by a British patrol boat which steamed alongside and picked up seven men. Before the rest of the crew could be rescued the U-boat heeled over and sank in five seconds, the water rushing in by the tube.

A destroyer dropped four bombs on submarine, and afterwards seven of her crew rose to the surface dead .-

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## "Not In Uniform.

Nope, these here is only the everyday guys Who handle th But-stop an' consider a bit wha These lads They sail To feed at get over they

back to take on an' beef, An' if they get sunk-well, it's plain They don't get much glory for takin'

On dyin' while steamin' to England or For if they get rescued from drownin' on trip They just come up smilin' an' find new ship. An' if they go down in a watery grave There are no half-masted flags that'll wave.
An' yet they're real men who're do
in' their bit,

Not askin' no special approval for it, An' that's just the reason we otta be For the boys of the merchant marine.

## No Sunday "Joy Riding."

(From the New York Times.) Nothing could better illustrate the power of public sentiment when it the almost complete absence on Sunday of automobiles from all the city streets and country roads in this vicinity. Presumably, it was the same throughout the country east of the Missippi. And this truly remarkable abandonment of a well-established habit from which thousands anl one of their greatest pleasures was a mere request of the Government! To any way to the maintenance of a make the phenomenon the more impressive, the request was issued through a board the previous acts of that in this instance showed itself so

The explantion, of course, is that the request was reasonable and the motive of it thoroughly understood and as thoroughly approved.

On the first Sunday when it was

asked that motoring except for necesspicuous and troublesome minority of the automobiling part of the population acted after their familiar fashion and went out as usual. Their experiences on the road, however, were such as to convince even the dullest-witted and thickest-skinned that pleasure riding on a Sunday when intelligent and decent folk had united to save gasoline was about as unpleasing as day of the elder men. Mr. Balfour riding could be. Few of them were celebrated his 70th birthday recently arrested-none for ignoring the Government's request-but they all found while at the same hour, Lord Morley, themselves subjected to such a pressure of contempt and scorn that hardly making a speech on India. Like the one of them ventured out when the second Sunday came around.

mcbilists indifferent to the law, we all know, but when the penalty to be fac One recalls, too, how, when 30 years ed was of a kind which, unlike fine ago he took up the Irish Secretary- and imprisonment, could not possibly ship, his friends bluntly declared that be escaped, even the worst of them submitted-whether with a good grace or not, nobody knows or cares. They submitted, and that is enough. An Old Law

## Discarded. Country Gentleman: The old law

of "every man for himself and the devil take the hindermost" seems to have been tumbled into the discard, and men work and die now, not for themselves but for democracy-the right of the other fellow to live his life. To this end the rich and the poor, the exalted and the humble labor together, performing all things needful. No longer is any necessary thing labelled "menial," and every man is, for the time at least, "his brother's keeper.' Who would have could have been so quietly accomplished in a single twelve months So far we have gone along the highway of progress and toward's new scared stiff and for once in our lives being brought face to face with fundamental realities.

Capt. (temp. Lt.-Col.) J. Forbes bertson, who, when he won the V earlier in the year, had two horses hot under him and was thrown five times, is gazotted brigadier-general.-London Daily Mail, Aug. 12.

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States of America.

(By Charles W. Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard University.) The United States has entered into no alliance with any other power, and is fighting against Germany in hearty co-operation with the Entente Allies, and has ever present intention of persisting in that course; but under no closely approaches unanimity than did formal obligation to do so. The United States is also co-operating effectively with Great Britain in respect to supplies of money or credit, foods, raw materials, and shipping; but solely for the prosecution of the War, no agreement having been reached with respect to the continuance of this coperation when peace comes. Again, thousands of people have long derived the soldiers and sailors of the United States are enlisted only for the War, brought about not by an order, but by and the country is not committed in great navy after the declaration of

The position of the United States in which have been much and hotly and respect to its relations to Great Brijustly criticised by the same public tain is a deplorably feeble one, especially because it has little effect on the German mind. To stop the War within any reasonable time Germany must be convinced. first, that the United States is at war with Germany in complete harmony with the Entente Allies as regards the objects of the War, and quite as resolutely as they; sity and charity be stopped, the and secondly, that the United States thoughtless and the vicious folk who and Great Britain, with the other marie powers now at war with Gerseas and oceans free for all in times of peace but for the exclusive benefit of the democracies in time of war, and doing their best to live up to the reto continue their present co-operation putation of modern Huns. In one in respect to money or credit, foods, house at Chateau Thierry, says Reuraw materials, and shipping, so long ter's correspondent, there was a valu-

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dreds of books implies a condition moral degradation beside which the and looting look like manly vice Even murder may have more to con nend it. The men that could w seir spite in the manner of the G man officers in Chaetau Thierry not men with whom a civilized co munity can make any sort of ten They are not noble savages they a evil-minded degenerates.

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