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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

A message to Christians in all lands has been prepared and signed by more than seven hundred prominent Americans, representing the clergy of different branches of the Christian Church, the federal courts, the presidents of universities and theological schools, and well known professional and business men, and is being sent to representative Christian leaders in the neutral countries, and those at war. The object of the message is, if possible, to prepare the way for negotiations relative to the termination of the war by the presentation and suggestion of well considered opinions, based upon the conviction that "responsibility for the welfare of humanity is unavoidable and universal."

These signatories are not "peace at any price" men. They understand that a lasting peace can be established only on a foundation of righteousness and are ready to pledge their support to every measure proposed or adopted, looking definitely towards this end.

They suggest that the present war has so distinctly affected all the nations, the neutrals as well as the belligerents, that any offer or acceptance of any negotiations for its termination should be conditioned upon the establishment of a League of Nations. They suggest also, that the adjustment of territory and compensation for damages must be based upon a due regard for the rights of all the nations, small and great, and that all differences, not otherwise adjustable, should be referred for arbitration to The Hague court or some other court organized for this special purpose. Other matters, such as the limitation of armaments, might also be submitted to such a court.

This message, coming as it does from citizens of the United States, is especially welcome, because it shows a more correct conception of the world-wide issues involved in the war than were entertained even by President Wilson. It will be remembered that he made a public statement to the effect that the United States were not concerned in the outcome of the war. The New York Times has lately referred to this remark of the President as an ill-considered phrase, and adds, "We are very much concerned in the objects of the war. It is the fight of democracy against absolutism, and this now appears in a clearer light since the great transformation in Russia. It is the fight of free peoples to remain free, of free nations put in peril of losing their liberties through a powerful neighbor's designs of conquest. It is not true that the British and French trenches, the Russian and Italian battle fronts were the first lines of our defence? Had it been obtained that Germany should conquer, in ten or fifteen years we should have been compelled to spend outright ten or twenty billions for the defence of the nation in a great war this side of the sea."

The Youth's Companion of Boston speaks with equal clearness. It says, "We can no longer imagine that it makes no difference to us which side is to win the war. In the past some Americans have said it made no difference, and doubtless they have been sincere in their belief. The very real danger that the submarines may attack all with the war for Germany has cleared their vision. At last they see what would lie before this country. It is as essential to the United States that England and France be not beaten down as it was essential to the future of England that Belgium and France be not conquered."

President Wilson's paper, "The New Republic," which, it has been said, has been building "inverted pyramids," has come to see the real position. It says, "In suppressing the submarine, England is fighting not merely her own battle but our battle as well. * * * The safety of the Atlantic highway is something for which America should fight."

CANADA'S TRADE AND COMMERCE

The Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, in presenting his report of the activities of the department for the fiscal year 1916, says, "We believe it to be the best trade report ever issued in Canada, and that it will compare favorably with that of any other country in the world. Omitting cotton and bullion, the imports for the twelve months ending December 31, 1916, amounted to \$766,728,891, and the exports for the same period \$1,091,706,403, making a total volume of trade of \$1,858,435,294. The total volume of trade for the twelve months of the war amounted only to \$955,152,685. The increase during the twenty-nine months of the war is \$863,282,609, which is more than the whole trade for the fiscal year 1912. This amount is made up of an increase of imports of \$293,548,207, and an increase of exports of \$609,734,402. This increase was largely the result of the cessation of all business intercourse between the Allies and the Central Powers on account of the war. New channels of commerce had to be opened up between the Allies and the neutral nations, and as a consequence large demands were made upon Canada, which the Government and the manufacturers endeavored to supply. In order to ensure the sale of Canadian supplies, many of which were in danger of being wasted, 61,000 books of recipes were distributed to acquire, and a campaign of advertising was started. The result

GILLETT'S EATS DIRT Gillett's Lye (CLEANS-DISINFECTS-USED FOR SOFTENING WATER-FOR MAKING HARD AND SOFT SOAP-FULL DIRECTIONS WITH EACH CAN.)

was the saving of apples and the increased sales at reasonable prices. In the fall of 1914 the French Government ordered 400,000 blankets to be delivered as speedily as possible. This started the Canadian factories to the limit of their ability, and the balance of the order was obtained from the United States. Later the Italian Government placed orders for 100,000 blankets and 600,000 shirts. In all, up to February last, 1,909,624 shirts, all of which, together with the blankets, had been inspected by the Government officers, were sent to Italy. Sixty-six ship loads of wheat were also sent to Italy in response to demand.

