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The Effect of the War on the United States and Canada.

rather jubilantly expressed the opinion that the outberak of war in Europe will mean a larger measure Recently some prominent American journals have of prosperity for the United States and Canada, and will be demoralized. There will probably be, at least at the outset, a better demand for steel, textiles, etc., ranged and the effect will be keenly felt both in Canada and the United States. Higher interest rates tal, and much of the financing of the future will be met with serious obstacles. The foreign trade of the United States and of Canada will be demoralized. The heavy foreign sales of securities in Wall Street and in the Canadian exchanges were the main causes for the great shipment of gold from the Republic. A reassuring feature of the situation, however, is found in the fact that the Governments at Ottawa and shington have come to the support of the banks of the country. The crop movement has already grain from Montreal. Wheat has already advanced and over, which means phenomenal prosperity cipal advantage from high prices.

American buyers have been absorbing European Servia adopted a liberal constitution of its own. holdings at very attractive prices and many of the upon financiers and upon modern methods of financing that both Russia and Austria at different tin ing through the exchanges at the principal centres.

Tariffs and Unemployment.

Closely connected with the home market argu- Montenegro and Bulgaria. ment is that in regard to the employment of labor. That protective duties add to the demand for labor universal. The age limit is from eighteen to fifty. seems clear to the man on the street, and especially to the workingman. When imports are kept out, is lear that more employment exists for the workmen who make at home the things that were formerly imported? Here, however, people see only the obvious results, and do not stop to think what other results must follow. If there are less imports, will be less exports: and labor, if employed more in the new way, is employed less in the old. One of the most persistent of economic errors is the notion that employment is an end and not a means; and one of the hardest things to fasten in verage person's thought is that the end to which employment should be directed is the increase of the national income—the total flow of consumable goods and of services which constitutes the real revenue of the community.

working men oppose labor-saving appliances and welcome arrangements which seem to increase the demand for labor. Most of them are instinctively protectionists since the same fallacies are current in arguments for protection as in arguments for ent of labor. Anything which adds to the demand for a particular kind of labor is ed by the workmen of that trade; and then, by an easy transition from the particular to the geneal it is inferred that all labor is more in demand

demand in this particular direction. makes wages high and increased employment. With many persons it is an accepted article of faith that Canadian wages can be kept high and the canadian wages wage standard of living be maintained, only if there is protection against the goods made by the cheaper Yet there is no argument in favor of protection that is more fallacious than that the fire loss is a heavy tax on everybody and that of pauper labor competition. How could there be any exports at all, if lower wages always gave the foreigner the advantage? Now as a matter of fact, as much is exported from Canada in one form her as is imported. The exported goods are by laborers who get high wages here; yet goods, so far from being undersold in for for some days, have re-opened.

e foreigners. The explanation is simple; the efciency of labor in the exporting industries is great, and therefore high wages and low prices coexist. Finally, if any further argument is needed as to whether a high protective tariff can maintain a steady market for labor, present conditions in can add would seem to furnish all that is needed. There are thousands of men out of work in Canada to-day, nothwithstanding our high tariff; and wages are fulling all along the line. It will soon be discovered that if we cannot import German, Austrian and other flut open goods, neither can we export to these including all along the line. It will soon be discovered that if we cannot import German, Austrian and other flut will sountry and further depression of wages. It will abundantly prove that a nation must import foreign made commodities if 4t is to maintain its place in the family of nations and achieve true through the family of nations and there is a doddering of main, the off main, the off main, the off eign countries, are themselves underselling those of he foreigners. The explanation is simple: the efcosperity.

Our Annual Ash Heap.

Fire losses in Canada and the United States as amounted in the first seven months of the present burden and be affected in every relation of life by year to \$150,550,000 as compared with \$138,900,000 the outcome of such a war should passively leave the year to \$150,550,000 as compared with 4-50. There of or the corresponding period of last year. There decision to these three men is an indictment of civiseems to be no let-up in the fire losses which we lization itself. sustain on this continent. As a matter of fact, Canada has the highest per capita fire loss of any nation by the United States. On this continent, our per New York World. capita fire loss is in the neighborhood of \$3 per

