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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12. TOO HIGH A PRICE

NATURALLY, the press of United States discuss the war and its issues almost, if not as much, as those in Canada. The general concensus of opinion is antagonistic to the Kaiser, and sympathetic towards Great Britain. The situation of Canada comes in for frequent reference, and there is an earnest desire expressed that this continent should be free from the suffering and inconveniconnection the relevance of the Monject of inquiry. Without attempting scene, as is probable, one week's delay clang of arms. Strife of one kind or to forecast the course that may be may well be fatal to their plans. To another is the predominant note. followed by President Wilson and his hold out for that length of time in advisers, it is pointed out that the their safet; must be objects of inter- good a testimonial to the fortifications modern science, is the struggle for American money is invested in our resistance in the slower days of old. cities and our trade is an object of too much importance to the people of the Republic to allow them to be indifferent. One proposition is suggested in the following language by a con-

now, before the blow has fallen, to tell Germany that Canada as a noncombatant nation shall be held invioa guid pro quo, but the other side of by Britain's agreement to accept no aid from Canada as the price of her great dependency's absolution from Such action would shunt the continent and be in line with the broad

of self-respect itself would be too great ambitions, no sense of nationhood, no Russia. ernment that rests "broad-based upon the people's will."

SOCIAL SERVICE.

and what it hoped to accomplish, in St. John's Church, Port Stanley, about church was right, and that not the churches were all organizing a social service branch. By it the work of the easier. It was an eloquent and able address and proved beyond any doubt that the choice of St. Andrew's Church. had he accepted the call, would have been a great acquisition to the city.

Two days after came the declaration of war between England and Germany, and already Germany and Austria-Hungary are against France, England, Russia, Servia and Belgium. How much further it will spread is uncertain. If the blame for the war is rightly placed on the shoulders of the Emperor of Germany, and not its people, it stamps him as the greatest criminal of all the ages. He asks his people to follow Germany and God. He associates God with an act of flendishness that staggers the comprehension, with the wholesale murder of as many Belgians s stool between him and his desire to cockpit of Europe to rescue little Bel-

murder as many Frenchmen as he

At one blow the Emperor of Germany caused more suffering and death, and did more injury to the whole world, including Germany, than the churches can undo in generations of honest, conscientious, hard work, along the highest practical lines of social service. The far greater extent than they expect in war. the noble work they have undertaken.

FAMOUS SIEGES.

THE defence of Liege is becoming one of the great events of his- [Written Specially for The Advertiser. tory. It will recall to ancient mid-Victorians the glorious defence of Luckremember the defence of Plevna by the stopped the Boer rush to the sea.

At Plevna, Osman Pasha held the heroism of the besieged was without avail in the ultimate issue except that

enormous cost of life. Another stubborn resistance, equally futile in the end, was that of Paris in The gay Parisians lived on rats and

We are hoping that the siege of once that war entails. And in this those of Lucknow, Mafeking and Lady- ferno" and Milton's "Paradise Lost," and the defenders as a half year's existence the supreme concern of life

AN OLD WORLD STATE.

PECULIAR old monarchy is that of the Hapsburgs at Vienna and Buda-Pesth. It has carried on in-

In 1806 the last Holy Roman Emperor, a Hapsburg like his predecessors wasteful crime of destruction? I wonfor 400 continous years, abdicated that der! office, having assumed the new title of Emperor of Austria. But his dominions and subjects still reflected in some de- A vigilant eye gree the nature of the Holy Roman And wealth of an empire wideone thing more than anything else Or serenely and silently glide along characteristic of that grand mediaeval To the churn and swirl of a deep sea institution was its would-be universality. Like the papacy, its spiritual Or resting at anchor seem asleep counterpart, the Empire overrode or was unaware of all considerations of policy could be adopted, it would be nationality; it was a territorial doa comfortable thing for Canada-for minion, embracing all sorts and tribes To bring her benediction to the nations But what mostly all to the Pope is the old Holy Thro' wastes of inky waters and the the comforts of peace, at the price that | relic of mediaevalism amidst the mo

it remains pretty much a despotism or world that for us there were no lofty warrior-oligarchy, like Germany and

ITALY'S POSITION.

