The World Window

Britain's Part In the War

We have been told sometimes that France and Russia were dissatisfied with the part taken by Britain in the land campaigns. These reports have come from sources that have been actively engaged in the conscription propaganda in Great Britain and certainly were not founded on anything that has been said by responsible

Frenchmen or Russians. Britain's military strength was quite well known to the experts of continental Europe and assuredly in the early stages of the war no more extensive aid was expected than that actually given. The British Empire entered the war without full consciousness of all that it involved and of the ulterior aims of Germany. The deciding influence was the brutal attack by Germany on Belgium and the atrocious conduct of German soldiers towards Belgian men, women and children. The utter disregard of treaties, rules of war and of ordinary human rights roused the British people to a deeper realization of all that the war meant, and also disclosed the infatuation of the German mind with the notion that in order to establish their dominion over the world they were entitled to pursue a deliberate policy of "frightfulness." The cruiser and Zeppelin raids, the bombardment of undefended towns, the murder of innocent women and children, the sinking of unarmed passenger ships, and all the other atrocities that have horrified the civilized world, aroused no terror in the British heart, but only an evergrowing determination to crush forever the menace of Prussian

Ten days after Britain entered the war an expeditionary force was landed in France under Sir John French and was later reinforced. How magnificently it fought during the long retreat from Belgium to the

gates of Paris is written large on the pages of history. Then came the call for great voluntary armies and how splendid the response has been doesn't need to be proclaimed. had taken Germany years of training and preparation to accomplish was done by Britain and the Dominions in fewer months. Let any one say whether man for man the British troops at the front have not proved themselves superior to the German in all but the munitions of war. Even with that advantage the Germans on the west could only hold their own, and now that the deficiency is being redressed they will not be able even to do that. It is evident great movements are impending, movements, there is every reason to hope, that will entirely transform the European situation. German strength is beginning to wane, altho Germany is yet far from the point when it is prepared to admit defeat. But as the strength of Germany decreases, so does the strength of the Allies increase, for as yet they have not reached the limit of their war strength. They have, too, far greater reserves of men, of money and

A French Senator in Britain

Our brave French and Russian allies were under no illusion or delusion regarding the position of Britain and the extent of the help on land that could be given in these first crucial weeks-Britain did what she could and all that was expected, but also began to build

up armies comparable in number to those of her allies. The British military strength to day runs to millions, and these volunteers have already received their baptism of fire and fought with a skill, valor and intelligence at least equal to their German enemies. French statesmen and soldiers who have seen the men fighting under the Union Jack cannot find words of praise sufficient to express their appreciation of the volunteers from the United Kingdom and all parts of its far-flung battle Writing last month in the Paris Journal Senator Humbert gave an enthusiastic account of the visit he paid to England and of his interview with Mr. Lloyd George, the British minister of munitions. praises unstintedly the work that has been done, and the spirit in which it has been performed.

"Our great ally," writes Senator Humbert, "without ceasing to maintain and reinforce her colossal fleet, has raised millions of soldiers, equipped them, provided them with rifles, machine guns, light and heavy artillery.

Great British Program

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Cartridges, projectiles of all kinds, shells, are rising mountain high to feed the ever-increasing number of cannons. In many respects," he proceeds, "the British program is more ample than our own. The army which is being raised will be one of the mightiest the world has seen. And when, later on, it will be possible to describe what has been accomplished in so short a space, the whole world will be struck with admiration." These words from a Senator of France do not look like a declaration that France is dissatisfied with the share Britain is taking in this greatest of wars. Rather do they appear in their proper light as a full recognition and realization that Britain has gone whole-heartedly to war and is in it to stay until Prussian militarism is crushed once and for ever.

Elite of the British Nation

Senator Humbert is not the only Frenchman to publish tributes to the new British armies. M. Joseph Reinach, who writes in the Paris Figaro, under the pseudonym, "Polybe," recently passed a few days at the

British front. He took back to Paris an absolute conviction that the British troops cannot be beaten. "They may have to abandon a trench," he wrote, "but they are second to none for organization, for armament, steadiness, discipline and leadership. The creation of Kitchener's armies is a magnificent chapter in British history." M. Reinach refuses to express an opinion regarding the desirability of adopting a compulsory system in the United Kingdom, but he says that the "three million volunteers composing Kitchener's armies represent intellectually and morally the best of England's manhood.' He was struck by the youthfulness of the faces and the health and intelligence of the troops. He observes-"They fulfil the British ideal: Be a man. They are men, real men. The voluntary system has brought the elite of the nation to the war."

