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FOR WHAT ARE THE NATION'S FIGHTING? (supposing France and Belgium con- certainty that his savings will be safe (By Leon Goldmerstein.) NICTURE a Western mining town quered, submitting to the same theat- and that his land will not be attacked in its lawless days. It boasts men? without cause. He has already the four store-keepers-three old-The best a German can tell you to most democratic system of govern-

timers and one newcomer. Imagine that he is fighting to protect his Fath- ment in Europe. He has practically that Merchant No. 4-the new man- erland from other nations. To a cer- done away with feudalism, and desires has somehow managed to take away itan extent he is right. Germany must only assured peace to develop the naa lot of trade from the others. He is be protected now, because it is vital tion's wealth to heights that will asafraid they may try to even matters to the interests of every other Euro- tonish the world

by attempting to run him out of town, pean nation to crush German militar-THE FRENCHMAN MORE THAN so he buys a revolver and naturally ism-which Prussia has made synony- ANY ONE ELSE FIGHTS FOR PEACE mous with Germany-lest it spread to AND FOR PEACE ALONE. Given that, becomes overhearing The only thing for the others to do all the rest of the world. he will pass to those other great chang is to carry "irons." The newcomer For what is France fighting? The es which he cannot attempt until now faces a much greater danger than idea of revanche for the loss of Alsace peace is assured.

GERMANY'S ENTIRE COLONIAL

MONTH OF THE WAR. And at the

beginning it was clear that the war

at least, not while so many weak non-

before he "heeled"himself. It is a and Lorraine has been practically as ENGLAND'S POSITION. question if his competitors would have dead in France for fifteen years as the And Engand? Does Engand fight used force to put him out of business issue that brought about the American Germany because of fear of German if he had not disclosed his own readi- civil war. But this French loss has expansion, or because Britain aims to been universally recognised as a pun- seize German colonial possessions. ness for trouble

By his own act the fourth merchant ishment for the misrule of an admincreates bad feeling, likely to break out istrative system that had no chance to HOLDINGS ARE NOT WORTH TO at any minute. Armed, he finds his come back-the price paid for getting ENGLAND THE COST OF ONE enemies also ready. Worse, he is faced rid of the Napoleonic regime. That price was not too high! by a combine of three against one. So

France in twenty years has built would last more than one month. Behe sends away and hires a couple of gunmen. Four concerns, supporting an empirei n Africa, the wealth and ex sides, England has seldom expanded eight gunmen besides their usual sell- an empire in Africa, the wealth and ex her colonial possessions at the exing force. At best, they are no honour tent of which will surprise anyone pense of the leading European nations to the community; they do not in- who visits the wide stretches from the She is not likely to expand in that way crease its productive powers. Gunmen Mediterranean to Timbuctoo.

But France has been solving great European nations, Persia, China ,Cenare gunmen the world over. When they cannot fight each other they re- problems at home-eliminating the tral Africa, &c., may still be amicably dangerous influences of many religi- divided. Britain's rule of territorial exsort to beating up innocent citizens. ous orders; strengthening the founda- pansion has been always based on the ELIMINATE THE GUNMEN.

