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# THE WAR AND HUMAN PROGRESS

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companions and there will be no ne d in history was about to begin.

of September of 1914, and that then mankind. some incident in the Balkans, very

position of the arts and industries of help him, he just goes on and does it. Was now to be peace among nations work we expect will live, there is not will-excepting his wife's.

the significance of this war? There er war. Within the next twenty there is not an artist whose work is are many answers that have been years there were some six wars looked up to as being anything more given and doubtless many more among our Western civilized count- than conventionally successful and that will be given. To me, however, ries. The Crimean War in '53, the yet here are we talking glibly about it seems that the only really satis- French-Italian-Austrian War in 1859, our progress. factory answer is that this war de- our Civil War in 1860, the war bet- The idea of progress has been emmonstrates that there is no progress ween Prussia and Denmark in 1864, phasized by the discussion of evoluin mankind. In recent years particu- the war between Prussia and Austria tion during the past century. The larly we have been laying the flatter- in 1866 and war between Germany and world and life and man were all to be ing unction to our souls that man is France n 1870. Statesmen and aca- explained by evolution. We now call constantly making progress, that this demicians who thought they had their the period in which those exaggerated

foundation for it laid. Popular edu- have we civilized, cultured people in ed some knowledge; we have learned hills north of that town, and apparentcation, the accumulation of wealth, the twentieth century. Let us see, to be more comfortable, but when- ly are waiting for the Austro-Germans the gradual use of that wealth for We were at war in the Phillipines in ever men are comfortable they never to make a move. great philanthropic projects, hospit- 1900, the Boer War began that year. do anything worth while, nearly every als, libraries, museums, halls for These were but slight unpleasantness- genius has had to starve, but suffering limelight as a result of disclosures peace among the nations and all the es, little baby wars, scarcely causing has brought out what was best in men rest were just so many indexes of the a ripple on the world's life surface, at all times. coming golden age upon earth which though costing more men and money Surely this war and the wars that to continue neutral or join with the

Suddenly in the midst of this nice old times. In 1904, however, came a twentieth century ought to make us complacent feeling of progress among good man-sized war. Just fifty years ask ourselves what we mean by the mankind comes the outbreak of the before we had sent a fleet over to world progress. There is a lot of greatest war that mankind has ever Japan and insisted that that back- nebulous misunderstanding about it. known. Some people said they were ward Oriental country should open Modernism is based on the idea that Russians to hold Galicia and Bukosurprised. Of course they did not her ports and come nto the comity of the men of our time know so much mean that because the nations had all the nations and be civilized. She more than did the generations of the been preparing for war for over a "caught on" to our civilization rather past that we ought not to be expected generation. More than half their re- rapidly and in fifty years she was to accept the philosophy and the revenues were being spent on war muni- ready to take on one of the big nations ligion that were quite good enough for Germans Guard tions. When Johnny's mother dis- in a great war-and lick her. Our them. Philosophy ought to be modicovered him in the jam closet, shortly civilization is a great thing and our fied to suit our thoughts and religion after his return from his first year at modern progress is very wonderful modernized to suit our progress, so boarding school, she said to him: when it can take an Oriental nation some people seem to think. But pro-"Johnny, I am surprised." "Oh, no, and do that with her in a scant half- press is an illusion. Men always remother," he said at once, for he had century. Japan's art was ruined, her main the same. They have various recently been receiving lessons on national life seriously disturbed, her interests and from time to time go up the distinctions in words. "You are Oriental ambitions aroused and now and down. There is practically nothnot surprised, I am surprised, you are we have the Yellow Peril. Let us not ing that we are doing now, not even astonished," and then Johnny's forget that westward the course of our great surgery, our hospitals, our mather was quite willing to let him Empire takes its way, and Japan is on preventive medicine that was not done go on at the jam because he was so that line of the north temperate zone before, and some of it better than in bright a boy, all of which Johnny o which all the great rulers of the our own time. Anaesthesia, antisepknew and appreciated-not only the world have lived. Then in 1909 came sis, pure drug laws, the recognition of jam but his own brightness and the war between Jurkey and Italy, in tuberculosis as contagious, the treatmother's feelings and the way to get 1912 the first Balkan War, in 1913 the ment of consumption by fresh air and second Balkan War, and then Mexico good food-all these are old discover-There could have been no surprise got into that squabble—is it a war or ed long ago, forgotten somehow and at this war because for the last five what is it? You can call it anything the knowledge of them renewed in years all those in touch with affairs that you like, it has caused more suf- our time. have been expecting war in Europe fering than many a war of the old If the war shall bring home the was received at Buckingham Palace and military authorities have been time. And now finally comes "The realization of this lack of progress, to-day, and had a lengthy audience