It has been shown time and again that fully three that the result of this colossal struggle will make the economic supremacy of America sure. But the effect of war is bound to be injurious and not benefiscial. Imported food products will rise, and the more care shown in the handling of matches, in imfiscial. Imported food products will rise, and the taking of hundreds of thousands of men from the farms to the armies of Europe will mean an increased demand for food supplies abroad. If the United Kingdom does not successfully blockade the German ports, a very greatly enlarged market will be open for the products of the United States; while, of course, a broader market will be available for both Canadian and American products in the United States; while, of course, a broader market will be available for both Canadian and American products in the United States; while, of the course, a broader market will be available for both Canadian and American products in the United States; while, of the course, a broader market will be available for both Canadian and American products in the United States; while, of the course, and the course, and the course of the course of the course, and the course of the course of the course, and the course of the course of the course, and the course of both Canadian and American products in the United are not in business for their health and that the Kingdom. In the United States, particularly, the Kingdom. In the United States, particularly, the scarcity of labor will be reflected in higher wages in some industries while other branches of trade will be demoralized. There will probably be at least property destroyed is created wealth and can never terial. This burning up in Canada of over \$2,000,000 property can be of benefit to the world at large.

The world's money markets will be violently deupon our national resources. If is high time that upon our national resources. It is high time that more stringent laws were made and enforced in rewill surely follow the wholesale destruction of capi. has to borrow all its capital, has no excuse for burning up created wealth at the rate of \$2,000,000 per

The Fighting Serbs.

The Servians, who are perhaps the most intelligent of all the Slavs, have a long and interesting national history. From 1389 to 1807, they were unbegun and once the German navy is dealt with, there out, but owing to the neutral position of both Austral out, but owing to the neutral position of both Austral position. tria and Russia, it was a failure. Eight years afterwards, a fresh rebellion broke out and for many to the farmers of the prairie provinces. As our wheat is still in the hands of the farmers, it follows wheat is still in the hands of the farmers, it follows with a print of the print of who were at last compelled to recognize Servia as wheat is still in the middlemen will get the prin-that they and not the middlemen will get the prin-was paid to the Sultan, and Turkish garrisons were The closing of the New York Exchange and of prevailed until 1867 when the Turks were finally maintained in certain fortresses. This settlement the smaller exchanges of Canada, was a wise step. driven out of the country and shortly afterwards

In the year 1875, the Christians of Herzegovina gilt-edged American-Canadian securities are now on rose in arms against the Moslem tyrant. The rethe bargain counter. Eventually, France and Eng- volt, however, was put down by Turkey with the utland at least will re-purchase these shares, but at most cruelty, 12,000 being slaughtered in cold blood. higher prices. New York stood up well under the Upon this butchery, Servia and Montenegro declared flood of foreign selling. The stock exchange has conclusively demonstrated its usefulness and its abilipower them when Russia intervened. After a bloody ity to meet a great crisis to the benefit of the business community the world over. Foreign sellers Treaty of San Stefano in 1878, which granted Servia found a market for their securities which saved the complete independence. Some years later, 1885 many investors of moderate means. Eastern Roumania was annexed to Bulgaria. This Thus, panic was prevented in Europe and serious aroused the jealousy of the Servians and they waged ralization in Canadian and American securities a foolish war upon Bulgaria. The latter country was was headed off. Populist reformers and legislators completely victorious and it was only the interferwill do well to take notice of this fact and be some- ence of Austria that kept the Bulgarian army from what more moderate in the future in their attacks conquering Servia. It is interesting to note in passhave prevented Servia from losing her nationality although it has been merely a matter of self-interes to the Austrians to adopt this policy. They have never lost hope that some day the dual monarchy would be enlarged by the incorporation of Se

The military service in Servia is compulsory and

Now that the Militant Suffragettes have been reprison, it might not be a bad thing to enlist their services against the Kaiser.

It is reported that three hundred chauffeurs from Toronto have volunteered to go to the front. If we could only send some of our reckless Jehus from Montreal, the Germans would be swept back to Ber-

The silence from the North Sea is liable to be broken any minute by a message proclaiming a British victory over the German ships. It is to be sincerely hoped that the outcome of the fight will be a crushing blow to Germany's naval power.

