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### WAR AND PANIC

Germany had not declared war upon Russia at noon, in spite of a New York despatch to that effect; but "a state of war" had been proclaimed in Germany, giving the military charge of the country, and the next step, at any hour now, may be a declaration of war against the Czar. This was London's interpretation of the situation early this afternoon.

With every stock exchange in the world closed, with a run on the Bank of England, an upward leap in the price of wheat, the forced suspension of liquidation in stocks to prevent a financial debacle, and everyone of the big European nations straining at the leash, the situation this morning is one of stress and strain and of ghastly possibilities such as our generation has never before experienced. It far outdoes the days of Foshoda and of Agadir in gravity and in peril. At any hour may come Armageddon.

Great Britain will be drawn into war the moment the German sword comes out of the scabbard. Canada, an integral and loyal part of the Empire, will instantly accept its full measure of responsibility in the expenditure of blood and treasure. Our country's duty and its honor, and the call of the blood demand such a declaration from our people and they will be found more than equal to the obligation. War is to be lamented and to be avoided so long as it can be avoided with honor—but no longer. When the British Lion moves by field and by flood to meet the challenge of the foe the Lion's whelps must keep step. And they will.

### SIR WILFRID LAURIER

There is a quickened beat of the pulse of the Liberal party in New Brunswick because of the promised visit of the revered chieftain, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He is assured a demonstrative welcome. That this is his due, even his most bitter political opponents cannot gainsay. Their interest or their bias may keep them silent among their applauding fellows, but none there is who can say that the record of the great Canadian has been other than to add lustre to our statesmanship. Few leaders have held so firmly the allegiance of their followers over such a span of years; none, perhaps, through the days of triumph as well as defeat, have so well retained the admiration of opponents.

### ANSWERING THE PRAYER FOR BREAD

The latest bulletin of the Bureau of Labor of the United States government devotes itself to a study of the middleman's contribution to the cost of wheat and flour to the consumer. No doubt the middleman is responsible for a large part of the increase in the cost of living, but so far as the millers are concerned, this report exonerates them from the charge of exacting an unreasonable toll. The statement of one miller visited was: "I will contract to grind all the wheat you will bring us, give you all the flour made, and in addition furnish the sacking for your flour, provided I may have the feed for my pigs?" Competition is generally keen in the business of handling wheat and flour, and the element of speculation is never absent. There may at times be local agreements as to prices, and occasionally a man or group of men may attempt a corner in wheat, but the field is so broad and so easily entered that no monopoly can be maintained.

No man is in the wheat business save for the profit he hopes to make, but the percentages which are taken by the various hands through which the wheat passes is not sufficient to make a perceptible difference in the weekly budget of the average family. The farmer delivers his wheat to the operator of the country elevator who tests, weighs and receives it. The elevator operator usually buys at about three cents per bushel under the price at which he can sell on track at the time. Competition generally keeps him down to a margin of about three cents; a decline in the wheat market at the time of shipping may turn his apparent profit into a loss, and on the other hand, an advance may give him a larger profit than he anticipated. The

report states that elevator margins have been about the same since 1906. The commission men receive one cent a bushel for handling wheat. Jobbers make what they can but they figure on about one cent a bushel. A fortunate purchase or sale or a change in the market may cause a good profit, while some adverse conditions may make the transaction a losing one. The terminal elevator charges add another cent to the toll. In Kansas City the charge is one cent per bushel for the first twenty days or part thereof, and one-fourth of a cent for each subsequent day.

It is the transportation companies that first begin to exact the large tolls. Taking the state of Kansas, the report says that a fair estimate of the average rate from the hard wheat area in Kansas to Kansas City is about twelve cents per 100 pounds or 7.2 cents per bushel. Hauling from the prairie to the sea must make a very considerable addition to the cost per bushel. The four jobber takes as his toll about an average of fifty cents per quarter-barrel sack—forty-eight or forty-nine pounds.