pointing out just how it would be Great War," absolutely the worst war and that each generation must solve with the King. Sir Robert to-day rewaged. When the first Balkan War in human history, so far as human its problems for itself and not depend ceived a cable from General Louis broke out there was the feeling that life and suffering is concerned. So on any inevitable evolution, then we Botha thanking him for Canada's conthis might embroil the other nations, we in this enlightened twentieth cen- shall get rid of some of the foolish gratulations, in the acquisition of Gerof Europe and a distinguished mili- tury have had in our civilized time notions about the superman and man Southwest Africa. tary authority wrote a magazine arti- eight wars in fourteen years. Count others that make men selfish, for it is cle, nearly three years ago now, de- them over again and see—eight wars! at times when unselfishness is the Reign of Terror clearing that there was no danger of And we go right on talking about pro- keynote of life, that men are happiest, the little match of war in the Balkans, gress and how much better men are and happiness is the only real index setting off the war magazine in getting to be and how much farther of the progress of mankind. Europe, because the European nations, away we are getting from barbarism and all the rest of that buncombe by He declared further, however, that which men deceive themselves into they would be ready toward the end) the idea of the wonderful advance of)

Isn't it time for us then to review probably them urder of some ruling the basis of this idea of progress? Few price, would be the occasion for a realize that it is a comparatively European War. This may have been modern idea. Up till the nineteenth only a good guess. But guessing was century there was a very general tempting occupation, the coming of feeling that men had been happier in War seemed so inevitable. Other the past than in the present. Men Military writers pointed out just how looked back to a "golden age" of haphe war would be waged and that the piness for mankind to which we were Be gian front er would be violated sometime to come again through in Within the first week and that Bel- the meantime there had been decadpit of Europe as it has so often been thing in the world to trace progress among mankind. The three greatest Anyone who was surprised then poets of humanity are Homer, 1000 must have been asleep to the tenden- B.C., Dante 1300 A.D., Shakespeare cies of our time. People who were 1600 A.D. There s no progress among mankind had reached a point of de- Karnak in Egypt, 1800 B.C., the Cath-Velopment where war was impossible, edral of Santa Sophia (now but not Or at least where a great and lasting for long more I hope the Mosque of War was quite out of the question. We Omar) at Constantinople 700 A.D., and have always been saying this sort of St. Peter's at Rome, finished about thing. When the first great World's 1600 A.D. A genius poet, architect, Fair was held in London in 1851 the artist comes along and gives us a keynote of a number of the addresses masterpiece that will never be excelof foreign statesmen and university led. He does not have to wait for any professors was peace. After this ex- mythical progress or evolution to

The question is often asked what is and commerce and trade, but no long- a new idea in archticture in 400 years

grogress can be traced almost from fingers on the pulse of the time, and claims were made for biology, "the cecade to decade, and that men are who, if any, should know what the silly seventies." Somehow there is growing happier and better all the feelings of their generation were, de- left from them the impression that Exchequer Reginald McKenna, anworld around, until it will not be loug ceived themselves into the thought men is a progressive being. The old- nounced in the Commons to-day that now before earth will be such a plea- they that war was almost impossible est documents of human history, the subscriptins to the new War Loan sant place and men such charming just when a series of the worst wars drawings in the caves at Altamira, in have reached £600,000,000, not includ-Spain, and the Dordogne in France ing small sums received at post ofof thinking of another world because Of course that was the middle of show us a true artist. Few artists of fices. we will all be so happy here that this the nineteenth century. That is two the modern time could express so vivwill be a little Heaven on earth. Al- generations ago now, perhaps some of idly by mere line the moton of the aniready some people seem inclined to my readers are young enough to think mals as this artist saw and expressed the Russians having been successful that much of this advance to- that we are different in the twentieth it. Man has not changed in all the in their counter-offensive against the ward the millennium has actually century. How many of them have seven or eight thousand years of Austrians in the region of Krasnik. been accomplished or at least the firm ever asked themselves how many wars human history. We have accumulat- They have taken new positions on the

than many supposedly big wars of have immediately preceded it in the Germanic Allies. Confidence is ex-