An interesting increase has been made in the toy industry. Before the war Canadian supplies of toys came almost wholly from Germany. To make up the deficiency, samples of American and German toys were procured and copied by Canadian manufacturers. Forty-nine Canadian exhibitors were prepared in March 1916, to present examples of their work in Toronto, showing a remarkable advance in this industry. The British Government purchased 8000 samples of goods marketed before the war by Germany and Austria. These were brought to Canada and exhibited in several Canadian cities, with a view to promoting their manufacture by our own people.

A deputation of six gentlemen from different parts of Eastern Canada were sent to visit the United Kingdom, France, Belgium and Italy for the purpose of opening up reciprocal trade in these countries. France also sent a similar deputation to this country for a similar purpose. During the last year the Department of Trade and Commerce has added a new method of illustration and education regarding the business and resources of Canada. Films had been prepared showing the whole process of the grain industry of the North West, from the methods of preparing the soil, sowing the seed, harvesting, transportation from the elevators, sampling, inspection, grading, the passage through the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence to Montreal, to the shipment on the big liners. And it is the intention of the department to extend this system of films to the lumbering, mining, fishing and manufacturing industries.

These and other similar efforts to illustrate and extend the business of Canada have resulted in the large increase of Canada's import and export trade during the war, and after the war Canada will be better prepared than ever to take a prominent place in the world's greatest industries.

HAMPTON

April 9. Mr. Robert Chute, Clarence, spent yesterday the guest of Curtis Foster, Sergt. Harry Foster, from Halifax. Home on a short furlough, last week. Mr. E. B. Foster has purchased a fine three-year-old colt from Mr. Rupert Banks of Clarence. Mr. Hanley Brinton and Miss Sylvia Neaves were passengers on the steamer Ruby L. today for St. John.

The annual Easter Concert of the Sunday School was held in the church last evening. It was a credit to the scholars, teachers and scholars. The scholars, although most of them very young, deserve praise for the way all parts of the program were carried out.

KARSDALE

April 10. Roads in a wretched condition in these parts. We are glad to report Mr. Wm. C. Shaffer improving from the effects of his illness. Mr. and Mrs. James F. Morrison spent Easter Sunday with their children at Port Wade.

Mr. and Mrs. George Morrison entertained Victor Porter and family at their home Easter Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Porter spent Easter Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anthony, Port Wade. Easter passed off quietly with appropriate services in the different churches, concluding with sacred concerts at Port Wade and the Island.

NORTH WILLIAMSTON

April 9. Stanley Charlton spent the week-end with friends at Lower Clarence. Miss Hazel Conrad of Brighton spent Easter with her friend, Miss Teta Charlton. Service on the 12th, at 7.30, by Rev. S. J. Boyce. Service on the 15th, at 7.30, by Rev. A. S. MacDougall. Mrs. Jennie Marshall of West Dalhousie visited her sister, Mrs. Oliver Delancy, during the past week. William Bezanon of Williamston were guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hilsley on the 8th.

RECRUITING

Men are still wanted (18 to 45) for all branches of the service, but particularly for the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force. For men used to work in the woods another splendid opportunity to serve King and country is now offered in the Forestry Battalion. It is mobilizing at Truro, and men can be forwarded at once. Apply to the nearest recruiting officer, or to REV. E. UNDERWOOD, Bridgetown

SPECTACULAR NON-STOP GRIND MADE BY GRAY-DORT

Goes 1000 Miles Without a Skip of Engine—All Kinds of Road Conditions Conquered By Peppery Little Machine

One thousand miles in forty-eight hours without a stop of the engine and with the gear locked in "high," a ten-century grind, through sunshine and rain, over boulevard and through mud—that is the spectacular performance recorded last week by four-cylinder Gray-Dort touring car. The sensational feat was accomplished under the close scrutiny of observers appointed by F. Stephenson, technical representative of the American Automobile Association. To further make certain that not once was a gear shifted, the lever was removed and the case sealed.

The car was sent away from the show room of the Leach Motor Car Company, Tuesday at three o'clock, with H. Fitzgerald at the wheel and accompanied by J. Stripe, an official observer of the A. A. A., under the sanction of which organization the test was made.

The car was driven to Riverside and San Bernardino and returned over the foothill boulevard, and the car demonstrated such road ability that very little skidding resulted, which surprised even the driver himself. After returning to Los Angeles the car made a circuit of the south coast and west coast beaches.

