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THIS SHOULD MEAN WAR

The torpedo that sank the Arabic is Germany's answer to the last note from President Wilson of the United States. That the severance of diplomatic relations between the two countries shall follow this crime would seem to be inevitable. The Arabic was an American owned ship and had American passengers on board. That they are not dead is not due to any consideration on the part of the Germans. They torpedoed the vessel without warning. She was not a troopship, nor was she going to England with munitions. She was en route to America, with American passengers on board. That fact should have protected her from attack, but it did not, and her sinking cannot by any stretch of the imagination be construed as other than a "deliberately unfriendly" act. As such it must be resented by the American government. Today's speeches indicate that some Americans lost their lives, but the mere fact that an attempt was made to murder them should be sufficient, and the comment of the American press leaves no doubt as to the feelings of the people. The New York Tribune declares it is time "to have done with a nation which has repudiated every scrap of international law," and calls for the withdrawal of the American ambassador from Berlin. However much the people of the United States may be averse to war they realize that German victory would destroy liberty in Europe and involve trouble for their own country in the future. American independence would not be possible under a new order of things which would enable Germany to make another bid for world domination. The blood of the American people must surely be aroused today. Their just claims have been flouted by Germany. Another Lusitania murder on the high seas has been attempted. President Wilson has been patient and long suffering, but his friends will cease to admire either his patience or his patriotism if his reply to the German murderers is not prompt and decisive.

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION

Discussing the situation after the fall of Warsaw the New York World said: "In estimating the consequences of Germany's triumph in Poland, due allowance must be made for the tremendous demands made upon its armies in overcoming the Russians. It would be fantastic to assume that a large part of the Kaiser's forces can be immediately swung back to the western front and ready for a vigorous campaign against the French and English. An army, although victorious, must suffer a fearful loss in strength and energy in such a campaign as the German armies have gone through in the east, and inevitably require a considerable period for recuperation. In the meantime, unless the Germans succeed at once in driving home their attack and in smashing to pieces the Russian army, the enemy will have the same opportunity as themselves to rest and reorganize. Germany cannot with safety advance much further into Russia. The task of beating Russia is still so formidable as to challenge Germany's full strength on the eastern front."

Despite further gains by the Germans the world's remarks are still true. The Russian armies are still in the field, and until they are smashed the enemy cannot afford to withdraw his forces.

AFTER THE WAR

Referring to a Paris cable to the effect that when business recommences in France after the war there will be a great demand for rolling stock for the reconstruction. And this is where Canada will benefit. Our steel industry is at present actively engaged on all sorts of war orders, but on the cessation of warfare it is almost certain that reconstruction will be started at once, to prevent world-wide financial calamity. The Paris despatch indicates a probable deficiency in a product Canada is well equipped to manufacture on short notice. No doubt there are a thousand and one similar requirements, and with the co-operation of the Canadian government our manufacturers should enjoy a big export business with the several Allied governments in Europe.

There is much to support this view of the case, and Canada will certainly be in a position to furnish much material needed in Europe in the reconstruction period after the war. This great work must be financed and carried on, even if, as the Financial Times says, posterity must pay the price. It would be absurd to suggest a boom anywhere on the heels of this devastating conflict, but there must be reconstruction on a colossal scale, and Canada must by virtue of her position and resources share in the industrial and financial benefits.

ALL SHOULD CONTRIBUTE

Mr. G. K. Chesterton issues another stirring appeal for further relief of the million and a half of starving people in Belgium. He reminds the world of its debt to Belgium, which "lived for Europe." There is no immediate prospect of driving the Germans out of that country, where they committed so many crimes that shocked humanity; and we can readily understand how the unhappy Belgians, with such an enemy sitting on their already ravaged land, must suffer a constant martyrdom, that will be harder than ever to bear when the winter season comes upon them. With so many deserving appeals great force is added to the plea that we should lend less for essential things and give more aid in bringing the war to an end, and taking care of its victims. In Canada today the chief business should be the prosecution of the war; and yet we are recruiting slow and the Patriotic Fund dwindling, though the demands upon it are growing greater every month. It is true that when we look back over the past year and review all that Canada has done, and reflect upon the great development of the giving spirit among the people, the record is wonderful; but, on the other hand, this war has brought Canada and the Empire, as Sir Rider Haggard told us, "at grips with fate," and the sacrifices already made must be followed by others more great before peace is restored and the world freed from the curse of Prussian militarism. The war is not of our choosing, but we cannot evade the issue. What we have must hold, at whatever cost. Those who cannot fight can still serve in some capacity, and even the smallest contributions count for much when they are taken in the aggregate.