### British Commons Pays a Tribute To General Botha

London, July 13-The Commons today voted thanks to General Louis Botha, General Jan Christian Smuts, and the forces of the Union of South Africa, upon the successful conclusion of the campaign in German Southwest Scotch Golfer the resolution, paid a tribute to what he characterized as a remarkable camgium would be once more the fighting ence among men. It is the hardest paign, which had been brought to a remarkable conclusion. German Dominion in Southwest Africa had ceased to exist, he said; and asked the House, in his peroration, to testify the admiration of the whole Empire, and assonished declared that their aston- them. The three greatest buildings its gratitude to the illustrious Generishment was due to the feeling that man has ever built are the Temple of al who has rendered such inestimable service to the Empire, which he entered by option, and of which he has become one of the most honored and cherished sons, and to his dauntless) and much enduring troops, whether Burghers or of British birth, who fought like brethren side by side in a cause which is equally as dear to

the world they declared that there There is not a poet alive today whose A first-class lawyer can break any

Positions Region of Krasnik

BALKAN SITUATION

Again on the Tapis—Allies Confident Roumania Remains Neutral

London, July 13-Chancellor of the

that the Austro-Germans offered Roumania alternative concession either pressed in British, French, and Italian circles that the Balkan states will not join the Germans, but it is considered wina they might decide to remain

# **Swiss Frontier**

Geneva, July 13.—Without notice the Germans have stretched a chain across the frontier bridge of Lorrach, a Swiss town on the Rhine, 16 miles north of Aarau.

Since Sunday, the German frontier guards have exercised severe control and it is almost impossible to cross

It is supposed that this measure has been taken following recent attempts at espionage.

## Botha and Borden **Exchange Greetings**

London, July 13-Sir Robert Borden

## Starts in Turkey

London, July 13 .- The correspondent of the Daily Express telegraphs from Athens that the Young Turk party is subjecting its political opponents to a reign of terror equal to the time when Abdul Hamid was deposed. Numerous persons have been thrown into the Bosphorus and drowned, including Oskan and Haladpian, formerly the Armenian Minister.

# Posted As Missing

New York, July 13.-Word has been received here that Lieutenant Norman Hunter, the Scotch golf player, who made many friends in this country during two visits, has been listed as wounded and missing by the British army authorities.

## United States **Inventive Genius** Is Mobilized

Edison has accepted Secretary of the Navy Daniels' offer to head an Advis- Trawler Crews ory Board of civilian inventors for the proposed Bureau of Invention and development in the Navy Department.

Wallace's Chocolates R most excellent.—ap12,tf

# **BRITISH GOV'T APPLIES** WAR ACT TO THE COAL MINING INDUSTRY

Russians Assume Strong Miners Refuse to Accept Board of Trade Settlement and Threaten Defiance to Gov't second se Arrangement---Situation in Wales is Very Serious---Union Leaders Trying Hard to **Effect Compromise** 

London, July 14 - The session of cruiting in the mining district of

Parliament today was marked by a Wales. series of most important announcements by Minister, after the Commons, had, at the suggestion of Premments by July 1 and in lieu of these Two German attacks have been repuls ier Asquith, who moved it in an elo- they proposed a national programme ed at Bois la Pretre. quent speech, passed a resolution ex- giving an all round increase in wages. pressing gratification at the success The owners object to consideration of of General Botha in conquering Ger- new terms during the war, asking the Stream of Recruits man South-west Africa.

McKenna announced that subscrip- conferences, Union officials agreed to the unprecedented figure of nearly arranged through the oard of Trade.

President of the Board of Trade, obliged to take action. Munition War Act. This makes it an mons to regulate the price of coal. to the Board of Trade and the Board a portfolio, stated that 22 or 23 Brit- been flowing, the volum of which was

The crisis first threatened three miners to accept existing agreements Chancellor of Exchequer Reginald plus a war bonus. After a series of tions to the new War Loan had reach- recommend a compromise, which was

to further cheers by the statement would mean no more than sixpence have approximately 420,000 to 440,000 that in view of the failure of the South per ton and argued that as owners at this moment in the European the-Wales coal owners and miners to were receiving so much more for their atre. reach an agreement in a wage dis- coal than previously, they could well Lord Lansdowne made this statepute, the Government had decided to pay it. As a matter of fact Runciman ment, moving the second reading of apply to the mining industry the today also introduced a Bill in Com- the National Registration Bill in the

offense to take part in a strike or lock In the Lords, Marquis Lansdowne, time War Secretary Kitchener has out until difference had been reported a member of the Cabinet but without been recruiting armies, streams have has referred matter for settlement by ish divisions now in France and Bel- a matter of surprise to most people. one of the methods prescribed by the gium, expressed opinion that although The stream of equipment did not flow Act. A very serious view was taken recruits were still flowing, the country so satisfactorily, but prodigious efof the refusal of the miner to accept would not much longer tolerate the forts have been made to remedy the compromise, for even in the face of anomalies and injustices of the volun-errors, and he was glad to think these the decision of Government they are tary system, which was taking un-efforts have been attended with conthreatening defiance. Most of the coal usual proportions of married men, siderable amount of success. for the navy comes from South Wales. and that the National Register would

# essary for the Government to stop re- handled.

English Airmen Start Move-Strikes or Lockouts Have ment For Construction Ten Thousand

## FLYING MACHINES

French Warfare Has Failde, One Hundred and Fifty-Six Let Us Try the Air

London, July 13 .- With the slogan Win the War from the Air," British aeronautical men to-day launched a movement for the creation of a Ministry of Aviation, the building of a fleet of ten thousand aeroplanes to deluge German ammunition works, and supply works, with bombs.

