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THE WAR NEWS.

Despite assertions to the contrary, Germany is beginning to feel the pinch of want, and the necessity of making the most of her food resources. The government has seized all stocks of grain in the country, and will have them distributed under government supervision. The question of food supply must become one of increasing difficulty both in Germany and Austria.

The deadlock along the eastern and western battle fronts continues. While the Russians are giving the Germans cause for uneasiness by their new movement near the Prussian frontier, the Austrians have brought up reinforcements to check if possible the Russian invasion of Hungary. In the western theatre of war today's cables tell of some brilliant work by British artillery, and severe fighting continues in Alsace. The British press expresses great satisfaction with the note of Secretary Bryan of the United States on the subject of contraband, and the purchase of supplies by belligerents in the American market. Sweden, on the other hand, is reported to be somewhat restless over the British contraband policy, and some Swedish papers suggest reprisals. Any such action on the part of Sweden would, however, be very ill advised. The attitude of the Balkan countries is still the subject of speculation, but it is noted that the Italian, Greek and Bulgarian ministers were called at the British foreign office yesterday. Russia is reported to have sent reinforcements and war supplies to the Serbian army. Berlin insists that a British cruiser was sunk in Sunday's naval battle, but this has been denied from London. The German chancellor, according to a more extended report of his interview with the Associated Press, charges Britain with perfidy and brutality, and he endeavors to convey the impression that the Germans are an ill used people fighting for their lives.

FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT

The reception given to Mr. W. E. Foster and Mr. A. F. Bentley by the people of Lancaster last evening shows very clearly the desire on the part of independent and right thinking electors, who are not blinded by partisanship nor silenced by patronage, to see this province rise from the depths of political corruption into which it has been dragged by the Flemming government. The Clarke government is still the Flemming government, with the exception that one man has retired and another has taken his place, the latter having also been a supporter of Mr. Flemming. The supporters of the government have been laboring incessantly for several years to make St. John county a safe constituency for their party, but last night's meeting shows that there is a strong body of electors ready when the time comes to support the candidates of the Good Government party, and prove that they care more for the good name of the province than for flattery and dinners and political favors. The present government cannot evade responsibility for the Valley Railway scandal, the South-emption Railway scandal and the crown lands scandal. Their responsibility is plain, and they are condemned not on the mere assertion of political opponents, but by the facts brought out before Royal Commissions of their own choosing. A group of representatives of the people who would permit acts of gross political dishonesty to be perpetrated without a protest should be retired from office at the first opportunity, and it is to achieve this purpose the Good Government party has been organized, under the leadership of Hon. C. W. Robinson, and with Mr. Foster and Mr. Bentley as its representatives in the county of St. John.

AMERICAN OPINION

John Burroughs, the American naturalist and author, has written to the New York Tribune a scathing denunciation of Germany, in which he says: "The cause of the Allies wins us because it is the cause of civilization; it is the cause of international morality; it is the cause of neutral states; it is the cause of the weak and innocent against the ruthless and the powerful; it is the cause of our heritage of peace and good-will to men against the rampant, the overbearing, the hellish war spirit, drunk with the greed of conquest. The necessity of the highwayman to act quickly, aiming a knife or a bullet at your heart, is quite a different thing in the eyes of the world from the necessity of the victim to act quickly.

"Germany was bent on assassinating her neighbor and plundering her treasury, and we knew why she wanted to do it quickly, but her fear of Russia, whom she had defied, does not make her crime any the less.

"That dash of the German navy upon the coast of England was like an outburst of uncontrollable hatred and thirst for destruction. It indicates a reversal to the spirit of primitive savagery, which the whole world may well stand in dread of. The destruction of a warship is legitimate warfare, but the murder of women and children in undefended towns is the debauchery of war.

"Let me add that in the present crisis this country should be very forthcoming with the course of Great Britain on the

high seas. England has everything at stake, and she is fighting our battles for us. We have nothing at stake but the big profits of some of our monopolies—our oil kings and copper kings and we know that, by hook or crook, they will manage to survive."

The town of Welland, Ontario, started a two days' campaign to raise \$15,000 for the Patriotic Fund. It raised \$25,000, and it is said that Welland county will increase the sum to \$50,000.

A London cable says that the Turks have planned to begin their advance upon Egypt tomorrow. The Germans are also expected to celebrate the Kaiser's birthday by some important movement.

The manufacturers of Waterloo county, Ontario, met in Berlin last week and decided to go after export trade, especially in lines formerly supplied by Germany and Austria. Many of the people of Waterloo county are of German descent.

