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CELEBRATING VICTORY.

To buy a Victory Bond is a form of celebrating victory and peace which bears the stamp of true patriotism. It is also an assurance to the men at the front that in the hour of victory their services and their future are not forgotten. As was pointed out yesterday, the peace conference must follow the armistice, and until a complete settlement has been effected there can be no demobilization. The peace conference will be a long one, for the destiny of the nations will be profoundly influenced by its decisions, and there will be many conflicting claims to adjust, apart altogether from the fate of Germany. In the meantime armies must be held in readiness for service. The world is so war-weary that it is difficult to believe any people would challenge the decisions of the conference, but nothing will be taken for granted.

So far as Canada is concerned, the government must have \$500,000,000 or fail to do its duty. The soldiers should find the country prosperous on their return, and to ensure that condition money is essential. But the soldiers themselves must be paid until work is found for them, and for that the government must have money. Therefore to buy Victory Bonds is a duty of those at home, and the very best way to express joy at the coming of peace.

FOOLING THE PEOPLE.

It is cruel to deceive the people regarding the end of a war that has brought them so much sorrow. This was done yesterday, and in St. John as elsewhere there were found those willing to lend themselves to the deception. As a result there was premature rejoicing and celebration. The Times yesterday printed the rumor, but also the authoritative denial. The Associated Press during a long period of years has never fallen down in a really big news story, and when it denied the rumor that the armistice had been signed the Times was convinced the story was a hoax, and said so in reply to the torrent of enquiries pouring in. It is unfortunate that there were those more eager to spread a false story than to contradict it, and many people were completely deceived. They are wiser today. There will be a great celebration when the war really ends. It may end immediately, or drag along until revolution has convulsed Germany. Yesterday's experience will doubtless prompt the people to wait for reliable news from a reliable source.

SHOULD SIR ROBERT GO?

The Toronto Star does not take kindly to the suggestion that Sir Robert Borden should attend the peace conference. It thinks some other member should go, and the prime minister should not go as quickly as possible to deal with the pressing new problems which must be dealt with as soon as peace comes. We quote:—

"One of these mornings two or three hundred thousand munition workers in Canada will arise as usual and find their occupation gone. They will spend a day and a night in wild excitement celebrating the victorious ending of the war. And then what? So far as anybody can learn the government of Canada has made no provision whatever for that morning when hundreds of thousands of people all across Canada will look towards Ottawa and ask: 'What next? If the war should end tomorrow and the prime minister should be absent two months the country would face the greatest domestic problems of her history, and would be without a government just when she will need one more than she ever did before. If the war should end tomorrow our view is that some other than the prime minister should represent Canada at the Imperial war cabinet, and the Canadian government should be in almost continuous session at Ottawa, with the prime minister present, and the Canadian parliament called together as quickly as it is possible legally to do it."

"Even at best, if the utmost is done that a government in full action can do, the neglect of the administration to provide for the day, now nearly upon us, when two or three hundred thousand people will arise to find their occupation gone—and four hundred thousand soldiers will return to find no occupations waiting for them—will be difficult to remedy. There should be elaborate and comprehensive plans made in advance, and plenty of warnings of this were given."

Winter is coming upon us, and there is a fuel shortage to begin with. On top of this there will be precipitated the confusion caused by the cessation of war industries. The government will have a colossal job on its hands, and needs to be in a position to go at it with high daring and determination to see it through. Every useful, every really essential public work that will need doing even in the next five or ten years, like the deepening of canals, building of ships for the merchant service, rolling of railway rails, making good roads, the getting of contracts for supplies needed in the reconstruction of Belgium and France, the taking over from railways and corporations of lands

that are not in use and which those who would use them can only buy at fancy prices—all these and many other urgent questions having to do with our own reconstruction after the war need to be urgently and courageously dealt with, and there is no chance of it whatever unless we have an effective government on the job night and day."

THEY MUST HAVE FOOD

Peace will not bring plenty. Millions upon millions in Europe are short of food and if it is not supplied vast numbers of people will starve. Canada and the United States will be called on to spare every possible ounce of food to meet the needs of these unfortunate for the next year, and especially for the coming winter. Even Germany if her people accept the armistice terms may require a share of food, though obviously her turn will be the last. The liberated people of Belgium and France, and other people associated with the Allies have the first claim. Even Austria and Turkey have prior claims to those of Germany, and Russia, if she comes to herself, will be considered before the Central Powers. We are told that a survey is now being made to determine the world's food supply, and plans are being worked out to ration the needy nations as far as it can be done, under direction of the Allied governments. It will now be easier to get grain from India and Australia, but the quickest source of supply will still be the United States and Canada. This means that we must still conserve food to the utmost, for the appeal of starving people must not be ignored.

