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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 14.

"World Power or Smash!"

There is a satisfactory unanimity in the press comments on the German proposals for peace. Except by the pro-German press in the United States, which is probably subsidized, the proposals are not taken seriously as bona fide suggestions. A frequent comment is that they are intended to manoeuvre the entente allies into a position of apparent wilful bloodshed, when the peaceful and innocent German Kaiser wished to end it. There can be no delusions about this in the mind of any who have followed the course of events for the last three years. Some native Germans may accept it, but not many.

But there can be no doubt that the peace offers were intended for home consumption in Germany, nor that they were inspired by the pressure put upon the government there by a hunger-maddened populace. Germany is getting ready for a revolution and the peace proposals are the notable indication of this fact. It may suit the A.H. High in Germany to think that his people can be fooled by proposals of peace made to an unbeaten enemy, but the flat rejection of his proposals will prove to be a demonstration for the German people that their enemies are not defeated nor dreaming of peace at present. The one definite essential of peace has not been touched upon in the peace proposals. That essential is the elimination of Hohenzollernism from the affairs of Europe. Not only is there no suggestion of this indispensable condition in the peace proposals, but there are actually demands that Hohenzollernism shall be bolstered up more strongly than ever.

A thousand voices of the greatest men of Christendom have been raised to protest against the continuation of the Prussian blood-thirst with its iron despotism, and the cruel necessity it imposes on neighboring nations to compete with it and rival it in armaments and military and naval forces. It is to end this that the war is being fought, and Germany's peace proposals include the establishment and protection of this diabolical system. Ill-informed peace agitators declare that it is unchristian to reject peace proposals at this time, but it would be far more unchristian to leave Belgium wailing in her blood and railed by ruthless slave-drivers, and Serbia, Poland and Rumania desolated under the German policy of conquest. If it be the spirit of Christianity to protect the weak then it is right and imperative to reject these proposals.

Nor do the entente allies look forward to the future with any perturbation. It may be hard and bitter to face another year's warfare, but it will not be so hard nor so bitter as it would be to continue to maintain great armies and navies, and to train the children of the world to meet the war of conquest for which Germany would promptly set about organizing. We are fighting so that popular government, in Lincoln's phrase, shall not perish from the earth. The German leaders are fighting so that if shall perish from the earth and their own military tyranny take its place. There is no other choice for a Christian who believes in popular government than to fight on.

The happiest aspect of the situation created by the peace proposals is touched upon by the editor of The Paris Matin, now in New York. It will be a revelation to the German people as a whole when they learn that the "victorious" allies have flatly rejected the proposals for peace. Germany will then begin to learn something of the true state of the case. Two years ago, after a quarter of a century of preparation, Germany started out to overrun Europe with the national motto, "World Power or Smash." No one else but Germany was ready for a world-war, and Germany made many advances. But she was halted at the Marne and she found

Russia more than she had counted upon. Now, after two years, the entente allies are becoming prepared, and the Germans would like to make peace. But it cannot be so yet.

The Kaiser has made a bed and he must lie on it. The German people have been willing to listen to his preposterous boasts and assertions. They are now beginning to realize what a mockery his will-to-power means for them. Four millions of them are dead, wounded, imprisoned, and the rest of the seventy millions are starving in a slavery which is hopeless because it rests on the enslavement of others. When these German prodigals come to themselves, weary of the husks that their swineherd has provided for them, they may learn that there is food enough and to spare under a more beneficent system than that which desired "World Power or Smash." They have come to smash, and however long the end may be delayed every day must bring a fuller consciousness of it home to the German nation. When they determine to rise, as other downtrodden nations have risen, and throw off the chains of Hohenzollern tyranny, they will find peace a less difficult thing to negotiate than Kaiser Wilhelm ever will.

R. F. D. Couriers Demand a Decent Wage.

Editor World: I am another one glad to see you are trying to do something for the most oppressed of all men in the government employ, the rural mail man. I don't think most people know the case as it really is, or there would be more said in their behalf. Perhaps in the near future our political speakers will be telling the people what great things they have done for them in giving them rural free delivery. We must admit it is a blessing to every farmer, but if a groan is heard in the audience it will be from a poor rural mail courier. Will they be able, Mr. Editor, to figure how a man can live in these times on \$480 per year and \$1 per box, say \$520, and keep a horse, and sometimes two, and out at 75c and hay at \$12.00, and everything else in proportion? You may ask, what did he take it for? Some made a mistake; others expected a raise when the parcel post came (every other department got); but now they have got to serve out their weary four years and not kick or it is up to their bondsmen (of which I happen to be one). If the rural mail system is a success, and we believe it is, a fair price should be paid the employees, or cut it out. Compare the price paid here and on the American side. Now, Mr. Editor, try and do what you can to help at least the short route man who has just as much expense as the longer route man and much less pay.

