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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.

## GERMANY AND PEACE.

That the British press, without exception, would declare the peace proposals of Germany and her associates in the Teutonic Alliance to be impossible of acceptance was not unexpected. The governments of the Allies have as yet made no announcement of their intentions but that they will not consider the offer is certain. There is, however, a very general feeling that the terms on which the Allies might make peace can now be announced. Germany has opened the way and there can be no discredit in a plain statement from the Allies of what they would consider as satisfactory conditions for ending the war.

It is well established that the peace terms must be of Allied making. Germany can do nothing but accept, or continue the struggle, until utterly crushed. Also it is more than likely that the heads of the Allied nations have, on this, agreed upon certain essentials that must be observed in any peace negotiations. First there must be the restoration of Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro and other countries overrun by the Huns in their first onslaught. There must be war indemnities of sufficient size to repair the damage done and the losses sustained. Germany will likely be asked to surrender her colonies, or the greater part of them. Turkey must be driven from the Dardanelles. Austria and Hungary and Bulgaria are likely to be asked for concessions of territory and for war payments. Alsace and Lorraine are certain to be restored to France; and lastly, and of most importance, Germany will likely be asked to submit to certain limitations of naval construction. All these concessions are necessary, first to pay the costs of the war, second to ensure that Germany shall never again embroil the world in a similar strife.

While the foregoing was outlined some months ago as indicating what the Allied powers would probably demand as the price of peace, there may now be some concessions to Teutons. It is not believed, however, that these will be of sufficient size to materially change the conditions referred to, and if, as some British papers have indicated, these things are already well agreed upon it might be as well now to state them to the world. Germany would then have the option of acceptance or rejection; if she agreed to discuss peace on some such basis negotiations could be commenced. If she refused, then upon her would rest the responsibility for the continuance of the war.

If the reports of internal troubles in German and Austrian cities are at all near to the truth, the condition of the Central Powers is rapidly becoming desperate and some action must be taken very soon. Germany now has nothing to gain and much to lose by continuing the war, for every day she fights will add to the indemnities that must be paid, consequently she can well want to cry quit.

With the Allies the case is different. Germany is already beaten and they know very well that eventually she must withdraw from the territory occupied as the result of advanced military preparedness. Mere withdrawal, however, is not sufficient. Germany must fight until utterly beaten or else subscribe to peace terms which will provide reparation for harm done. The time is opportune for the Allies to indicate the conditions upon which they will be willing to end hostilities.

## THE TWO-COURSE MEAL.

Hotels in Great Britain are to be limited to two and three-course meals. Extravagance in eating is to be eliminated, at least to this degree. The lessons of the war are being learned slowly and of necessity. The submarine has affected British shipping, and while these food measures are probably only precautionary, their general effect will be to exercise a restraining influence upon the nation. Every dinner at a hotel will have the war borne in upon his attention by a meal that cannot go beyond meat and vegetables, with dessert. The full course dinner has gone and it may not soon return. Private dining tables will take their cue from the fate of the public house. Where prices have not been compelled a restricted, though still plentiful menu, government regulation will now step in.

We in Canada must not be unservant of what is taking place in the Motherland. If our hearts are in this great cause; if the spirit of sacrifice still lives with us; if we have not forgotten the end for which we fight, and are not less assured that that caused us to ourselves and even more so to the generations that follow, we will not wait until government regulation compels service in whatever way we may render it, even to the limitation of our own tables. Here in this great land of plenty, it is perhaps not easy to realize that we can be serving the national cause by frugality in living. But such is the fact. Sumptuous feasting is today out of place. The time has come when we must both serve and save. Until this great war has been brought to a glorious conclusion, all else must be subservient and quite secondary.

The greater the sacrifice needed to win, the greater the victory. Canadians have not hesitated to offer themselves in defense of the homeland and the Empire hitherto, and they will not now shrink from whatever service it may be their privilege to offer.

## STEAMSHIPS AND COAL.

Great Britain, by reserving the right to refuse coaling privileges to purely neutral steamers, has brought to bear another lever which should do much to relieve the dearth of tonnage available to the Allies, for Britain controls sea traffic almost as well with her overseas possessions as with her fleet. Look at the trade routes on any map of the world. Where are the bulk of the coaling stations and well-equipped ports to be found, asks the Ottawa Journal. Under the red spot which marks territory over which flies the Union Jack, Malta, Port Said, Perim, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Singapore, Hong Kong—every station on the Suez route to the Orient is British. And along the Cape route the same holds good. Trade with the Antipodes, too, is a physical impossibility unless coal can be obtained there.

This leaves the Panama route the sole exception, and even there facilities on the Atlantic will be hampered with the closing of the West Indian station of St. Lucia. On the Pacific side, the majority of available ports are in British or Japanese hands, and it is hardly likely that our ally would encourage neutral commerce at the expense of the merchant marine she herself is building up with such celerity.

European navigation, too, will be shorn of its profits, for Scandinavian nations are suffering from a dearth of coal owing to restricted imports from Britain and Germany. Even if coal be obtainable, much valuable cargo space will have to be devoted to the carriage of a sufficient bunker supply for the round trip, and profits cut that much.

