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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.  
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

## CONCERNING WAR MATERIAL.

The letter The Standard prints this morning from Mr. Colin McKay of the staff of this paper is worthy of careful perusal. It represents the opinion of the British press and British people as far as Mr. McKay has had an opportunity of gathering it. It will be noticed that what the writer says concerning the shortage of ammunition of certain class has been verified by the remarkably frank statement of Mr. Lloyd George in Manchester on Thursday. There is nothing in that utterance from which the decadence of England can be inferred, but it has been the habit of the English people to take things calmly, and, apparently, they are only now awakening to the magnitude of the task ahead of them.

Germany has been preparing for this war for many, many years. A few English statesmen realized this but not until the actual outbreak of hostilities was there any inkling of the thoroughness of the enemy's plans and preparations for a conflict which, Germany recognized, would mean either the dominant position in world affairs or elimination from the ranks of first class powers.

Of course the advantage, originally due to Germany's preparation for the conflict, and the comparative unpreparedness of her foes, suffers reduction by time. Germany is weaker now than when the war opened, while the available forces and resources of the British Empire have been increased. At the outbreak of war the British army was lamentably small but the stream of men poured into the battlefields of France and Flanders has, of course, resulted in greatly increasing that force. The drain on munitions was unprecedented and unexpected and it may be assumed that what shortage there is is due largely to the fact that it was necessary for Britain to supply not only her own armies but to send large quantities of stores and ammunition to the nations allied with her.

Mr. Lloyd George put the case concisely and dispassionately when he said: "I come here to tell you the truth. Unless you know it, you cannot be expected to make sacrifices. Our Russian Allies have suffered a severe setback. The Germans have achieved a great success, not because of superior valor of their soldiers or strategy of their generals. The German triumph is due entirely to superior equipment, an overwhelming superiority of shot and shell and munitions and equipment. It was a battle won by the use they made of their skilled industries, and especially by the superior organization of German workshops. "Two hundred thousand shells were concentrated in a single hour on the heads of the gallant Russians. Had we been in a position to apply the same process to the Germans on our front the Germans would have been turned out of France and driven half way across the devastated plain of Flanders. They would have been well out of the country they had tortured and tormented with dastardly cruelty. More than that, we should have actually penetrated Germany."

Canada is helping to furnish munitions for the use of the troops at the front. It is estimated that the total output of Canadian factories is 30,000 shells each day. This is good but it is not sufficient. It is time now to organize Canadian industries so that when the call comes it will be possible to turn every machine shop in the country into a manufactory of munitions of war. The Dominion has done nobly in the matter of men, but the duty has not ended there. We must work in the factory as well as the field. It is not wise to delude ourselves. The British Empire is in for a long and desperate war and must be prepared to make every sacrifice to carry it through to a satisfactory termination. That such sacrifice will be made, and that the Empire's cause will triumph, is certain, but it is now the general opinion that resolute predictions of a speedy conclusion of hostilities are still far from fulfillment.

## TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION.

Further evidence of the growth of temperance sentiment is found in the legislation introduced in the province of Saskatchewan, which aims at a

gradual elimination of the liquor traffic from that province. Not long ago the Government of New Brunswick, by its amendments to the Liquor License Act, adopted the most advanced temperance legislation to be placed on the statute books of any Canadian province. The measure, while tending to the advancement of the cause of temperance, also recognized the rights of the men engaged in the liquor business and accorded fair treatment to both sides. Saskatchewan legislation, while different in its terms, is also fair. It entails a loss of revenue to the province, but it is believed this will be more than offset by the benefits to be obtained when that province becomes wholly dry. At present the Saskatchewan measure looks like commendable legislation.