Gur Italian allies have done superbly in the mountainous regions, where they are operating against the Austrians. Their advances do not look much on the map, but when the nature of the country is remembered, they represent as hard and as difficult

What the Italians Have Done

fighting as has yet occurred, even-at the Dardanelles. Particularly on the northern frontier, the Italian troops have struggled up tortuous valleys, winding thru mountains, often rising to a height of 3,000 feet above the solitary road. Every crag is a defensive position. Every ridge which nature has made is an ideal gun emplacement. Yet the Italian Alpinists have cleared the faces and summits of what look like inaccessible heights, have slowly and steadily advanced thru these valleys and made them their own strongholds against any possible counteroffensive on the part of the enemy Austria possessed this natural commanding the passes leading down to the plains of Italy and the first job of the Italian commanders was to protect the country from attack. In that they have been successful, but the task has been enormous and the manner of its accomplishment will be a lasting assurance of the quality of the Italian armies.

WAR AGREES WITH JACK CANUCK



OLD MOTHER EMPIRE: Jack's getting more like old John Bull every day.

Election Talk

It is not strange that the return of the Prime Minister should have revived election talk. Naturally enough, one of the first subjects to be taken up by the Premier with his colleagues would be the political outlook. The government, unless some agreement be made with the Opposition to change our constitution, must have an election either before or after the session. Naturally enough, members of the government, before preparing for the session, might ask one another shall we have the election first?

Just what, if anything, has been decided upon, no one knows. Perhaps, after all, the subject has not received the attention of the cabinet. Indeed, one would scarcely think that an election could be decided upon with Hon. Mr. Cochrane on two weeks' trip thru the north and west.

To extend the term of parliament would require an amendment of the B.N.A. Act, and that could not be procured without a substantially unanimous request from both Houses of the Dominion Parliament. It is, however, up to the Opposition to say whether we shall have an election this year or wait until after the war. If there must be an election within the next twelve months, however, it will be up to the government to decide whether it shall be before or after the coming session of parliament.

Two Cripples

The Rock Island and the Missouri Pacific railway systems are just now under public review. Both have passed into receiverships, and the former has been investigated by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Rock Island was looted by a syndicate which got control of the stock and manipulated a lot of respectable, but fat-headed dummy directors. How many millions of dollars the syndicate stole from the stockholders will never be known, but Rock Island stock, which stood at \$200 in 1902, is now worth less than \$20.

The looting was made possible by stock-watering.

The Missouri Pacific, once the pride of the southwest, came to grief largely thru the ambition and incapacity of George J. Gould. In his effort to become a transcontinental magnate, Gould lost and wrecked the great properties his father left him. Louis papers, however, take an optimistic view of the road and its prospects.

It was stock-watering that sent both of these great properties to the scrap-heap.

Specialising

A protest is being made against the great national academies devoted to science upon the ground that no member can possibly understand 90 per cent. of the papers read before, and the publications made by these various societies. A learned man in the old sense of the term no longer exists. A man today may be a great specialist, but he cannot be a man

of universal knowledge. How far our schools are run on a wrong basis we are not prepared to say, but they certainly attempt to give the children some knowledge of physics, chemistry, astronomy, and nearly every other Whether the little smatscience. tering of knowledge they get is of any use may be open to ques-

But, after all, the dispute between general culture and useful knowledge is by no means a new Matthew Arnold fought for culture all his life. Yet Matthew Arnold's world was a world of ladies and gentlemen with genteel incomes, who concealed anything like emotions under a placid and well-dresged exterior. The ability to do some one thing better than anyone else is, after all, the great thing to attain.

Eat Fish

The Dominion Government is trying to help the fish industry by encouraging people to eat fish. It is a good idea, to which not even the farmers and butchers can take exception. The supply of meat will never exceed the popular demand. Indeed, if every person in Canada became a vegetarian tomorrow it would not

greatly affect the price of beef The world is hungry for

meat. People might be better off if they consumed more fish. have an inexhaustible supply, but a limited demand. Hence effort to encourage our people to est more fish.