Our correspondent puts the case for the rural mail courier in a way that should appeal to the parliament and people of Canada. The postoffice department has never been so well able to pay as at present, with annual surpluses running up into the millions. Two excuses are offered by the government for paying the couriers so niggardly. One is the expense of maintaining the small country postoffices, which are being continued in many localities where their work is or could be done for them by the R. F. D. system. The other is that the parcel post service has been a disappointment as a revenue producer.

The truth is, the parcel post has been more or less chloroformed from its birth. The people know little about it, it is complicated by the zone system, and the rates are extremely high. No effort has ever been made to get any business away from the express companies. If the zones were enlarged, if the rates were reduced, if many of the restrictions placed upon the size and weight of parcels were modified, we have no doubt the system would pay, and pay well. The parcel post has not been brought to the attention of the farmers in Canada as it has been brought to the attention of the farmers in the United States, where the government has spent enormous sums in demonstration work at county fairs, farmers' institutes, and other places.

We are often told that the government ought to nationalize all the railways, which would mean taking over passenger, freight and express business. Might it not be well to begin at once with the express business? The R. F. D. courier should be authorized not only to collect and deliver parcels but to deliver them. C. O. D. He should be supplied with postage stamps and we see no reason why he should not be authorized to issue and pay postal notes and even money orders. An official doing such work should receive about double the compensation now paid to the courier.

HONORED SOLDIER MISSING.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 13.—Pte. R. H. Burge of Talbotville, who enlisted and went overseas with the 15th Battalion, is reported missing. Word to this effect was received here today. Pte. Burge was short time ago was awarded the distinguished conduct medal.

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LEAVES BIG SUM TO HELP UPLIFT

High Court to Construe Unusual Will of Miss Mary H. Orr.

ASSISTS CHURCHES

Money Provided for Spiritual Elevation of Bobcaygeon Community.

In order to determine who are the rightful beneficiaries under the will of Miss Mary H. Orr of Bobcaygeon, who died in Toronto on June 24 last, leaving an estate valued at \$201,599.20, the matter will be brought up in the high court at Osgoode Hall. Miss Orr made no personal legacies, most of the money being left for the promotion of "uplift." Probate has been granted to G. S. Haddock of Boston, and Alfred Farlow of Los Angeles, Christian Science practitioners, and to William C. Moore of Bobcaygeon, on condition that no portion of the estate shall be distributed during the war to any beneficiary or creditor who is an alien enemy.

Ten thousand dollars is bequeathed to the Mother Church at Boston, for the spreading of the truth and a similar amount is to be used in encouraging those building Christian Science churches from \$100 to \$500 to be given to go to Bobcaygeon "to be used only for such purposes as will elevate the community spiritually." The following is the concluding clause of the will: "All for Uplift. Fifty thousand dollars to be held as a fund towards helping to supply such institutions as may in the near future be demonstrated to show that the people are willing to help others to see the light that is so real, near and universal for all who will receive. These institutions may take the place of what are at present called hospitals, poor houses, jails and penitentiaries or any place that is maintained for the uplifting of humanity. Ten thousand as a fund is to be used in lending to deserving people, men or women, to buy small homes or farms. This money can be lent at 6 per cent. The profits accruing can be utilized as said before, in such work as is helpful to men and women who are willing to know and experience the truth as revealed in the Bible and which has been unlocked thru the revelation as given in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy. The whole of my estate must be used for God only."

By the terms of a settlement ratified yesterday morning by Mr. Justice Sutherland the Kerr Lake Mining Company will pay \$500 damages to the Rochester Trust and Safe Deposit Company for the death of William B. Foot, who died in Geneva, N.Y., while on a business trip to the Kerr Lake Company. While inspecting the property last July, Mr. Foot, who was 40 years old and his guide, W. E. Eldridge, were killed.

Suit was brought by the dead man's mother for \$25,000 in damages. The company claimed it owed no duty to Foot, who knew the mine was being operated in the usual way. Mr. Justice Sutherland continued the order of Judge Hannigan of Kitchener, making the Toronto General Trusts Corporation the receiver of the one-eighth interest held by William B. Foot in the estate of his father, the late Jacob D. Kintzle, of Waterloo Township, Leaskville, who lives at Success, Saskatchewan, owns the corporation \$6,538.23 on a judgment.