The feature of the evidence of the principals in the patriotic potato enquiry is their brazen effrontery. They treat the whole affair as lightly as if they had been playing the part of earnest patriots seeking to save a dollar for the province. Mr. B. Frank Smith's evidence yesterday does not square with his speech in the legislature. On his own showing he should resign his seat in the house. As for Mr. Dagget, his case is pitiable. Why did he not go on the stand at the outset and make the open confession which ministers tell us is good for the soul?

If St. John subscribes that \$3,000,000 it will have a right to celebrate. But if it fails?

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A "Croix de Guerre" was forwarded to local military headquarters yesterday from Ottawa, having been received from the French government to be awarded to Corporal H. Godson of the Canadian Cyclist Corps for distinguished bravery. Corporal Godson is still "carrying on" in France. The medal was forwarded to his mother, a resident of Annapolis, Kings county.

Friends of Charles Alcorn will be pleased to learn that he has won his commission and is now a lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps. He is a son of J. A. Alcorn, Imperial Oil Company.

Captain D. D. Freeze of Sussex, who was the medical officer with the 104th Battalion, has been awarded the military medal for distinguished conduct in the field. He is a son of Arthur Freeze of Sussex, judge of probate.

Lieut. Harry Barker of St. John, brother of Major L. W. Barker, has been awarded the Military Cross for bravery at the battle of Cambrai. Lieutenant Barker is a son of the late H. W. Barker. He is a graduate of Kingston Military College.

BUY VICTORY BONDS

Want Sharewood Back. Ottawa, Nov. 7.—Efforts are being made, it is understood, to induce Sir Percy Sherwood to retain his position as chief commissioner of dominion police. Owing to continued ill health, Sir Percy handed his resignation to the minister of justice some days ago.

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To Railway Commission. Ottawa, Nov. 7.—The government has appointed S. McLean and Dr. J. G. Rutherford, ex-M. P., to the two vacancies on the boards of railway commissioners caused by the expiry, last September, of the ten-year term of office of Darcy Scott, assistant chief commissioner, and Commissioner McLean.

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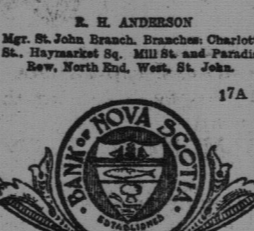
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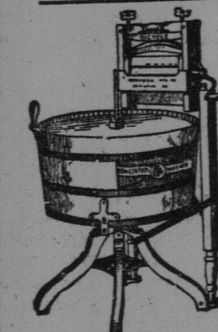


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Britain Takes Prompt Action

Creates a Department of Demobilization and Re-settlement for Army and Navy

London, Nov. 7.—(British Wireless Service).—The British government has created a civil department of demobilization and resettlement responsible to the ministry of labor under a controller

general. At the request of the prime minister, Sir Stephenson Kent has consented to become controller general. The department will deal with all questions affecting re-employment and resettlement of the navy and army and the air forces, and of civil war workers. The controller general will have at his disposal the staff and machinery of the employment department of the ministry of labor.

The functions of the labor department, of the admiralty and of the ministry of munitions will be transferred to the ministry of labor as soon as is convenient and the necessary staff will be attached to the new organization.

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And "the progress of the French revolution, arrested at the Congress of Vienna, has been extended," by the collapse of Austria and Turkey, according to the New York Tribune.

Instead of Germany consolidating an Empire in Central Europe, interested observers now see the Allies encouraging the development of a group of small independent nations between the Alps and the Carpathians, between the Adriatic and the Danube, and in Western Europe. Yet the political task of building the new from the ruins of the old is never a simple one. The task ahead of us in Central Europe can, editors declare, be compared only to "unscrambled eggs." The far-reaching importance of the surrender of Austria and Turkey is clearly outlined in the leading articles in THE LITERARY DIGEST for November 9th. It explains all the many ramifications of the subject, and is illustrated by helpful maps.

The United States Army's "Post of Honor" in the Battle

Summing Up the Four Weeks' Fighting of the American Forces North of Verdun

Peace to Make Food Scarcer
German Toys Not Wanted
Mr. Wilson's "Cowboy Brutality"
Plain Words for William From His People
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"An Ambassador of the Dead"
Vacuum-Picked Cotton
"Cleaning Up" the Orchestras
Evil Effects of Competitive Missions
The Best of the Current Poetry
Personal Glimpses of Men and Events

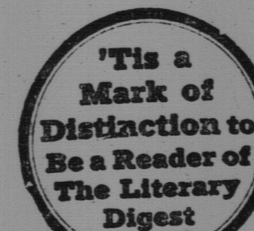
A Healthier, Wealthier, Wiser Land
German Colonies as "U-Boat" Bases
Indian Leaders Dubious of Home Rule
Invisible Wounds
Leviathans of the Rails
Sounding Niagara's Rapids
Emancipation of Stone henge
Turgenev's Failure
The Religious "Communication Trench"
News of France and Commerce

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