France, Italy decently hesitates to go As she shudders and she shivers,

peli, and is better off neutral.

With the suffragettes at rest, England s more at peace than for some time.

There are two great Shaughnessy's,

So far nobody has remarked that Liege refused to declare allegiance to

One hundred Anglican clergymen have declared their willingness to fight or pray. The church militant

Somebody has discovered that there are three million goats in Germany. Perhaps this accounts for the Emperor's butting-in proclivities

"If Germany will have it, she will have it in full measure."-Sir Edward In hearts where once abode distress Grey. In other words, the Kaiser is

General French goes down into the

gium while Kitchener at home holds the rope. A great combination that

It is figured that if the various war dispatches are correct 80,000 men fell as a result of the first week's opera-

need for social service will be many big that the wiping out of a regiment over. May the churches succeed to a of a corporal's guard in the average

THE BATTLESHIP

[BY ERIC ROSS GOULDING.]

During the course of a somewhat low. Old people, some not so old, will varied career, among others things I have been a soldier in the imperial army and, while serving with my regi-Turks in 1877. All but the babes and ment, I have attended defensive naval ucklings keep in mind Mafeking, Kim- manoeuvres with the Mediterranean fleet. Opinions must naturally differ as to the feelings of those who have been under fire. For my own satisfaction I have analyzed as minutely Russians from July to December. The as I can my own during the moments when I first heard the hissing and whistling of passing bullets and the thunder of cannon. But from an actual experience of warfare on land and of provisions and ammunition, the an imaginative experience of war at sea, I can say this only: While one is awful, the other must be terrible. I cannot at present say anything turther on the subject except to suggest that most of us may imagine, in a greater or lesser degree, the appalling hideousness of a sea fight.

opening lines of Virgil's "Eeneid." the Liege forts will rank rather with through the Homeric epic, Dante's "Insmith. Even should the Germans now even through the tremendous Hindu-Aryian epic, the "Mahabaratha," our ears are deafened by the clash and Goethe's "Faust," too, is not free from 1914 against the concentrated mass and a subtler sort. Is strife, then, natural, charge of Germany's machine is as or to translate it into the speech of Undoubtedly, if we make it so! Shall no poet arise and sing of the real glories and achievements of peace? Shail no poet lift up his voice and tell us in the quiet beauty of measured tinent and the spiritual and intellectual progress of a great nation; of the to the present time the tradition of the birth and growth of democracy; of the Holv Roman Empire of the Middle deeper understanding between man and man regarding the nobility of life and the sacredness of liberty; of the righteousness of peace and the wasting and

> O iron monsters, ye who keep, While liesurely cruising the seas of the the German naval officers have drunk to their country's call.

Majestic ve ride

song, O giant guardians of the deep!

But should the angel of peace Fold her wing and cease the world. The Titan of the deep Stealthily will creep wilderness of night, Thro' the desolating darkness with

Thro' the gloom. Terrific notes of doom, Boom!----boom! And she trembles at the thought

a craft in sight:

And then her force is hurled

Of the havoc she has wrought-Boom! Hark the pounding and the bounding of her heart. As one by one-Boom!---boom!

From every gun Her deadly shells depart! messengers of fate. Boom! Hurtling thro' the gloom,

O harbingers of doom, talk of peace is late, To think of peace is vain;

As she lurches and she jars, This awful child of Mars, As she thunders and she quivers, As she plunges and she pounds, As she lunges and she bounds, O'er the main!

Boom!---bcom! Ho! she rushes on apace With a sort of reckless grace, From off the watery space

The other dogs of war who bark and snap and whine ween flashes of the lightning in the distant hattle line! Boom!----boom!