Hon. W. N. Ferguson, K.C., and Hon. Hugh E. Rose, K.C., the two judges designated, will not be sworn in for their judicial duties until January. Both

"GET BUSY HERE"



ROBBERY OF GRAVE STIRS UP QUEBEC

Desecration Case in Montmagny County Arouses Popular Excitement.

HUNT FOR TREASURE

Supposed Million Dollars Buried Forms Inducement for Sacrilege.

By a Staff Reporter.
Montreal, Dec. 13.—The entire country east of the City of Quebec is excited over the desecration of a grave of Madam Caribouneau in the Cemetery of St. Paul, County Montmagny.

Some years ago, a person named Charles Emile Caribouneau cut a great figure in the Quebec district. The count, as he was called, went to France and sold shares in Brazilian Railway, which it appears never existed, and when the French officers of justice came here, neither Caribouneau or any of his belongings could be had, and there sprang up a legend to the effect that the money, to the extent of a million or over, had been hidden away in the village graveyard, where the so-called count's mother was also sleeping her last sleep.

Day before yesterday it was discovered that the woman's coffin had been disturbed and the remains removed, hence the supposition that the grave robbers were hunting for the hidden treasure.

Final honors were paid the late Major John R. Meredith, son of Sir William Meredith, of the 84th Battalion, who died in England, and whose remains were laid to rest yesterday afternoon at St. James' Cemetery. The funeral took place from St. James' Cathedral, where Ven. Archbishop Cody, honorary colonel and chaplain of the Queen's Own Regiment, and Canon Murphy, rector of St. James', officiated.

The escort of two hundred men was furnished by the 24th Battalion in charge of Major Switzer. The caasket, covered with the Union Jack and with the sword and hat of the dead officer, was placed just outside the church during the singing of the hymns and the chanting of the service for the dead. A large number of civilians and military filled the church, while the main body of the escort remained lined outside the cathedral during the services. The pallbearers were: Major R. F. Angus of the 5th Mississauga Horse; Major M. C. Cameron of the Governor-General's Body Guard; Major R. S. Wilson of the 48th Highlanders and the Third Battalion C.E.F.; Major V. E. Henderson of the C.O.T.C.; Major Alex. C. Lewis of the Q.O.R. and 21st Battalion; Major J. E. Giffen, camp engineer, and Major A. B. Colville of the 22nd Battalion.

Call Upon Federal Government To Adopt Form of Conscription

Chatham, Dec. 13.—At a meeting of the presbytery of Chatham, held in St. Andrew's Church last night, it was moved and unanimously agreed that in the judgment of this presbytery the time has come when the federal government should adopt some method of conscription to meet the waste of war and compel dodgers and shirkers to their duty to the empire, now engaged with other allied nations in such a mighty struggle to maintain the principle of right and justice to all nations, whether great or small.

LEFT FOR FRANCE.

Brantford, Dec. 13.—Another draft of 150 men from the 125th Battalion, Witley Camp, England, has gone to France. The draft was composed of men from Brant and Middlesex Counties.

MEN WHO COUNT IN GREAT STRUGGLE

Will Be Seen in Wonderful War Picture at Strand Theatre.

SHOWN NEXT WEEK

"King's Visit to His Armies." Presented by The Toronto World.

In the greatest and most remarkable historical film, "The King Visits His Armies in the Great Advance," which is the supreme means by which the very germ of vitality which knits together this huge force of fighting men to crush tyranny.

The World can be proud of this film. No epic poem ever rolled in majestic rhythm like this poem of praise for an ally's stern resolve. No man can now gain say that the motion picture camera is the supreme means by which ideas and records can be furnished to the people. There is the story of the colossal struggle told in this latest film. All the forces that are concentrated upon the western front have now been recorded for the screen.

Two great countries are pictured in all their mighty grandeur in the sternest resolve they ever whipped their energies to meet the foe. It is in this greatest film of modern times are the men who count—the men who will make success possible and victory a certainty, and the medium, that has been chosen is the camera. The golden seal has been set upon motion photography and the motion picture world can be justly proud that it has done its bit to raise the industry to the level where such "a thing" is possible.

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SALE OF CATTLE.