Start from San Diego At three o'clock a.m., the same car rolled out for San Diego and out over the paved boulevards of Los Angeles and Orange counties, down through San Juan Capistrano and out along the coast hummed its merry tune, and veer on the famous Torrey Pines grade, the amenities of so many motor car tests, this wonderful little car increased its speed from fifteen miles an hour at the foot to nineteen miles an hour at the top.

At San Diego, Fitzgerald was relieved by "High Gear" Jerry Woodill. It was this part of the trip that nearly meant the undoing of all the work that had so far been accomplished, and only because of the supreme efforts of Woodill was a serious disaster averted when a large collie dog, being confused or slipping in the mud, placed himself immediately in the path of the speeding car. The dog, both wheels passing over the unfortunate dog, the force of the impact sinking the Gray-Dort wheels in the slushy mud. By a superhuman twist of the wheels, Woodill kept the car in its path.

With a sigh of relief he sped over the inland route to Riverside, where a larger animal loomed in his pathway. The slippery pavements there made "breaking impossible" and when a large truck backed out of a garage, Woodill had to skid around the rear end and was lucky to get out, having only the "enders" nicked.

Fast Run to Los Angeles

From there to Los Angeles record time was made. Then a circuit of the beaches was made. J. Herbert driving, and F. T. Coopit accompanied an official observer. At three o'clock a.m. again the Gray-Dort drove by W. B. Felix and H. E. Riley, a special observer, left for Santa Barbara. No trouble was encountered until the Ventura river was reached. Here it was necessary to ford and only the momentum maintained by the Gray-Dort carried it safely across.

Arriving at Santa Barbara, stop was made only sufficiently long for a hot lunch, which the driver and observer picked up and devoured hurriedly, then started back to their goal and record. Patiently the representatives of the Leach Motor Car Company awaited the arrival of the car and as the clock ticked off seconds nearly the time limit, many an anxious heart beat, but with only three seconds to spare, a shout went up. "Here they are," and as the driver with dirt-streaked face and tired eyes pulled in front of the show rooms with the speedometer registering 1002 miles, setting a most remarkable record for durability and reliability for low priced cars, they were the envy of all for some time to come.

Leach Praises Drivers

M. A. Leach of the Leach Motor Car Company said, "I had every confidence in the world that the car would produce, because in my two year experience with the Gray-Dort I have handled the car under every possible test, but I do feel that the drivers who handled the Gray-Dort of this remarkable record demonstration are worthy of a good deal of praise, because of their previous preparation and no more than a passing knowledge of the road, the drivers, in darkness and daylight, through mud and sunshine, and with the car from start to finish in expert fashion."

FALKLAND RIDGE

April 7. Milford Stoddart spent the 6th with his mother at Springfield. Born on April 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bintono, a daughter. Wilbert and Raymond Wagner spent the 2nd with their uncle at Springfield. The Rev. Dr. Manning of Wolfville spoke in the church here Easter Sunday. Mrs. Albert McNary of Springfield is spending a few weeks at Mrs. M. Bintono's.

BELLEFAIR

April 8. Wasn't much of a day to sport a new "lid," was it? Mr. Charles Gesner is visiting friends in Hortonville, Kings County. Mr. Reginald Longley spent the week-end with friends at Bear River. Miss Mary Goodwin, teacher at Aylesford, spent Easter at her home here. Mr. Stephen Wade spent Easter in Middleton. The guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Mackay. Mr. H. L. Bustin of Melvern Square was the Sunday guest of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Bustin. Mr. Charles Goldsmith of Five Mile River, Hans County, spent the Easter season with his family here. Miss Lucy Parker of Atlantic City is making an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. D. Parker. Steward S. L. Genser left last week to join his ship, the S. S. Valinda. The Valinda made her first trip up the river on Friday, 6th inst., commencing her weekly service between Bridgetown and St. John.

No Eggs, Milk or Butter The following recipe shows how an appetizing, wholesome cake can be made without expensive ingredients. In many other recipes the number of eggs may be reduced one-half or more by using an additional quantity of ROYAL Baking Powder, about a teaspoon, in place of each egg omitted. EGGLess, MILKless, BUTTERless CAKE 1 cup brown sugar 1 teaspoon nutmeg 1/2 cup water 1 teaspoon cinnamon 1 cup seedless raisins 1/2 cup shortening 1/2 cup shortening 5 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder The old method (fruit cake) called for 2 eggs DIRECTIONS—Put the first eight ingredients into saucepan and boil three minutes. When cool, add the flour and baking powder which have been sifted together; mix well. Bake in moderate oven in loaf pan (iron tin with hole in center is best) for 35 or 40 minutes. Use with white icing. Booklet of recipes which economize in eggs and other expensive ingredients mailed free. Address: Royal Baking Powder Co., 6 St. Lawrence Boulevard, Montreal. ROYAL BAKING POWDER Made from Cream of Tartar, derived from grapes, adds none but healthful qualities to the food. Made in Canada Absolutely Pure No Alum