The laconic British order-in-council reads:

"His Majesty's government are unable to guarantee coaling facilities for ships other than those belonging to British and allied owners, and to neutral owners who have undertaken to utilize their vessels in such a way that British or allied interests are benefited." Bluntly the Imperial authorities have told the neutral sea profiteers to assist the Allies or keep off the seas. Just what the necessary assistance will be is not stated. Probably, however, it will be the reservation of a certain proportion of each vessel's cargo capacity for British or Allied trade. In return for British bunker coal. At all events it will bring home to neutrals the fact that they must be content with a fair share of the gift on the gingerbread or none at all, and, at the same time, that Britain has hardly begun to show her full strength up to the present.

## AFTER THE WAR TRADE.

Evidence to show that after the war there will be a great development of trade between the different nations making up the Entente Alliance is not difficult to find, but one interesting piece comes to hand in the Manchester Guardian just received. It is to the effect that, looking to after-the-war development, the University of Manchester has decided to establish

and equip a chair in Russian where young Englishmen can be taught the Russian language and Russian business methods, the idea being to fit them to represent British houses in the handling of Russian trade. This is strictly an up-to-the-minute development of modern business, and one which cannot be surpassed even across the border in the home of the gentlemen who are generally credited—at least by themselves—with leading the world in dollar chasing. The fact is that the idea of preparing for after-the-war business has reached such a stage in Britain that one of the universities of the country deems it good business to establish a new course to teach the British business man of tomorrow or the day after, acquisitions which will enable him to develop trade with one of the greatest of Britain's allies. The action of the University of Manchester indicates just how far Great Britain is ahead of the countries of the western hemisphere in preparing for the conditions which will exist after peace has been reached.

## Modesty.

I GOT the blinkin' old V. C. For fightin' 'ereabouts. I don't recall wet 'appened me, I 'eard a mort o' shouts And bombs were flyin' loud and free. The Sergeant whistled "Go," and he Went down about a yard from me Fair numbered with the Outs.

They say I brought 'im in, and then Went 'oppin' back for more, With bullets nainin' 'arf our men And both my shoulders sore, I don't remember it, and more, I know some blighters, say a score Deservin' eight or ten.

It means a 'undred pounds a year, But blimey, it's too thick, To 'and the Cross to me. It's queer They missed old Splayfoot Dick, Our Adjutant, 'E made me sick When we was on our drillin' trick. But now, I want to cheer.

'E 'ad a heye-glass, round and bright, A Charlie Chaplin cane. 'E 'ooked it, sweet and smart and tight, Across that bloody bit o' plain, '—Fair through that blast o' Devils' rain.

They gave the Cross to Me. Again I say it 'is, by right. —Vancouver World.

## GIFTS FOR POPULAR PASTOR AND HIS WIFE

Congregation of St. Andrew's Suitably Remembers Rev F. S. and Mrs. Dowling.

At a large and representative gathering of St. Andrew's church congregation, which completely filled the lecture room at the close of the mid-week service, last evening, a genuine surprise was sprung on Rev. F. S. Dowling, when he was asked to come forward to the platform and was presented by W. C. Whitaker, on behalf of the congregation, with an easy chair.

Mr. Dowling was completely taken by surprise and in his reply of thanks for the gift, stated that in completing his first year as minister of St. Andrew's he could truthfully say, it was a period of great pleasure both to himself and Mrs. Dowling, as they had received nothing but great kindness at the hands of the congregation since they arrived in St. John.

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### THE OSTRICH.

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It has the longest pare of legs

Of any bird or animal. Wich they look pritty funny wen its standing still. But usefull wen it starts to run a mile.

A ostrich will eat anything

Includin' nails and hole puttayts And insted of biding a nest swmares. It jest stays around were its mate is.

The female ostriches lay the eggs

Wile the male looks on with pride, Eetch being as big of a egg as she can lay. With a little ostrich inside.

She lays it rite down in the desert

And it stays rite there ware it lies, Lookin' jest like a chicken egg. It it wasent for the size.

Wen a ostrich sticks its hed in the sand

It thinks that makes it invisable, And the hunter sneaks up and pulls its ostrich fethers out. And the ostrich goes around lookin' minible.

a handsome purse will filled with gold. With considerable emotion she thanked the people of St. Andrew's church for this token of kindness.

C. B. Allan presided and a programme of music and speeches was enjoyed, after which refreshments were served, followed by the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King.

Among those who spoke were A. L. Law, E. A. Smith, J. H. McRobbie, B. R. Macaulay, Dr. H. S. Bridges, Wm. Murdoch, Mrs. John Thomson and Mrs. E. A. Smith.

Those who contributed to the fine musical programme were Miss Louise Anderson, Mrs. F. C. Macneil, Mrs. Kent Scovil, Thomas Guy, Ernest Bowman, T. C. Cochrane, F. C. Macneil and R. H. Anderson.

The affair proved a most enjoyable one.

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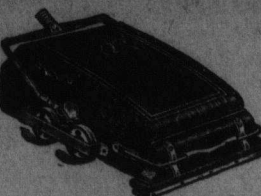
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