Woodstock, Dec. 13.—One of the most successful sales ever held by the Oxford County Holstein Breeders' Club was held here today, when 67 of the surplus stock of the members of the club sold for a total of \$9692. The average being about \$178 each. There was a large crowd in attendance, many buyers being present from outside points. The highest price realized was \$178 for a 2-year-old heifer.

WILL SEEK RE-ELECTION.

Galt, Dec. 13.—The entire council of 1916 will seek re-election, and Mayor Edwards will probably be returned unopposed. So far no new candidates have been mentioned, and prospects are for a very quiet election.

Two Wonderful Books of the War

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As Frederick Palmer pictured the "Princess Pats," so "Billy" in this crowning gem, in "A Sunny Subaltern," pictures the other Canadians. We predict this will have a tremendous sale in Canada, and not in Canada alone, for many parts of the Empire wish to hear and see the war through the eyes of a Canadian.

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The Worn Doorstep

By MARGARET SHERWOOD

This is really one of the great books of the year, and the story has taken the country by storm. Thousands are reading it, and thousands will send it to their friends as a Christmas gift. The book is already a best seller, and is now in the third Canadian edition.

All the reviewers are unanimous in praising this book. Just read the following: "The Toronto World" says: "The Worn Doorstep" has already achieved a reputation on both sides of the ocean. The story is one of the utmost familiarity, but it is translated into the language of paradise by the transcending spirit of love. This is actually the magic of the book that all commonplaces become sacred, all ordinary things shine with new light, all baser metals are changed to gold. "The Worn Doorstep" is one of the love stories the reader will never forget.

"The New York Times Book Review" says: "Occasionally, very, very occasionally, it happens that a book appears whose merits one would like, if possible, to shout from the housetops, and such a book is this small, unpretentious volume, entitled 'The Worn Doorstep.' One of those rare satisfying books which are really and truly worth while. We offer our heartiest congratulations and thanks to Margaret Sherwood.

"Saturday Post," Winnipeg, says: "Seldom indeed does one lay down a book with so genuine a feeling of reverence as 'The Worn Doorstep' inspires. Filled with the charm of the beautiful English countryside, touched with the most delicate sympathy and humor, as well as brimming with human interest, 'The Worn Doorstep' is worthy of a large audience, and is certain to make a wide appeal.

AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT to those who have sent their sons or kindred to the front, Margaret Sherwood's "The Worn Doorstep" is pre-eminently the book of the year.

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CAME TO CANADA TO USE DYNAMITE

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to the witness. Their appearance in New York followed a series of attempts to plant bombs and mix dynamite in Michigan and Canada, according to Smith.

After leaving New York, Smith said he went to Detroit, where he met Crowley. "Then we went to Port Huron, where we planned to dynamite a railroad tunnel and a horse train. We didn't do it."

"We went from there to Toronto where Crowley told me to plant a bomb under a horse train in the West Toronto Railroad yards. I saw a policeman in the yards and left hurriedly. "After that Crowley and I went to Grosse Ile, Canada, with nitroglycerine cotton, sawdust, a tin pan and other things to mix dynamite and make some bombs behind a cemetery there."

Tried to Make Dynamite. "Did you do your level best to make dynamite?" asked United States District Attorney Preston.

"Yes, but it didn't make any noise when it went off," Smith replied. "Then Crowley sent me back to Detroit to get some dynamite." Smith continued, "I asked a man at a quarry near Detroit to sell me some. He went to a telephone and I got scared and when he asked when I wanted it, I told him next Tuesday."

They next went to St. Thomas, Ont., to plant bombs, the witness said, but the dynamite they were forced to make themselves failed to explode. It was then, Smith said, that they "went broke," and made the trip to New York hoping to get more money.

Two Brantford Men Have Been Awarded the Military Medal

Brantford, Dec. 13.—The military medal has been awarded to Corporal Colin G. Standish, who previous to enlisting was in J. S. Hamilton and Co.'s office. He left with the first contingent, was wounded twice, and has returned to the trenches. The medal has also been awarded to Lance-Corporal Julius Klepper, of Brantford, at present in No. 4 General Hospital, France, minus his right arm. After going thru several Ypres battles unscathed he was recently wounded. He enlisted in Orléans and went overseas with the 4th Battalion.

What a Boon Good Eyesight Really Is!
No one sense of the five is so indispensable. And yet how many people abuse their eyes—thoughtlessly, perhaps—but abuse them just the same. You who read this may be guilty of offense—Are you?

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