All is not peace and harmony in the Conservative Club in this city. Although the club stands for purity, bogus ballots figured in the election of its president. It is never safe to leave the electric machinery in the hands of the Tories. If there are no Grits in sight they cheat each other.

Amazing testimony as to the results of prohibition have come from Russia. The comptroller of the Russian treasury has informed the Duma that the increase in national savings due to prohibition has been so great that it has largely counter-balanced the extraordinary outlay occasioned by the war.

The chief forests of the Dominion reports that \$30,000,000 feet, by land measure, of merchantable timber was destroyed by forest fires in Canada last year, the greater portion of it in the west. This is a tremendous loss, which might be prevented if ordinary care were exercised and forest preserves patrolled and protected.

The farmers of New Brunswick have large quantities of potatoes for which they would be glad to find a market. A Woodstock despatch says that potatoes are now selling in Carleton county at fifty cents per barrel. The price in Hamilton is eighty to ninety cents per barrel, but the rigid inspection prevents New Brunswick shippers from taking advantage of that market.

It will be necessary for the Canadian parliament to take measures to increase the revenue of the country for the current year. An Ottawa despatch says the deficit for the present fiscal year may amount to \$80,000,000, exclusive of war expenditures. Whatever measures are necessary to meet the extraordinary conditions caused by the war will be cheerfully endorsed by the people.

The Montreal Mail says:—"About a century ago, Great Britain and the United States went to war because of the irritation of the latter country at Great Britain's actions on the high seas. This traditional trouble-making question is what the German-Americans are working against an element in the United States which seeks to involve the country in war for no patriotic purpose but for the benefit of that European country which, on every count of government and ideals, is un-American."

Dr. Liebknecht, the leader of the German Social Democratic faction, who voted in the Reichstag against the German war credit, says in a recent communication:—"This war, which none of the peoples engaged therein has wished, is not caused in the interest of the prosperity of the German or any other nation. This is an imperialistic war, a war for the political domination over important fields of operation for industrial and bank capital. On the part of the competition in armaments this is a war mutually fostered by German and Austrian war parties in the darkness of half abolition and secret diplomacy in order to steal a march on the adversary. This war is not a German defense war. Its historical character and its development thus far make it impossible to trust the assertion of a capitalist government that the purpose for which credits are asked is the defense of the fatherland."

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Constituent—Nothing.

Congressman—Sorry, but those high-salaried jobs are all taken long ago. You must wait for a vacancy.

"My wife made me a success," remarked the man.

"I am glad to hear you say that," declared his pastor.

"Yes, she has always wanted so many things that I've had to hustle."

"Remember," said the sergeant, "no one is allowed to dismount without orders."

Murphy was no sooner in the saddle than he was thrown to the ground.

"Murphy!" yelled the sergeant, when he discovered him lying breathless on the ground. "You dismounted!"

"I did."

"Did you have orders?"

"I did."

"From headquarters, I suppose?"

"No, sir; from headquarters."

A famous woman novelist was once asked why she had not married.

"I have three things about the house," she said, "which represent so closely the characteristics of the average man that I don't want any more of him."

"What do you mean?" was asked.

"Well," the novelist replied, "I've got a dog that growls all the morning, a parrot that swears all the afternoon, and a cat that stays out all night."

The woman jury was out longer than the importance of the case would warrant.

The judge was impatient.

"What's the trouble in there?" he said to the bailiff.

"I'll see," replied the bailiff.

"Hold on!" cried the judge. "Tell 'em there's any knight points about the case that bother them they should appeal to me."

"Yes, your honor."

The bailiff went to the door of the jury room and returned:

"They ain't got to the case yet, your honor, they're still discussin' th' plaintiff's clothes."

"I had a message from the 'Black Hand,'" said the resident of Graftsburg. "They told me to leave \$2500 in a vacant house in a certain street."

"Did you tell the police?"

"Right away."

"What did they do?"

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Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 22, 1915.

Editor Times:—

The executive committee of the Niagara Peace Society has decided on an extensive campaign which will be launched at once. The object of this campaign will be, not the ending of the present war, but the prevention of future wars through the establishment of a League of Nations, backed by a powerful treasury and a powerful police force.

An early tentative date for the coming conference has been suggested, owing to the possibility of an early ending of the war.

A joint resolution will be introduced in congress at an early date, requesting the president to call the conference.

A national board of trustees has been organized, comprising the leading bank presidents in five sections of the country. These bankers have agreed to act as trustees of funds raised for the execution of the plan.