## A BANKER AND THE TARIFF.

What may be regarded as an expert opinion on Canada's war tariff was expressed at the annual meeting of the Merchants' Bank of Canada the other day. Mr. Hadden, general manager of that institution spoke in terms of satisfaction with the proposals and action taken thereon by the Canadian Minister of Finance when the war broke out and disrupted the commercial arrangements of the world. "What was done in Canada, as what was done in Great Britain involved certain departures from rules previously supposed to govern financial institutions in times of peace, and under normal conditions, but extraordinary circumstances called for special action to meet the new conditions."

The manager of the Merchants' Bank, in his opinion of the new tariff, is in complete accord with the views of other bankers and men at the head of financial institutions. Whatever the Liberals, for party purposes, may find to say about Hon. Mr. White's tariff proposals the general opinion of Canadians is that the Finance Minister handled a complex question in an eminently satisfactory manner. The results have amply justified the policy adopted, and have helped the country's trade to absorb the shock of events with the least dislocation.

## ROUMANIA

It is now reported that Germany and Austria have decided that they cannot make the concessions demanded by Roumania as the price of her neutrality and the likelihood is that she will soon enter the war on the side of the Allies. Such action was expected as soon as it became definitely known which side Italy would take, for there has been an understanding between Bucharest and Rome as well as a decided affinity between the people of the two nations. It is understood that Roumania stands ready to put into the field an army of from half a million to one million men, well armed and equipped for the work to be done. Of course her aid is greatly desired by the Allies, not so much because it is absolutely necessary as for the reason that she can close a gap on the Austrian frontier and can probably hasten the termination of hostilities.

Naturally Roumania has been disposed to seek terms from the Allies and from Berlin and there is the suspicion that her support could have been secured by the side prepared to pay the greatest price. Germany and Austria have decided that she asked more than they could give, so they have probably been eliminated as bidders for her arms.

The next stage of the proceedings will probably be announced from Bucharest in the form of a decision to send her armies to the field.

## Current Comment

New Hymn of Hate.  
We Hate the British with deadly Hate.  
We Hate the French with a Hate that's great.

The Russians we Hate at a horrible rate.

We Hate the Belgians, early and late.

And one of our most virulent Hates is directed against the United States.

We haven't time now to enumerate The whole long list of those we Hate.

But this is where we arise to state That a special XXX blend of Hate Goes now to that cursed, worthless state.

We counted on to do our work.

The shirking, Unspeakable Turk!

—Manitoba Free Press

## Murder and a Gravel.

Germany endeavors to justify the attack of her submarine on the Lusitania by the contention that the Lusitania was an armed cruiser.

If Germany did not know that beforehand, then there was no justification for the attack.

If Germany did know it beforehand, then all she had to do was to protest to the United States before the Lusitania left New York, and the Lusitania would have been interned.

Evidently either the defence is a crawling afterthought, or the Germans preferred to attack the ship and murder her passengers rather than stop the ship and her ammunition from leaving New York. Probably both.

He who hesitates is not always lost. It is better to hesitate than vacillate.

## A Constructive Tariff.

(Monetary Times.)

The new tariff, which is naturally a subject for divided opinion, will at least bring into Canada further branch industries from the United States. A maker of cereal foods in the Southern States, for instance, is finding it difficult to compete in Canada under the new tariff. He is now considering the building of a branch plant in Canada, which means the employment of additional capital and labor here. This view is taken by the American Consul in Toronto, who states in a recent report that the war tariff will give a stimulus to the movement of United States factories to Canada.

## Brilliant and Unsullied.

(Boston Transcript.)

The submarine game is one which two or more can play. This is not a novel proposition, but it is one whose truth is in danger of being overlooked. The performances of the German submarines which have culminated in the Lusitania massacre, may have caused many to forget that the British underwater craft have a record of brilliant achievements unsullied by atrocity of any kind. Two of them have recently been working havoc among the Turkish gunboats and transports in the Sea of Marmora.

## Men For Kitchener

Air, "Marching Through Georgia."

We are coming, Khartoum Kitchener, three hundred thousand more, To fight as Britons always fight, upon a foreign shore.

