

Mother of the Gods, and in Romance the Primal Mother appears as the Queen or fairy godmother."

In the East Indian legend, it is the Father, "of the race of the Sun," whose offspring or replica of himself is hidden in the dark, buried in the ashes or dirt until the Royalty of Intelligent Spirituality awakes and restores it to glory.

Thus is a provincial name given to a great truth, and the label, caus-

ing controversy, destroys the essence of the lesson. The fairy tales of our childhood are not the product of any one man's brain, but the crystallizing of a universal law, and presented in such guise or costume as the people receiving it will understand.

These legends are older than time and wider than space, and have no more nationality than have the winds in the cedars of Lebanon.

Messages from British Columbia Soldiers

AN ALLEGATION CONCERNING DEMOBILIZATION

IN many cases, no doubt, the end of the war has been the beginning of romance. In other instances the men at the other side of the Atlantic, while not lacking in experiences there worth recording, are becoming impatient to be back at the life-work that awaits them.

"What are you folk over in Canada doing to get the soldiers demobilized?" asks one. "I hope you are not accepting as gospel all the statements of the government. They talk of 'speeding up' demobilization, but we actually believe they are wilfully retarding our return. When there was fighting to be done we did not mind, but inaction, and the consciousness that the years are slipping away, make us who are older, at any rate, feel deeply the injury those in authority are doing us. Politics, we believe, is the whole game—and let Mr. B. beware; the soldiers will not readily forget when the next election comes round."

In fairness to the authorities it should be added that less than three months had passed from the date of

the armistice at the time that correspondent wrote, and, viewed from this side, that does not seem a long time in which to arrange the demobilization of thousands of men. Besides, the British and other governments will naturally wish to be satisfied that sufficient soldiers are kept in training to deal with the situation as created by the unsettled and chronically-protesting German government.

A THEOLOG.'S PLAINT

"In my own case," continues this writer, "I made special application on account of age and necessity for an early return to my studies, but the reply is that no special arrangements are made for 'Theologs.' Only those who are of value to the country, or *words to that effect*, can be considered. Is the Church, then, become of no value to Canada? . . . I almost feel like saying, 'Farewell, Canada, there are other lands and other ways.' . . . This sounds like a long complaint, but I believe I have only stated the feelings of the men as a whole. We feel that those in office are serving their own ends, and it should not be so."