The proposition of a league of nations has already been endorsed by many of the most prominent citizens of the country, including:

Charles W. Elliott, Elihu Root, William H. Taft, Nicholas Murray Butler, Theodore Roosevelt, Andrew Carnegie, Hamilton Holt, Roger W. Babson, George Horace Lorimer, James Brown Scott, George M. Reynolds and Colonel William Gaston.

Yours very truly
Niagara Executive Committee,
JAMES H. RAND, Jr.,
Secretary.

The following declaration has been adopted:—

WE, the citizens of the American Continent, embracing peoples of every race and tongue, affording a true demonstration of the brotherhood of man, being about to commemorate the one hundredth year of unbroken peace along three thousand miles of unfortified boundary, do hereby solemnly publish and declare that the time has come for the peace-loving powers of the world to unite in a League of Nations, founded

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1st.—That this is assuredly the opportunity for which a people and a government like ours were raised up, the opportunity not only to speak, but actually to embody and exemplify the counsel of peace and amity."—(President Woodrow Wilson in his latest message to congress.)

2nd.—That the great masses of citizens of one nation have no real hatred for the people of any other nation.

3rd.—That there is no dispute that can arise between nations which cannot be satisfactorily settled by arbitration or by the Hague court of arbitral justice.

4th.—That while it should be our constant policy to make provision for national peace and safety, it is essential, in so far as possible, to secure the co-operation of all other nations.

5th.—That the foremost efforts of the American people should now be directed to the task of preventing the recurrence of war rather than to preparations for war.

6th.—That the union of the peace-loving nations in a league of peace should create the greatest possible strength for defense—far greater than any one nation could create alone.

7th.—That the two most dangerous factors to be eliminated from future international affairs are: 1st, the "Competition of Armaments" which can and must be superseded by union and co-operation of military forces; 2nd, secrecy in the conduct of diplomatic negotiations.

8th.—That neither any nation as a whole, nor any class of persons, save manufacturers of armaments and munitions, derive any benefits from the ravages of war.

9th.—That the agents of armament builders are continually perpetrating international disputes and agitating greater armaments which, in turn, are bound to result in successive disasters if allowed to continue.

10th.—That with the world unorganized as at present and practical anarchy existing in international affairs, the Armament Ring holds governments under absolute despotism. These persons are striving for unlimited military and naval expenditures, and go on inventing war.

11th.—That the nations of the league should bind themselves to abide by the conventions of the league, each nation depositing with the Hague Treasury a sum equal to one-third of its appropriations for armament expended in the year 1913; and in succeeding years, beginning with 1916, each nation should pay into the Hague Treasury a sum equal to one-third of its appropriation for armament during the year.

12th.—That the nations of the league should perpetuate the Hague Conference as its legislative assembly, meeting periodically to make all rules to become law unless vetoed by the nations within a stated period.

13th.—That all questions that cannot be settled by diplomacy should be arbitrated or referred to the Hague Court.

14th.—That treaties, conventions and the legislation of the Hague Conference should be enforced under penalty of forfeiting the guaranty fund previously deposited with the Hague Treasury by each signatory nation and of expulsion from the league.

15th.—That the nations should disarm to the point where the combined forces of the league shall be one hundred per cent higher than those of the most heavily armed nations outside of the league.

16th.—That the combined forces of the league should be maintained for defensive purposes and should be under the command of an executive council, having recourse to the Hague fund.

17th.—That any nation outside the league should have permission at all times to join the league by signing the articles of agreement, and, by depositing with the Hague Treasury the stipulated guaranty fund amounting to one-third of its average annual appropriation for armament in the three years immediately preceding the year of its application for membership—Niagara Executive Peace Committee.

Accompanying the "declaration is a blank petition to be signed and submitted to the United States government urging that it invite all governments to appoint delegates to meet at Niagara Falls on May 24 or soon thereafter to organize a permanent League of Nations.

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11th.—That the most pressing duty of civilization at this moment is to make it as stable and permanent by substituting unity of action through a League of Nations for the present disastrous chaos upon which the armament ring thrives.

12th.—That the Nations of the League should mutually agree to respect the neutrality and sovereignty of each other.

13th.—That in order to provide for the common defense and to insure permanency, the nations of the league should create a powerful exchequer to be known as the Hague Treasury, which shall hold a large guaranty fund.

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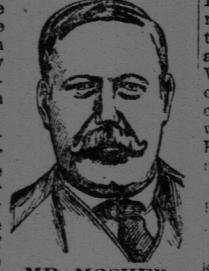
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