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HOW LONG WILL THE WAR LAST

By ROBERT W. SNEDDON.

THE celebrated French economist, Leroy-Beaulieu, the other day delivered before the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences an interesting study of the economic questions raised by the war.

He commenced by showing that nearly one-half the human race is directly or indirectly engaged in the war, estimating the total habitants of the world as 1700 millions. The belligerent nations represent a total of 437 millions. On the side of the Allies, 321 millions, made up as follows: Russia, 171 millions; France, 39 and a half millions; Serbia, 7 and a half millions; Montenegro, half a million; Japan, 53 and a half millions. Opposed to them are 116 millions. Germany accounts for 66 and a half millions; Austria-Hungary, 49 and a half millions.

847 Millions Involved.

Add to this amount the 410 millions of the respective colonies—320 millions in British India, 25 millions in British Africa, and 63 millions distributed among the various colonial possessions of other European states, engaged in the war—a grand total of 847 millions.

In speaking of the apparent inequality of numbers of the two sides, he pointed out that the solid military organization of Germany and her half a century of warlike preparations at the moment balanced the preponderance of the numbers upon whom the Allies could draw, but that Germany was approaching her maximum armed force, and the indefinite numbers of the Russian and British reinforcements would be factors more and more against her if the war continued. As to the difference between France and Germany, the present population should not furnish a basis of calculation. Take it that only men over twenty years are called out, then the total of availables should be based on the population of the two countries twenty years ago. At that time, Germany had 52 millions and France 39 millions.

All the Young Men.

It has been proved that a war engaging all the young men and those of middle age is possible. In the two Balkan wars, a tenth of the population was in the field. In spite of this fact Serbia was able to-day to employ an efficient army.

How long will the war really last? Mr. Leroy-Beaulieu states that falling

absolutely decisive issues, which are unlikely under conditions of modern warfare, the duration of the war will depend on the non-combatants. Social life is not disturbed beyond the zone of fighting, and only two industries are indispensable: the manufacture of food stuffs, and of munitions of war.

Can be Cut Down.

In connection with this question, external commerce can be cut down to a minimum, but can not be entirely suppressed. That is true as regards maritime races when the sea is free to them. It is less true for peoples without access to the sea, or water into which their rivers flow. So that Germany will suffer and weaken. She is blockaded and cannot produce more than three-fourths of her food supplies, while at the same time she is deprived of special products required for the manufacture of war implements—copper, nickel, even iron, petrol, rubber, as well as cotton, jute.

There is nothing economical or physical to prevent the war from lasting a long time. If nothing decisive happens on the field, the war may be expected to last six or seven months and perhaps longer. In any event, in view of the respective forces and their facilities for increase, the luck would appear to be more and more in favour of the Allies.

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He had on his body particulars showing he had killed no fewer than fifty officers, and it was apparently a rule of the German War Office to reward him for each officer killed when the claim had been scrutinized and allowed. The sniper was required to state the exact position where the officer was killed and give particulars about his regiment and so on, and no claim was allowed until it was tested by reference to casualty lists in the British newspapers.

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In "Fiction" Lord Wolseley took with him only Macaulay's "History and Essays." During the Mutiny and China War he had two volumes of Snodgrass, "that contained all his best plays. At a later period he always carried with him in the field a Prayer Book, Thomas a Kempis, and "The Soldier's Pocket Book."

For distant expeditions were included, under the head of "History," Cressy's "Decisive Battles," Plutarch's "Lives," Voltaire's "Charles XII," Froude's "Caesar," and Hume's "England." Finally, he depended on a "well-organized postal service" for a regular weekly supply of newspapers.

There was general dissatisfaction Friday on the departure of our soldier boys. Persons who had relations going away found it very hard to get down on the wharf, while others who knew the Powers that Be seemed able to get anywhere. One gentleman, to our knowledge, who had two sons going, was prevented from entering the Furness shed by the Canadian commander.

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We who count crowns absurdity, Mistaken your blood, scarce knew your name. Admire a wonder known to fame. A King who fights for liberty.