To dig or snipe or charge, whatever the call of war, Under the flag of the Empire.

## Chorus:

Hurrah! Hurrah! We're bound to do the work To drive the foe before us, whether "Boche" or Turk; Be sure we'll do our duty. Not a man will shrink, As we march beneath the flag of the Empire.

We are coming, Khartoum Kitchener, three hundred thousand strong, And if more you want, there's more to come along

To face the hell of shot and shell with a cheerful song, Under the flag of the Empire.

## Chorus:

We are coming, Khartoum Kitchener, three hundred thousand steady, Good shots and healthy men, for every service ready; We'll drink tea and water, put by all liquor heady, Under the flag of the Empire.

## Chorus:

We are coming, Khartoum Kitchener, three hundred thousand men, To finish up the wolves, clean out their noisome den; When the job is finished we'll gladly see home again, Under the flag of the Empire.

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## Jewels and Junk.

## Problems.

(London Advertiser.)  
This question of the old straw hat—this problem of the new—It makes me most conclude to say, I don't know what to do—

The old lid is a shabby thing—a worse one never appeared—Its dirty band and punctured rim make it a thing most weird.

But it's been with me many moons, yes, with me many years; And it settles on my dome just so, and rests upon my ears.

These new straw lids they are a sight—they tell us that they're smart But when you don the dinky things, the folks all stare and start.

The crown goes tapering to the top, much like an ice cream cone, And the brims ain't worth a hill of beans in the old hot weather zone.

Perhaps we best stay neutral and wear the old black felt, 'Cause the weather man is keepin' us in the cool and showery belt.

A Kentucky water works expert who, when he is not waterworking, does a little expert predicting as a side line, is authority for the prophecy that New York will be inundated by a tidal wave and that San Francisco will be again destroyed by volcanic disturbances. All this is to happen within the next four weeks. The gentleman was educated in Germany so if he is no more reliable than other German products his failure to make good can be ascribed to his "kultur." Or possibly he has mixed the water with the more robust Kentucky product.

## Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

Pop was in the setting room reading the paper after supper yesterday, and I was hunting around trying to find my cap to go out and not being able to, and after a while pop looked over his paper at me, saying, May-be I can help you, Captain Kidd, just when did you berry this treasure, I'm hunting for my cap, I sed.

Well, sed pop, if Captain Kidd had half as much trouble remembering where he hid his treasure as you have remembering where you put your hat, no wonder there's so much of it still supposed to be buried. Its awn wun of these chares, I sed.

A cap awn the hed is wunth 2 awn the chare, if you dont no wat chare, sed pop.

It must be awn wun of these chares, because I remember setting awn a littel wile ago, I sed.

And I kapp awn hunting around the room and looking awn awl the chares, even making pop get up a cuppl of times so I cood look under him, and I coodent find it enyware.

It must be awn wun of these chares, I sed.

Well, wat must be, must be, at least so the fatalists say, sed pop. Because how cood I set awn it if it wasent awn a chare, I sed.

Ah, thais a fars questshin, and it gives me an idee, wood you mind terning around with yure back to the audients, sed pop.

Sir, I sed.

Tern around, sed pop.

Wich I did, and pop sed, Ah hah, the grate detective is rite wunts agen, yung man, feal in yure back pocket. Wich I did, and wat was thare but my cap.

Now do you understand how it was you calim to sit awn it, sed pop. Yes sir, I sed. And I put it awn and went out.

## A Cruel Shot.

The peevish one at the corner table summoned his waiter and to him addressed this novel inquiry:

"Waiter, have you ever been to the Zoo?"

"Why, sir, do you ask?" returned the astonished servitor.

"I repeat," demanded the peevish one, "Have you ever visited the Zoo?"

"Well, no, sir."

"You ought to go," growled the peevish one. "You'd enjoy seeing the tortoises whiz past!"

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