GRANVILLE CENTRE April 10. Miss Barbara Willett spent Easter with her aunt at Granville Ferry. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Withers spent Easter with relatives in St. John, N.B. Master Donald McLean of Margaretsville is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Lillian Willett. Mr. Richard Lang of British Columbia is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. C. Willett. Rev. I. Brindley spent last week in Kingston with Rev. G. D. Hudson, in a series of special services. Miss Ida Royal, who has been home for several weeks, has gone to Annapolis to resume her dress-making. Mrs. Maria Hunt, after spending several weeks with friends in Yorkmouth and Lunenburg, has returned home. Misses Vera Eaton and Stella Court, teachers at Port Wade and Karsdale, spent the Easter vacation at home. The postponed meeting of the W. M. A. S. will be held Thursday, April 12th, at the home of Mrs. Frank Bent, at 3 p.m.

In the U. B. Church Thursday evening the regular quarterly Conference will be held, commencing at 7.30. Sunday, April 16th, the Communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of the morning service. Messrs: Fred C. and Clyde A. Gillatt were at home over Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Gillatt, Port Wade. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick and little son, of Paradise, were also guests at the same home. Wedding cards, announcing the marriage of Miss Carolyn Mildred Withers and Mr. George Wood, of Lynn, Mass., on March 28th, were received here last week. The bride, whose former home was here, has many friends who will wish her much happiness in her wedded life.

Following is the program of the Easter Concert given "The Coral Etoile" Mission Band in the United Baptist Church, Sunday evening, April 8. Professional, "Follow, Gladly Follow." By the Band. Hymn, "The Cross." The Band. Scripture Reading and Lord's Prayer. Exercise, "The Cross." The Band. Exercise, "Easter Greetings." Eva Palmer, Lois Roney, Myra Mills and Lola Clayton. Recitation, "All Ready." Blanche Goodwin. Recitation, "Malcolm Eaton." Ruth Court and Gladys Palmer. Song, "Very Little Tots." Ruth Court and Gladys Palmer. Recitation, "Harry's Report." Gordon Eaton. Reading and Lily Drill. Mabel Gesner, Marion Roney, Hettie Troop, Hazel Gillatt and Edith Goodwin. Recitation, "What We Know." Ruth Court. Song, "Fair Lillies." Hettie Troop and Mabel Gesner. Exercise, "Messengers for Easter." Edith Goodwin, Hettie Troop, Hazel Gillatt, Claude White, Walter Bent. Flower Girls: Blanche Goodwin, Gladys Palmer, Ruth Court and Gladys Palmer. "The Starless Crown." Edith Goodwin. Diet, "Wake, Sweetest Strain." Lulu Withers and Gladys Eaton. "Collection Speech." Eva Palmer. Closing Hymn, No. 206. Offering for Missions, \$9.37.

ALBANY

April 7. Miss Robinson has gone home to spend her vacation. Miss Gladys Matman of Truro Normal School, has returned to her home here. Mr. Lyman Whitman has had a car-penter to work in his store recently. A surprise party was given Mrs. Holmes and two little children on the evening of April 4th. Misses Mildred Starratt and Annie Saunders have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Oakes. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sheridan are expected home from Boston on Wednesday, the 11th. Mrs. Clayton Zwicker's little son, Charlie, had a fall last week, hurting his back quite seriously. We are sorry to report that Mr. E. J. Whitman has been confined to the house for several weeks with neuralgia, suffering severely.

INGLISVILLE

April 10. Mr. S. Bayer captured two wild-cats one day recently. John Noglar has purchased a horse from Harry Willett, Nictaux. Guitler Whitman made a business trip to Bridgetown last week. A number in this place are suffering from "grippe" and are eagerly waiting the warm, balmy days in order to fully recover. On Wednesday, Chester Beals came up from Smith's Cove and visited his parents. Mr. Beals returned with him to remain over Easter. The Mission Band gave an Easter Concert on Sunday evening. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion. The program was good, reflecting much credit on Mrs. S. M. Beals and daughter, Muriel Beals, who spared no pains in making it a success.

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