But the Dominion Fisheries Department should have had an expert chef for its advertising pur-More than one person criticized the government's cooking at the Exhibition, and said that might depress instead stimulating demand for fish An official who boils halibut and fries salmon may know all about the live fish in salt water, but he has yet to learn what is best to do with the fish after he arrives at the kit-

Germany's Care For Belgium

Germans are like the Bourbons -they learn nothing and forget nothing. Untaught by their failure to gain the good-will of the Prussian Poles, they have, started to employ similar harsh measures in Russian Poland and in Bolgian. Yet they profess to be surprised that Germany is not loved by the Belgians as it ought to be. Germany is boasting now about its paternal care for the occupied "West Prussian Dominion." Berlin newspapers urge that the Belgian schools have been reformed and that right views of history are being taught. They say, too, that the best of German music and pictures have been sent to Belgium and that the people are being taught what order in civil life really means. Yet the perverse Belgians continue to hate their temporary rulers.

Germans must be strangely constituted beings when they can bring themselves to imagine that the Belgians living in their crucified and ruined country should regard their savage invaders with gratitude and affection. Men and women who mourn the loss of relatives and friends and the fate of others, worse even than death. are not prone to clasp hands with the murderers and ravishers. Yet Germans, and learned Germans at that, sit down and write pages of potentious stuff to prove, to their own satisfaction, that Belgians ought to love their enemies and accept the blessings of German

CRUSTS AND CRUMBS

By Albert Ernest Stafford

court correspondent, "if life is ruthlessly in this war than it is called into being?" There is a problem to stump all the philosophers! The only reasonable and satisfying answers I tention to deceive, and as long as the can get to such questions come from the scientific investigators of the ancient east. It is true that they and ed intelligible by the use of such detheir conclusions are not definitely recognized by western official science, but neither has western science upset ing to understand the fact that lay behind, would be as foolish as those men of science have asserted as having been established. The knowledge of most of these facts is only accessible to those who have proved themselves worthy of such a trust. The west has not shown itself to be so wise in the use of the knowledge it has acquired as to encourage the indiscriminate dissemination of knowledge, which in wicked and unbrotherly hands would be as dangerous to humanity as it is valuable. Germany, for example, with all her opportunities, has turned her forces to destructive purpose, and compelled the other nations in selfprotection to resort to similar waste. It is notable that the allies have refrained from the more devilish applications of science, and it is to the credit of Great Britain that Lord Cochrane's invention, which is said to be capable of the total annihilation of an enemy by comparatively simple means, has never been brought into use. Had the Germans possessed this deadly agent Europe would now be under vassalage to the kaiser. The uninitiated, the uninstructed, the children of the race, may ask why all ages, in the foremost files of time." means are not employed to gain victory. The answer is that honor is greater than life. Our athletes should of the past could have no part in the learn this lesson. The game that is progress of today, and that we at this won by cheating is not won at all. The late date were specially created to devil may keep a score card and re- enjoy all the high privileges for cord a victory, but the eternal record which previous generations toiled in contains the entry of a defeat, lost preparation, has obscured the fact on fouls. It is better to die than to that we are merely reaping what tell a lie. It is wiser to lose one's we have sown in the past; that our present body than to use it for unfair education has been carried out in ends. The rules of the game are well many ages by adhesion to many known, and whether any earthly um- schools; and that the expansion of pire sees or not, each man knows in the future will be proportionate to the his own heart whether he has played development of the past. With this the game. If he stifles the voice of view we cease to speak of any posthe inner umpire, and continues to sible waste of life. People who speak ed character, which will one day bring of the far more important and inhim into the ranks of the black-listed. eresting thing than life-Conscious-One can imagine that the final con- ness. Our scientific men are begintest between the black and the white ning to understand that life-vitality forces, the good and the evil, will be -is as universal as electricity. Give a struggle between those who played it a fitting vehicle and it will manithe game unswervingly, and those who fest at once. But consciousness, esplayed foul when they thought no one pecially in its higher forms of seif-

stupendous and elaborate system, even gin to see that the consciousne in the exotericism of the Puranas. But each of us calls "I" is a separate and such is the mysterious power of occult distinct part of any general conscious. symbolism that the facts which have occupied countless generations of initiated Seers to marshal and explain as life is universal so also conscious are all recorded in a few pages of geometrical signs and glyphs. It is useless to say that the system in question is no fancy of one or several isolated individuals. It is the uninterrupted record covering thousands of generations of Seers, whose respective experiences were made to test and veriexperiences were made to test and verify the traditions (passed orally from one early race to another), of the teachings of exalted Beings who watched over the childhood of Hu.