The battle, which is now taking place in Belgium and along the frontier between Germany and France, will probably go down to history as one of the great est conflicts in the history of the world. The slaughter which will result from the engagement of millions of men armed with the latest artillery and machine guns is beyond computation

The splendid response being made by the overbecause of the circumstances which increased the seas Dominions must put heart into the Mother Country and her allies in the present conflict. On the other hand, it must cause a feeling of depression

FIRE LOSS A GENERAL TAX

If property owners and people in general realization

AN INDICTMENT OF CIVILIZATION.

were not so ghastly. War of itself may be wise or unwise, just or un-

Human progress is slow indeed when a whole conin the world, being closely followed in this respect right to life, liberty and self-government.—From the It permits goods that are not ready for market to

"A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN"

ned in Wall Street these days .- Little Arthur

If the Germans invade Holland, it is to be hoped that they will not injure the Carnegie Peace Palace.— A larger volume of business is settled by bank paper Southern Lumberman.

The Clergyman-I had no idea profanity was so revalent till I began to drive a car. His Wife-Do you hear much of it on the road?

The Clergyman-Why, nearly everyone I bump into ears frightfully .- Puck. When a candidate does make a hit, he often spoils

State Journal She-An agent was around to-day with a machine

by trying to stretch it into a two-bagger .- Ohio

He-Well, of all the ways of blowing in one's dough.

"And now I suppose you tell her everything?"
"Yes, everything there's any danger of her finding ut."-London Opinion.

ate that he decided to make an effort to get sent panic when confidence breaks down. A breakdown home. With this object he complained to the doctor of confidence means an increase in the amount that his cycsight was bad. "How can you prove transactions that must be settled by money. There that to me?" said the doctor. At a loss Pat looked round the room before answering. "Well, dector, you a sufficient amount of legal tender money when such 'Well," said Pat, "I can't!"

the old Commoner if he thought Cameron dishonest,

"I don't think he would steal a red-hot stove." Cameron insisted that Lincoln make Stevens apologize, and the latter did so very quickly by saying: "I take back my statement that he wouldn't steal

THE GREY MOTHER.

(By Lauchlan Maclean Watt.)

Lo, how they come to me, Long through the night I call them-Ah, how they turn to me

East and South my children scatter North and West the world they wander.

Yet they come back to me ome, with their brave hearts beating, Longing to die for me.

Me, the grey, old, weary mother Throned amid the Northern waters.

Where they have died for me, Died with their songs around me, Girding my shores for me.

Narrow was my dwelling for then Homes they builded o'er

Yet they leave all for me Hearing their mother calling, Bringing their lives for me

Up from the South seas swiftly sailing, Out from under stars I

Come they to fight for me Sons of the sons I nurtured; God keep them safe for me

Long ago their fathers saved me,

Now they come back to me, Come, in their children's children-Brave of the brave for me.

In the wilds and waves they slumber, Deep they slumber in the deserts

Rise they from graves for me, Graves where they lay forgotten

Yet my soul is veiled in sadness,

For I see them fall and perish. Claiming the world in dvine Bought with their blood for me.

Hear the grey, old, Northern mother. Blessing now her dying children God keep you safe for me.

Christ watch you in your sleeping Where ye have died for me; And when God's own slogan soundeth,

All the dead world's dust awaking Ah, will ye look for me? Bravely we'll stand together I and my sons with me.

deadly and devastating war of all history.

The thing would be laughable, ridiculous, if it of Europe make long-time loans which are for in-

A second distinction may be made in the variou Fire losses in Canada and the United States as mappiled by the New York Journal of Commerce and that the hundreds of millions who will bear the burden and be affected in every relation of life by banks deal with the ordinary commercial activitie

The Use of Credit Instruments. As already explained, the essential function of bank of the commercial type, is that of insurance used as the basis of present purchasing power This work is accomplished through the use of com

The volume of business that can be done by credit paper depends on several circumstances. Obviously, n the first instance, it depends upon the banking facilities of the country. If these banks are widely distributed, and are in close touch with small dealers farmers, retailers and the like, many transactions will "banking habit" through. This explains the Even a little green board and three shells would be of the people of Canada. Undoubtedly, Canadian and Americans pay by cheque much more extensively than the people of other countries.

In the next place, the density of population is an aportant factor in the growth of credit exchanges in a commercial centre than in an agricultural com munity, even although the proportion of business thus settled may not be larger.
Finally, the general education and intelligence of

the mass of the people is an important factor. Men do not use banks unless they have confidence in them and until they have won for themselves an establish ed place in the commercial mechanism of the country Business Done by Credit Instruments.