THE ONLY REASON THE LOSS OF THE ARABIC

The only reason the loss of the Arabic was not another Lusitania horror was that there were not so many people on board.

IF THE UNITED STATES AND THE BALKAN STATES

could now join the Allies, the general outlook would undergo a notable change for the better.

A RUSSIAN EXPERT ESTIMATES GERMAN LOSSES

at more than 6,000,000 since the war began, basing his estimate on a portion of the German casualty lists as published.

THE 33RD BATTALION, OF ONTARIO,

offers to go at once to take the place of the thousand British troops lost by the sinking of the Royal Edward. That is the right spirit, and it is typical of the soldiers of Canada, when they have donned the king's uniform.

THE 39TH BATTALION NEEDS 200 MEN

New Brunswick should supply them within a week. Nova Scotia is rapidly filling up the ranks of the 64th after having filled those of the 40th. Is there something wrong with our recruiting methods and treatment of the men in this province?

THE STANDARDS SHOULD REMEMBER

that Sir Wilfrid Laurier long ago invited Sir Robert Borden to declare that there would be no election until after the war. Sir Wilfrid still awaits Sir Robert's answer. It is nevertheless evident that Canada needs better leadership, and that Sir Robert should reorganize his government.

THE NEWS FROM THE RUSSIAN FRONT

is somewhat conflicting, but the Russian armies are still safe and the Germans have beyond question suffered heavy losses during the last few weeks. Advancing farther from their base, they must find the problem of transport and supplies more difficult; while the Russians, if retreating, are still very far from being beaten.

THE LATE MR. THOMAS R. HILYARD

was prominent in the life of the old town of Portland and later of the enlarged city. He saw the flourishing days of the shipbuilding business, and its decline. He was intimately connected with the lumber trade and apart from his business took an active interest in the affairs of the city. A straightforward, plain-spoken, honorable man, he retained throughout his life the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

TODAY'S NEWS FROM THE BALKANS

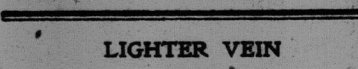
is more satisfactory, from the standpoint of the Allies. The territorial question which has been the subject of negotiations between Serbia and Bulgaria seems near to a satisfactory settlement, although there is still some doubt about Greece. The active assistance of Bulgaria, Roumania and Greece would be of enormous value to the Allies at this moment, for it would break the back of Turkey and confront Austria with a formidable new enemy.

IF THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED VALLEY RAILWAY BRIDGE

across the St. John is found to be satisfactory, will the federal government build the bridge? There is a new deal, and the provincial government has taken over the stock of the St. John & Quebec Railway Co. and named new officers; but there is still no authoritative statement in reply to the conflicting stories about the route to St. John. If the board of trade has any information it should be given to the people without delay. There has been too much humbug as well as graft in connection with this railway.

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LIGHTER VEIN

Timid Officer (as Private Atkins worms his way toward the enemy—"You fool! Come back at once!" "Tommy—No hally fear, sir! There's a hornet in the trench.")

Just the Reason Judge (of divorce court)—"Aren't you attached to your husband?" Plaintiff—"Certainly. I came here to be detached."

Risky Cavalry Sergeant—"I told you never to approach a horse from the rear without speaking to him. First thing you know they'll kick you in the head, and we'll have a bunch of lame horses on our hands."

Not Dangerous "You criticize us," said the Chinese visitor, "yet I see all your women have their feet bandaged."

The Hero First Tramp—"You seem very 'appy about it. Wo's up?" Second Tramp (reading Mr. Asquith's Guildhall speech)—"Here's me 'is gals' without luxuries all this time, an' I've only jus' found out that I've been 'elvin' the country to win this war."