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The long ages the 'Wise Men' manity. For long ages the 'Wise Men' of the Fifth Race, of the stock saved from the last cataclysm and shifting of continents, passed their lives in learning, not teaching; checking, testing and verifying in every department of Nature the old traditions by the independent visions of the great adepts: that is, men who have developed and perfected their physical, mental, psychic and spiritual organizations to the utmost possible degree. No vision of any one adept was accepted till it was checked and confirmed by the independent visions of other adouts, and by utmost possible degree. No vision of ent visions of other adepts, and by centuries of experience." Katherine Hillard, the Dante scholar, has abridged this passage from the first volume of "The Secret Doctrine." It is stated further in the second volume that "after the submersion of the last remnant of the Atlantean race, some 12,000 years ago, an impenetrable veil of ecrecy was thrown over the occult and religions mysteries, lest they should be shared by the unworthy, and desecrated.'

THE Secret Doctrine' is the accumu-

N the legends and traditions and fragments of knowledge fragments of knowledge, which have come down to us about these ancient mysteries, rest practically all the doctrines and dogmas of ordinary exoteric religion. The missimilate their experience gained on take many people make is in thinking. take many people make is in thinking earth before they return for another that such religion is false or worthless lesson. It seems a terrible ordeal to because it merely represents truth. It some to follow the example of Him should be remembered that most of cur science, as well as nearly all our philosophy, is no more than an attempt to represent truth. Religion has made claims to be of a different order, but no reasonable man can imagine that the Genesis story of creation, for example, is any more than
an effort to represent truth and fact an effort to represent truth and fact to minds only capable of receiving impressions in that form. There is no objection among scientific men to the down my life, that I might take use of figurative language to represent truth and fact voluntarily. The true soldier compressions in that form. There is no objection among scientific men to the down my life, that I might take use of figurative language to repre- again."

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INDLY tell me," asks an Earls- sent facts which they do not under tric fluid, or magnetic currents. A being thrown away any more magnetic current is a form of speech fact, just as the story of six days o a fact. As long as there is no mind is kept open for the reception of further light, no harm can be done, and theories and facts may be rendervices. But those who would cling to an ancient figure of speech, believing who laid stress on the importance of believing in a current of electricity instead of trying to understand the force represented by the expression.

A NYONE who studies the scripures of the other religions will find a vast amount of information throwing light upon the statements in the Christian Scriptures. corroborating essential principles, bringing out the proper emphasis which Christian readers often overlook in their own Bible, and setting out the fact that each religion laid special stress on one or another particular quality which humanity had to cultivate. Law, purity, truth, heroism, beauty, justice, love-one after another the great religions of India, Persia, Egypt, Greece, Rome and other centres brought forward a special message, each synthesizing with its own what had gone before. so that mankind, born and reborn in one nation after another, has had the opportunity to develop a fully rounded character. We "heirs of all the ought to be able to understand this, but the childish idea that the races much of the waste of life rarely think consciousness, is a problem they are reluctant to face. What is the "I" in a man You cannot speak of anyone as "I" but yourself. No other lated wisdom of the ages, and person is "I." You alone are "I." its cosmogoy alone is the most are many others. But we beness there may be. A man who confuses his "I" with that of another man is regarded as insane. And ye ness appears to be universal. What is it, then, that crystallizes it into the unit of self-consciousness we call
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> tery in a mystery. ism. And 300,000,000 years before that the race evolved its bodies thru conditions which are but faintly suggested in the Genesis story of the first five days of creation. Adam and Eve. the male and female of the second chapter, were vastly different beings chapter, were vastly different beings from man, the male-female, herma-phrodite, of the first chapter, as the Hebrew indicates. At all events humanity is of prodigious antiquity. Statisticians tell us that there are about 1,500,000,000 people on earth today. They could all be settled quite comfortably in the State of Texas and to belong to it. It has been stated that there are sixty to sixty-four thousand millions of individuals passing thru the earth-stages of existence vast majority of these 64,000,000,000 are not in incarnation. The population of the jail does not the people who dwell in the comm ity. We must take account of those who dwell outside. The jail might be crowded, with two or cupants in each cell, without ma numbers outside. Those who are concerned with the reform and imexist cannot regard war as an unmixed evil. heroism it gives rise to are not was-

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