A very large proportion of the business of the country, even in the retail trade, is done by credit instruments. At least 50 per cent, of the retail tradof Canada is settled in that way. Over 90 per cent for aerating bread without the use of baking powder, of the wholesale trade of the country is done with cheques and other credit documents. Probably 75 per cent. of the business of Canada is settled in this way.

The Value of the Credit Economy.

The settlement of a very large proportion of exchanges by cheque may or may not be a good thing stability of industry may easily upset it. The larger An Irish soldier serving in India so disliked the clim- the volume of credit settlements the greater is the "Yes;" replied the doctor. is required. If there is any tendency towards speculation it is decidedly better to reduce the volume of credit and have larger recourse to cash payments Teddy Roosevelt and W. J. Bryan love each other If the habits of a people preclude this, then there about as much as old Thaddeus Stevens used to love Senator Simon Cameron. When Lincoln once asked This currency should be uniform with the ordinary currency and should be capable of being quickly mitted and recalled. That is, it should possess elasticity.

We cannot expect any social movement to continue steadily in one direction for an indefinite time. Evidence shows that there is a certain ebb and flow in to 1860 cost the participants \$9,243,000,000, and those the proportion of cheques used for business payments. The volume of credit transactions very likely tends 000,000.—The Anualist. to increase as population and business grow. It does not increase uniformly, but by periodic move It probably is not growing at the same rate as the rate of increase in the whole volume of business

One point needs to be carefully borne in mind. However great the volume of credit exchanges, however extensive the use of credit may become in a for most of the new capital needed for its developdirect money payment.

SAFETY FIRST

ried 87,000,000 passengers in the six months between savings. January 1 and July 1, 1914, and not one of them was killed in a train accident. In the calendar year 1913 the Pennsylvania Railroad lines east of Pittsburg investments of Europe in the country rarely exceed carried 108,000,000 passengers, the exact figures are \$300,000,000 in a single year, and in some years are now available, and not one was killed in a train ac- nothing at all on balance. cident. The Pennsylvania Railroad system has 11,729 banking deposits in the United States in normal years lles of line, and 26,198 miles of track. More than is about \$1,000,000,000; the issues of new capital 113,000 passenger trains are operated on these tracks subscription, so far as the amounts are ascertainevery month, or about 3,766 trains a day. This re- able, about \$3,000,000,000; and the sums spent of cord of six months means the safe operation by day buildings in the leading cities of the country alone and by night, through fog, snow, storm and clear reach \$1,000,000,000. weather, of 680,000 passenger trains, while at the same time approximately as many more freight these totals on the one hand and on the other for trains are being cared for. On the Pennsylvania the large sums spent in buildings in all the small same time approximately lines east of Pittsburg no passenger has been killed cities and villages, upon farm improvements, new train accident since 1912. During this period factories, mines, lumber propositions, additional description of the proposition these lines alone have carried more than 161,000,000 stock and machinery, etc., the rapidity with which people without the loss of a passenger's life in a train the wealth of the United States is growing will be accident.—San Francisco Journal of Commerce.

It is well to remember, in interpreting the acts of the new route from New Zealand to Liverpoot in the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles shorter than the Panama Canal is about 900 miles divine right of kings, and in particular of those of old route round Cape Horn. None the less, shipowhthe Hohenzollern line. On several occasions the Emers engaged in the frozen-meat trade declare that the peror has expressed himself plainly on this subject. At one time he said: "If we have been able to acomplish what has been accomplished, it is due above all things to the fact that our houses possess a tradition by virtue of which we consider that we have

INDIA'S POPULATION.

294,361,056 ten years previously), of whom 217,586,892 process of handling at the wharves, and for two days were Hindus, 66,647,299 were Moslems, 10,721,453 were perhaps, after the ships are laden the refrigeralist Buddhists and 3,873,203 were Christians. The literates machines are kept hard at work driving out is numbered only 18,539,578 persons and agriculture claimed the labor of 224,695,909 persons as against have to do is to prevent warmth leaking in; and, 85,523,041 engaged in industry.

Cincinnati bakers announce that next Monday all says a writer in "Answers."

traffic of one-fifth as the result of the war.

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THE COST OF WAR.

