

ceding years, we should not now dream of asking commissions to investigate unemployment when tens of thousands of the inhabitants of Toronto are in doubt as to how they will survive the winter. The Commission will feel its position keenly, as the latest thing in government.

The situation which the Commission

will hope to cure, is a hindrance to our giving all the devotion to the war that we ought to give. Anything that helps us to realize what the pass is to which we have come is true propaganda for the war. We must march right up to the facts, or we are no soldiers of the King in the fight for supremacy over our own shortcomings.

REPUBLIC'S CONCERN IN CANADIAN FATE

Canada and United States now on basis of permanent neighborhood;
higher and broader democracy must come.

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THE CANADIAN WAR has a great mission. It may be assumed that the object of the publication is to interpret to the people of Canada this unspeakable world crisis. That being the case, it is well within the bounds of truth to say that the presses of Canada never undertook to put ink to paper for the accomplishment of a greater purpose.

We all need to realize that this war is not merely fighting, bleeding and dying. If that were all, we of the United States might look on with no more complex feeling than pity and regret, and you of Canada might safely add to the moral burden which all civilized men must bear the additional one of considering how many fighting men you ought to furnish, or whether you should furnish any. Mere blind patriotism might safely be your guide, if that were all.

Insufferably Obedient.

But of course there is much more in the crisis than that. There is in it the question of what sort of forces shall rule the world in the future, and by what means those forces shall rule. Shall the great power of the future be the highly organized, highly efficient, insufferably obedient type of Germanic nationality, governed by a close corporation of princes, landlords and captains of industry, wielding world power by

means of an incredible military efficiency; or shall democracy rule?

This is the question on which Canada votes in this war; and unless she votes knowing why, unless the moral and mental conviction accompanies the act, she will receive the maximum of evil from her participation in the war and the minimum of good.

The average man in the United States is in agreement with the best thought of the country on the relations of Canada to the European war. There is an almost universal feeling here that when Canada drew the sword she took a step of the most tremendous importance to the United States.

Permanent Neighborhood.

Very few citizens of the United States can be found who are unaware of the fact that a German victory in the war might establish in Germany a paper title to the sovereignty of Canada — a paper title which Germany might expect to reduce to possession at some time in the future. Very few Americans can be found who are unaware of the fact that no such reduction to possession would be consented to by the United States.

There is an almost universal feeling of regret that the Germans, whom we all admire and to whom many millions of us are even more closely related by