L. B. Desbleds, lecturer on aero nautics in the Royal military academy at Woolwich, is the real leader of the campaign to create a gigantic air fleet and secure experts in aviation. The plan is to organize public sentiment through lectures and newspaper articles behind the idea that batter down the Rhine bridges by daily air raids.

Trench warfare in France is ended, said the statement issued in support of the new movement to-day. Send ten thousand aeroplanes carrying fire bombs, over the Krupp munition works and the German armies will be paralyzed. Destroy the bridges over the Meuse over which supplies are transported, and the German army Washington, July 13 .- Thomas A. and Kaiser will be on his knees.

four Lowestoft trawlers, sunk by German submarines, have been landed

# BY AEROPLANES

Been Made By Proclamation

## FINEABLE ACTS

Thousand Miners Effected

London, July 13 .- The Coal Miners Union is the first to feel the power created by the Munitions measure. The men's leaders protested before Electrically Charged the passage of the bill that the mines should not be included among those subject to compulsory arbitration. Developments are awaited with keen interest. Upwards of 156,000 miners

effect of the proclamation was fineable offense, unless differences were referred to the oBard of Trade for settlement by some method provided by the Munitions Act.

The executive committee of the Miners' Federation of Britain to-day Miners to continue working until a cross the tence, and were electrocutsatisfactory settlement had been ed. reached. The committee also decided to recommend to all county Associations that joint machinery be set up between the owners and workmen for the settlement of all disputes that might arise in the industries.

## Fishery News

Bonavista-Caplin plentiful; no fish Landed Safely with hook and line; traps average Lowestoft, July 13.—The crews of about 3 qtls a day.

Portia left St. Joseph's at 8.50 this morning going west.

## WEATHER REPORT

Toronto-Moderate West and North winds, fine and

Roper's-Bar. 29.20; ther.

### \$ OFFICIAL

London, July 13-The Konigsberg, which has laid in the Rufigi River since October last, has been attacked by two British monitors and totally

The French Government report the months ago when the miner gave Souchez. The German attack on the notice to terminate existing agree- Labyrinth was completely repulsed.

BONAR LAW.

## But the Equipment Not Satisfactory

London, July 14—The six divisions £600,000,000, not including small The miners however voted yesterday of the British army that went out at sums received through Post Offices. | against this and the Government was the very outset of the war have been followed by others and yet oth-Walter Runciman, aroused the House The miners assert their demands ers and unless I am mistaken, we

Lords this evening and added, all the

The Bill, said Lansdowne is not in-Even before this trouble arose sup- be useful should it be found neces- tended to introduce compulsory serples were affected by the enlistment in sary to introduce compulsory service. vice, but if compulsory service ever the army of 50,000 of the the younger He intimated also that the munitions became necessary National Registraminers, which eventually made it nec- question was now being satisfactorily tion would greatly assist the intro-

## War to End **Next October** Says the Kaiser

peror, according to the Times, in a speech to a deputation of bankers, who had insisted on an interview in order to point out to the Emperor the financial difficulties of the situation and grave risk attending pursuance of the campaign through another winter, stated the war would end in October.

Bankers, it is alleged, have declared that even if the war was brought to an end immediately and an indemnity obtained, Germany's position would be difficult, but that if war was prolonged, the German Empire would become utterly bankrupt.

It was in reply to these representations, according to the Times, the Emperor is understood to have declared the war would end in October,

## Wire Fence Kills Belgian Peasants

The Hague, July 14-Reports received from the Belgium-Dutch front-Mr. Runciman explained that the fer are to the effect that many perto sons are being killed by a high voltage constructed by the Germans along the entire border.

Every mornin it is asserted there are found, from half dozen to a dozen charred bodies of Belgian peasants, including women and children, who decided to appeal, to South Wales during the night had attempted to

## Buying Swiss Food

Basel, Switzerland, via Paris, July 5.—Austrian and Hungarian agents are buying large quantities of foodstuffs throughout Switzerland at high prices. Their object is understood to be to get as much as possible before the Swiss government imposes a general embargo on food exports, which appears likely soon.

The cable ship Minia is in port.