SAVINGS DEPARTMENTS at all Branches

It is not possible to compute with any degree accuracy the cost of the last century's war, but a ancial authority has tabulated as nearly as possible the expenses of the principal conflicts between wars, the countries involved in each, and the cost in dollars he gives as follows: 1798-1815-England and France\$6,250,000,0 1812-1815—France and Russia 450,000,000 1828—Russia and Turkey 100,000,000 1830-1840—Spain and Portugal, civil . . . 250,000,000 1830-1847-France and Algeria 190,000,00 France 332,000,00 Sardinia Austria 68,000,000 Russia 800,000,000 1859—France 75,000,60 Austria 127.000.000 1864-Denmark, Prussia, Austria., 26,000,000 1866—Prussia and Austria 1870-1871—France and Germany 1,580,000,000 1876-1877-Russia and Turkey .. 1898-Spain and United States .. 1,165,000,000 1900-1901-Boer-Great Britain 1,100,000,000 1904-1905—Russia and Japan

ASTONISHING GROWTH OF WEALTH OF UNITED STATES.

It is roughly calculated that the wars from 1793

from 1860 to 1910 \$14,080,000,000, a total of \$23,323,

In the early part of last century the United States depended on Europe, and especially on Great Britain, unity, they can never fully displace sales for ment. To-day the accumulations of the American people are greater than those of any other nation. It is true that additional amounts of foreign capital are still invested in the United States, but the amount The lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad system car- is insignificant in comparison with the country's own

The wealth of the United States is growing at the The annual growth of

Allowing for a certain amount of duplication in these totals on the one hand and on the other for evident .- San Francisco Journal of Commerce.

THE PANAMA GANAL AND FROZEN MEAT

will make no change.

At present ships traverse a long stretch of cold water from New Zealand to the Horn; they still pass through cold water while coming up the Patagonia coast, and strike almost vertically across the equal appointed by God to preserve and direct, for Thus they are in hot water for only a few days. Be their own welfare, the people over whom He has giv-en us power."

Thus they are in hot water for only a let or ships proceeding from New Zealand to Paname would cross the equator slantwise, and so would be in hot water for a very much longer period.

Now, frozen meat leaves the works in New Zea India now has a population of 315,156,396 (as against land as hard as stone. It softens slightly during machines are kept hard at work driving out the warmth. But once this is done, all the machine turally, the warmer the water through which the is passing, the longer the machines have to work

five-cent loaves of oread would be raised to 10 cents.

In fact, so great would be the extra cost of kering the refrigerators going that owners say that a together with the canal dues, would more than cost of the war. teract the saving in mileage.

Cash Transactions at Prices Be Than Those Obtaining When

Exchange Closed PROPOSAL BEING DISCUSSED

Closed on July 28th, and New York on th-Local Exchange May Follow Load of Street in the Particulars Mentioned.

there is a possibility that in the near for ransactions, to a limited extent, may be allowed the floor of the Montreal Stock Exchange. The matter is now being canvassed by the m of the committee, and so soon as action ca en without endangering the business situs rally, an announcement may be expected.

A proposal that has met with some favor in that cash transactions should be perm os a price basis better than was shown at the clos If similar action is taken here and in Toronto ost likely to prove the case, if the plan is for to operate successfully in New York City—the s dard of trading will be the prices shown in the

t the close at noon on July 28th. In order that all the members of the Mont Exchange may have an accurate stater of the position of affairs on the day in question, mittee has issued a supplementary sheet gi the asked and bid prices, and the sales for ning session on July 28th, as follows:-

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Canada Cement Canada Cottons 72 Can. Con. Rubber 171% anadian Pacific Dom. Bridge Dom. Steel Corp. ins, Ltd. Do. Pfd. rest Collieries Binels Traction, Pfd. urentide MacDonald Co. Minn. & St. Paul ont. L. H. & P. Montreal Loan & Mort. Montreal Tramways 21/2 Do., Debentures tional Breweries, Pfd.

Rich. & Ont. Nav.

Porto Rico

Do., D.

Hay. Elec. Ry.
Hillcrest
Intercol. Coal
Kaminist

Do., Pfd. River 9 1/2 nnipeg Railway hants 2½ 234 Nationale Nova Scotia

2211/4 Last Asked. B Holden 6% Bell Telephone 5 Can. Cement 95% 104 108 Can. Converters 6 Can. Converters
Can. Rubber
Can. Loco.
Can. S. S. Deb.
Com. Cable Rubber 6 Dom. Canners 6 Textile A. 6 Do., B. 6

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