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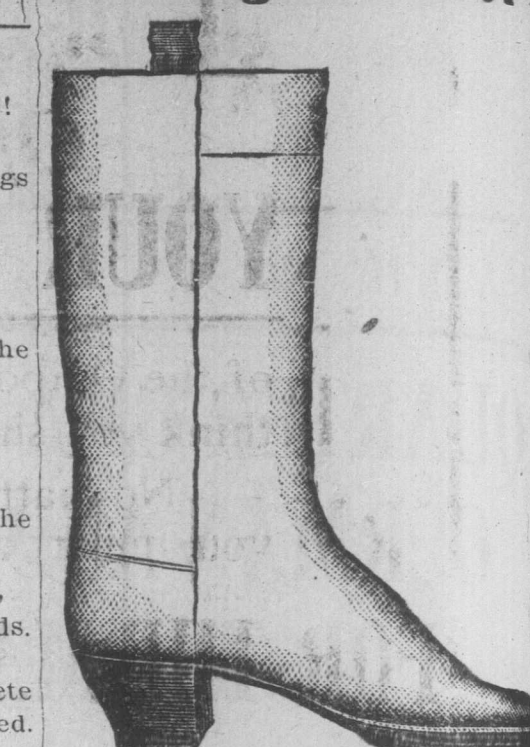
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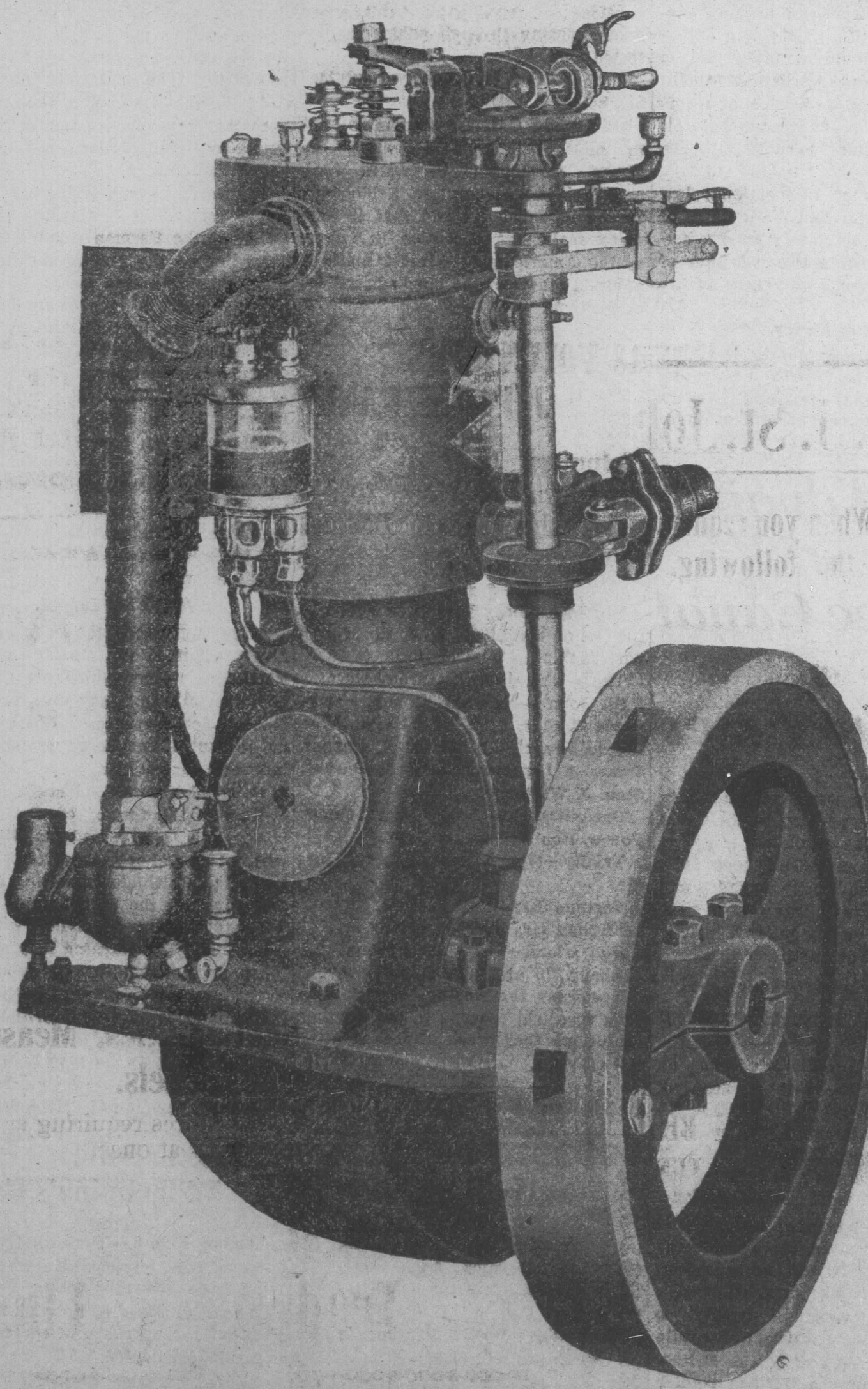
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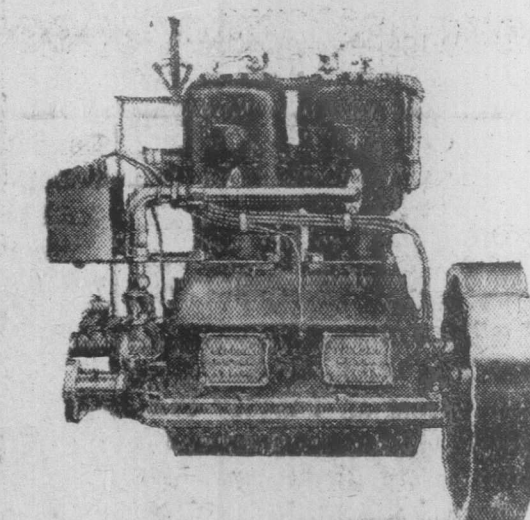


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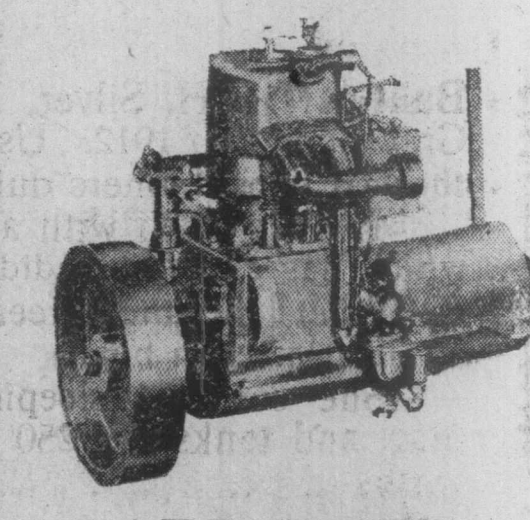
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