Now, under such conditions, what tions of a republican system of gov- principle: Help yourself, but do not inrnment that is the basis of her prosterfere with our doing the same. liminating the gunmen Then, estab- perity fur, and is lined with silk-thread, knotted wide It is not worth whie changing this THE GERMAN MENACE. of trade that does not policy. fringe-not the common kind but a rich quality that France has been fighting-without This war was not entered into by protected by revolvers at blends artistically with this superb imitation of real sacrificing the people's real rights- Great Britain solely to crush German the cost of the welfare of the entire tendencies of unbridled license and commercial expansion. The British community. And it would not be sur-Persian Lamb. anarchy among certain laboring class- colonies, for the last ten years, have prising if, deep down in their hearts, To appreciate these sets see them to-day. those who work for the man who first es that became familiar during recent been among the best markets for introduced the gunmen were willing to strikes. And all through this strug- German industry. Indeed, the British Prices as illustrated a set \$6 and \$7. work without jumping for cover ev- gle to do her part in the world's work Isles have probably been the best. We have similar sets without fringe. erytime a box accidently crashed to there has passed like a red thread the Unless Great Britain was strong the floor. Nervousness in business is fear of Germany pouring its mighty enough to close her markets to Gerbgions across the border and destroy- many by imposing tariffs and laws. a very poor asset. On a large scale this is exactly the ing the very structure of French Na- this could starcely be accomplished by present situation in the European tional existence. war. Colonies willing to disobey the FRANCE HAD THE RIGHT TO mother country by peaceably excludvar. The fight started ostensibly because Austria sent an unacceptable FEAR GERMANY ing German goods would not be likely In 1885 Russian intervention alone to raily round her flag to gain that note to Servia and Russia refused to stand by and see its Slavonic ally saved France from a renewal of the end by an expensive war. England crushed. But the profound reason for horrors of 1871. never threatened to send battle ships Twenty years later France had to to bombard New York and Baltimore war was the vital necessity for deciding if militarism to to continue and dismiss Delcasse, her best Minister of because line after line of British grow or whether European nations Foreign Affairs, because Berlin threat specialities have passed into the hands can arrive at an arrangement of rea-lened war unless he did. of Americans. In the Agadir incident the republic The same toleration might have sonable expenditure for national deagain was almost on the brink of war been expected by Germany if that fence. The pace for European armaments with her troublesome neighbor. nation, with almost brutal openness, Because certain powerful German had not deliberately engaged on a plan was set by the Germanes in the middle interests could maintain in Germany a to eliminate British trade by crushing eighties, when that nation showed it intended to make a second raid on permanent menace to peace, the Britain in a war. France. The attempt was frustrated French peasant, who hates the mili-INTOLERABLE SITUATION. on Russia, but it proved that the peace tary service, which interrupts his Great Britain had faced a situation of Europe could be maintained only by business when he is beginning to enthat obliged her to spend enormous opposing the Triple Alliance with a joy thef ruits of his work, was forced ums for maintaining a supreme navy force equally as strong. The prepar- to stay an extra year in the army and to protect herself against the enemy ations that began in 1885 have provpay higher and still higher taxes to cross the Channell. While she has Bayde-Verde ed in 1914 to be useful to the Allies. maintain the line of fortresses in conbeen doing this look at her dilemma:- | Gld Perlican stant readiness along the German A TERRIBLE PRICE. Her agriculture has been made un-Trinity Europe has paid a terrible price for border. profitable by importations from the Catalina peace, and none has paid more heavi-The Frenchman is essentially ecoricher countries of the New World. nomical. He boasts the largest per ly than Germany. This price has not Bonavista Her manufactures have been forced been so much expressed in dollars and capita savings. And by making a garto complete with the more modern King's Cove den of his wonderful country he saves cents as in social conditions which methods of younger nations that pro-Greenspond have seared the very soul of the Ger- up enough to lend several billions to duce their output at lower cost. Pool's Island man empire, a nation whose genius Russia, while he is picking up a stray She has had to face the problem of couple of billion dollars of American Wesleyville has entitled it to a better fate than labor poulation that has wished, in and British securities. He wants the that by which it is apparently con-Seldom-Come-By a country where profits are shaded alfronted Germany is a poor country. most to the vanishing point, to live as | Fogo Except by the moste xtraordinary me. workmen live across the sea in the Change Islands thods it could not have created in less midst of booming industry. J. J. St. John Herring Neck than two generations an army power-Her railways can expect no rapid ful enough to wage war against the Twillingate increase in traffic because of local whole of Europe Moreton's Harbor conditions, yet must raise wages to Germany held an honorable place in avoid strikes and improve equipment | Exploits the councils of civilised nations, a poto satisfy a public educated by the ac- | Fortune Harbor Readers of the sition of which her sons may well complishments of other countries that Leading Tickles have been prond. can afford to invest capital because of Fisherman's Paper ! No territorial expansion was needed Pilley's Island these countries' greater expansion. to give Germany rights equal to oth-We have the largest With all this, naval expenses were er nations. not the only burden that militarism stock of National honor did not demand armlaid on Britain. The nation, to meet ing to the teeth. FLOUR her emercency-to fight "for all we Her trade expansion was hampered have and are"-had to raise more than rather than promoted by the eternal in St. John's. a billion dollars in the first week of talk of German aggression, German war by taxing chiefly the poor man Our prices will surprise

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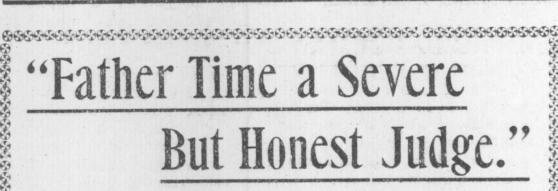
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