All who undertake to answer the world's prayer for bread, do so of course from the profit they expect to make. The farmer of necessity takes great risks. He invests his labor and seed, the use of his land, power and tools. He assumes the risk of making a crop or of having a whole or a partial failure, and he assumes the risk of the price per bushel of the wheat he may harvest. A year of good crops may mean a competence, an adverse year may mean the loss of his land, the foreclosure of the mortgage and the piteous of poverty. Any year he may find the government under the control of the protected interests, and the latter straddled on his back like the old-man-of-the-sea, exacting their tribute. Indeed, in Canada this is an evil more to be dreaded than rust or snow in harvest. It is the ultimate calamity for the farmer.

This report does not consider the baking of flour into bread, but home baking is greatly decreasing throughout the country and the percentage of flour passing through the bakery is rapidly increasing. If home baking were more common it might have some effect in decreasing the cost of living. But a point that should be emphasized is the importance of milling to a country that produces wheat. The mills are said to sell flour in bulk at the mills at less than the cost of the wheat required to make it. The cost of manufacture, the profit, and the loss of the flour is covered by the value of the by-product—feed. St. John is in an ideal position to become a milling centre, and the by-product would originate and stimulate many other industries.

War between Austria and Serbia is had enough, but if all Europe becomes drawn into it the world will be staggered as never since the days of Austerlitz and Waterloo.

Canadian troops are ready to bear a hand should Britain become involved in war. But what of assistance to the Empire at sea? Australia and New Zealand have battalions to place at the disposal of the admiralty, but Sir Robert Borden is found wanting in face of a real "emergency."

The importance of the police inquiry now being held here must not be lost sight of in the happenings of world wide interest demanding such general attention. Already there have come to the front facts which make it patent that better conditions must be brought about.

There has been relief from the blasting nuisance at Courtenay Bay for some time, but some charges set off last night seemed to have gathered the might of many. The city was shaken. It is to be hoped that this business will not again have to be made the subject of complaints and further action.

Again we hear that the provincial government mean to throw Premier Fleming overboard and will try to hold together under re-organization. The people will not permit this manipulation. The government members must answer to them and that very soon. There must be an election.

Differences of the moment, some of them serious enough, are sunk by the rival parties in the Mother Land and Britain stands sturdily ready for eventualities. She wants peace and still strives hard to prevent a great war, but if it must come it will find her sons shoulder to shoulder, irrespective of party affiliations.

"The wretched sex war is making men less courteous to women and women more aggressive to men," said Lord Cromer in a speech opposing woman suffrage. He declared he could not see why an imprisoned woman who refused to take food should not be permitted to commit suicide if she wanted to.

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"How do you make that out?"

"That's where the circus shows when it comes to town."

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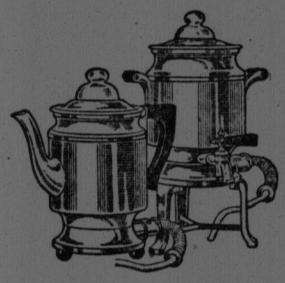
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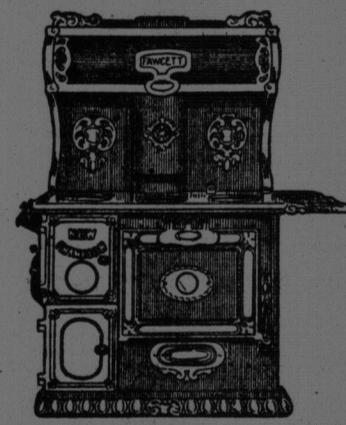
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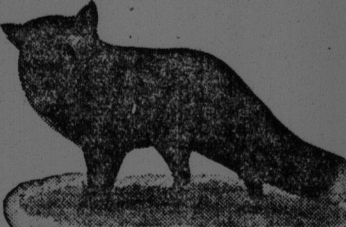
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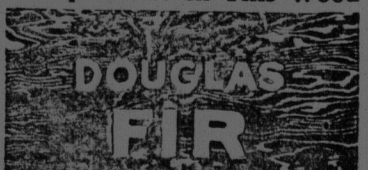
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