Her Happy Task Several members of a woman's club were chatting with a little daughter of their hostess.

"I suppose you are a great help to your ma'am?" said one.

"Oh, yes," replied the little miss, "and so is Ethel; but today it is my turn to count the spoons after the company is gone."

A Match for "Tad" "T. A. Dorgan, the cartoonist, was trying to hire a chauffeur the other day," says Caricous Magazine, "and went about it in his usually breezy style. When the first applicant appeared, 'Tad' said: 'Of course, I want a man who can speak French, play pinocle, carry a horse and make a Jack Rose cocktail!'"

"Well, I can do 'em all and still have a few tricks up my sleeve," said the chauffeur with becoming modesty.

"Tad" looked him over and then said, suddenly: "I don't know. When I lamp your face and see your horn pointed up that way it strikes me that you are a hard drinker, and I don't want any hard drinkers driving a car for me and running me over some picturesque cliff!"

"You are wrong," said the driver. "I am not a hard drinker. It comes easy to me!"

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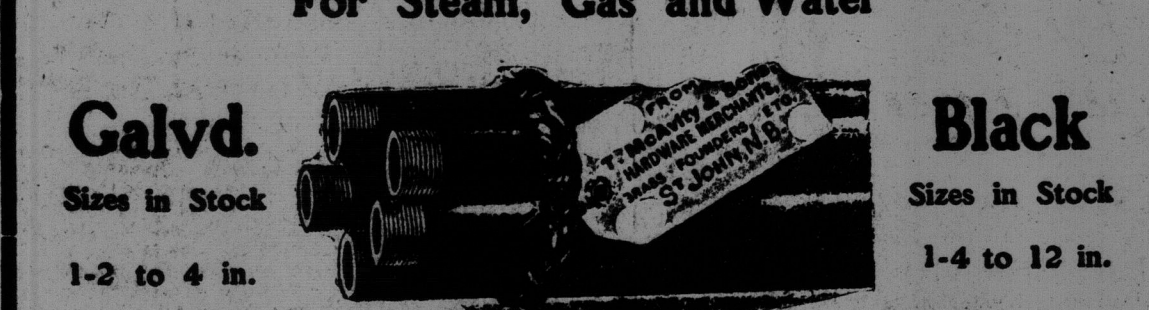
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COMMUNITIES AS HOSTS.

American Lumberman—In these days when nearly every person is a traveler by railroad train, by automobile or by other convenient, every community is the voluntary or involuntary host of hundreds of visitors annually.

When it is consciously host and prepares to entertain its guests it acquires itself creditably; but there are many times when it is unconsciously placed in the position of host, and in such cases, though it is not an unwilling host nor intentionally neglectful, it fails to attend properly to the details that when properly attended to contribute much to the comfort and pleasure of visitors.

Generally the traveler by train is more deliberate and his trips are more prepared to entertain in the traveler by automobile. He is likely to go only to visit relatives and other friends and is therefore assured of a welcome and of the attentions due him as a guest. But the automobile tourist goes wherever he finds beautiful scenery, good roads, modern hotel accommodations and other attractions, not the least of which in his opinion is a friendly atmosphere. Unlike a comparatively recent time automobilists were unwelcome in many communities, and they are so still in a few; but in general they are no longer looked upon as interlopers and law breakers but as respectable travelers to whom all the customary courtesies are to be extended.

In most sections, in fact, many communities have been devised especially to attract these tourists; among which are ample points and highway signs giving information about roads, routes and distances, so that the trips of these travelers may be expedited and made as enjoyable as possible. Hence when highways are blocked for any cause, as when bridges are out or improvements and repairs are being made, it is desirable that special signs be posted at considerable distances from the obstructions informing drivers regarding the route to take to avoid delay and other inconveniences incident to turning around in difficult or dangerous places.

Road signs giving necessary information to travelers are very much like hands of welcome extended by the community, and they are likely to beget in the automobilist a kindly feeling for the community and a desire to observe its laws and otherwise respect its rights and wishes. Therefore, even if a community had the right to do so, it could not afford to allow the placing of obstructions in the way of travelers; and to allow such obstructions even when they are necessary without warning travelers is a discourtesy that no community should willingly be guilty of.

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