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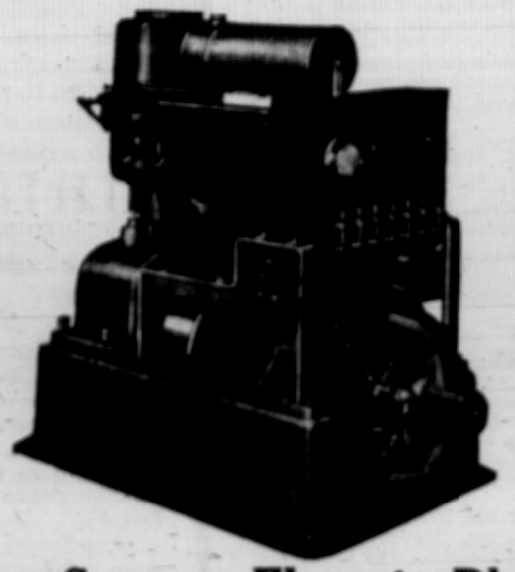

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Young Canada Club

By DIXIE PATTON

THREE MORE PRIZES OFFERED

You did just splendidly, children, or young folks rather, in the story contest on war. See if you can't do even better in the new contest, "The Wrong Track."

There are so many things besides trains and detectives that get on the wrong track, are there not? It seems to me we've never had a subject which was so teasing to the imagination as this, and I am filled with curiosity to see what it will suggest to each of you.

In order that this may be the best contest we've ever had I should like you to take this paper to school and ask your teacher to read the prize offer to the class.

Any boy or girl under seventeen years may compete for a prize.

All stories must be written in pen and ink and on only one side of the paper.

The writer must get his teacher or one of his parents to certify that the story is original and the age given correct.

The stories must reach The Guide office not later than July 1.

They must be clearly addressed to Dixie Patton, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Man.

Any contributor to the contest who is not already a member of the club should send a self-addressed and stamped envelope for the maple leaf membership pin.

DIXIE PATTON.

WAR

A Prize Story

I think that war is a curse to the world. After every war there is always a few years of hard times, the country is weakened on account of nearly all her young and able-bodied men being killed. The country is neglected and does not produce the crops it should and there is therefore a scarcity of home-grown foods, which causes the cost of living to go up. Millions of dollars worth of metal goes to the bottom of the sea, and when it is all over what better off is the nation? It is worse, it is poorer, weaker, and the countries that have been invaded are left a mass of wreck and ruin. For example look at Belgium, which before this war was the foremost country in agriculture, now being overgrown with weeds. What once were fertile fields are being dug up to form trenches. In England and Scotland men holding large estates are being so heavily taxed they will, if this war lasts much longer, have paid more than the value of the land. For years Germany has been robbing her people by levying large taxes to prepare for this war, and now she is borrowing all her people's gold and silver and giving them paper instead. The gold and silver is going out of the country and when the war is finished, when the people present their paper to receive the money where is it to come from when it is not in the country?

JOHN WILSON.
Milnerton, Alta. Age 13.

WAR

A Prize Story

I think war is a very cruel thing. If a country wants room for its population why does it not send its people to settle in different countries.

If for instance, England declared war on Germany, Germany would have to fight.

Just think of it! Children separated from fathers; husbands separated from wives; young men leaving sisters, brothers and parents.

Revolutions are not so bad, altho they are very cruel too. If people are discontented with their king they could hardly put him off the throne without fighting.

I think war is mostly caused by jealousy. What made the Germans fight if it was not jealously?

War is quarreling on a large scale. War could be banished if nations tried.

MARJORY E. THOMAS.
Dorban, Man. Age 10

WAR

I do not think that war is much good. The war costs a lot of money and a lot of lives.

The trenches are from six to eight feet deep, and in these trenches the soldiers have their little rooms for cooking and sleeping. The soldiers have telephones in their trenches. Many of the little children's homes are destroyed in this war or in any other war, and also their parents are killed in war and the little children have to go and make their own living. Some of the little children starve to death. The soldiers, when they come back from war, are often so badly wounded that they don't care to go back to the front. The only good the war is, is when the Germans were going out to take Belgium, the Allies went over to help the Belgians. That was the only thing I can say about war being any good. War may be a good thing, but I don't think so. I hope the war will end in a little while.

ETTA FIRGERSON.
Rushton P.O., Sask. Age 13.

MY OPINION ON WAR

These days all eyes are turned towards the great war now raging in Europe. Tho we do not actually see it, we know enough of its horrors and sufferings to make us realize how terrible war really is.

Now, war in general, is a thing that should not exist. How dreadful it is to think of nations calling themselves civilized, who have to clash together in arms, because they are simply not able in peace to settle questions concerning their honor, the result being that hundreds of thousands of men in the prime of life are killed like beasts and many more mortally wounded. Then to think of all the sorrow in the homes where a father or a husband had heard the call to duty, gone to the battlefield, never to return again, makes many regret that war had ever existed.

These are some reasons why I think war does more harm than good. In time of war there are usually thousands of people who have to starve for want of food as in the case of some of the countries in this conflict. Also after a war which has lasted a long period one side is usually financially gone, and it takes many years to come back to its former standard. And last, but not least, is the regret which will continue for years to come among the nations who are to blame for such terrible wars.

Never will the world be what it should be until war is forever stopped, and men of every nationality live together like brothers.

HEIDMAR B. BJORNSON.
Vidar P. O., Man. Age 14

WAR

Honorable Mention.

I think that there is nothing that is worse than war such as this one is proving to be.

If one man was to shoot another man on the street or any other place, he would most likely be hung or put into prison for life, but as it is now, thousands are being killed and wounded every day, and the ones that are wounded always suffer the most.

If only those that are the cause of the war would suffer half as much as the poor soldiers at the front, I don't believe that there would be as much fighting as there is.

When one country's trade is involved and war is declared, she is bound to lose more by fighting than she ever could if she wasn't plunged into war. Then just think of all the thousands of cripples that the world has to support after a war is over, blind, lame, legs and arms shot off, etc., it's too horrible to think of it.

It is harder for those mothers, wives, sisters and others that are left behind than it is for those that go, for what does life hold for a poor mother, we will say, who sends her all? Not ver m uch I would say.

And it often happens that relatives have to fight against each other, and friends the same, is that not terrible also?

What must those people think whom we call heathens? Would this not cause them to lose what faith they had—in man as well as God? They have more right to call us heathen than christians, for this present war denotes anything rather than christianity.

On the whole it is altogether too terrible to describe. We cannot realize how bad it really is, only those that suffer with the worst of them can know.

MARJORIE A. BENTAL.
Age 16.