In peace thou art a stately ship, In war a floating hellher by the fierce destructive force which is thy very own Smash, shatter, break, destroy, may the plants of peace be sown, flourishing, expanding and Which, growing in each clime May shelter every nation In the democratic time!

EVERYBODY BUSY. [Kingston Whig.] will be no loading around the Horse Guards, or anywhere else, while Kitchener is minister of war. Britain can count safely upon expedition while

MISSED IT. [Judge.] "What do you think of the automobile race, Pat?'

"I didn't see it." "You didn't see it? Why, I saw you at the track!'

'Yis, I was at the thrack; but I had to wink just at the wrong time, and whin I got through the race was

A DREAM. [By John Kendrick Bangs.] I dreamed last night, there came a day When every mortal 'neath the sky From carp and cavil turned away,

When every man his neighbor sought With mein of true fraternity: And every spoken word was fraught With kindliness and amity.

And put unkindly thinking by.

When every mind in all the earth Gave all its thought to making clear The things of good and sterling worth That ever lie about us here.

And every hand in readiness For others' help was kept until Rich notes of joy began to thrill.

during the gabfest that ensued Smith referred to the town into which he had The teaching of it-true and wisejust moved. And when the waking came I knew How I could find my Paradise.



PRESS COMMENT ON THE WAR

FOOD FAMINE CRY.

[Guelph Herald.] There is talk about a food famine. The ones who are "stocking their larders' are the ones who are creating language of the peopling of a vast con- all the trouble. There is no reason why food products should be very scarce this country, so long as it remains lions of bushels of grain to export why should there be any thought of real the European war is a good reflection scarcity? Prices may naturally be expected to go higher.

[Stratford Beacon.] "Am Tag!"-"The Day"-the toast of those that are prepared to respond daily for several years now professing slightest doubt that if Britain's skies a longing for combat with the battle- should darken and the worst should ships of Great Britain, has arrived. come to the worst, Canada would furn-But there is a reluctancy shown by ish half a million troops with the same them of getting outside the protection alacrity as she is now sending forth the fortifications of the Kiel Canal af- 21,000. fords. "The Day!" is likely to prove the doomsday of arrogant military and would-be military and would-be naval

ULTIMATE GERMAN GOAL.

[Evening Sun.] Jerman writers as the ult school of which General Von Bernhar-Turkish war; in the present Austrian di is the most celebrated spokesman, attack of Servia; in the second Ger has again and again openly demon- man ultimatum to Russia hi the Ger disposed of Austria and France and to respect the neutrality of Luxemthus gained military supremacy first burg and to respect Belgian neutrality war," with England and for world su- dicated the simple principle of its di-

THE LITTLE NATIONS. [Cleveland Plain Dealer.] There is both ludicrousness and British diplomancy for peace averted woke him up. pathos in Portugal's declaration that war. she will, if it becomes necessary, assist Great Britain in her war against Germany. Such a statement is ludicrous because there is no conceivable situthe uncomfortable position of the little of the war in which they are not even participants.

LET US NOT EXULT. [New York Times]

ever may be our opinions, whatever our punished. ful suffering, that its end must leave suicide is frequently the end of barupon conquerors and conquered alike rack martyrdom.

NOT A BIT STEAUX. A thin-skirted girl in Bordeaux Wouldn't wear petticoats, oh, She'd go out in the sun

And she'd say: "This is fun But I hope that my ankles don't sheaux." -Cincinnati Inquirer.

Another who lived in Boulogne Was followed by dogs not her ogne. She was thin as a rail, So they kept on her trail, Believing that she was a bogne. -Houston Post.

A slash-skirted girl form Carlisle Was nifty and right in the stisle: She bought her some hose Of the shade of old rose,

When she walked you could see them a misle NATURAL APPEARANCE

[Woman's Home Companion.] The physics instructor in a Texas | cap?" high school was teaching a German girl whose vocabulary was not very ex-

"What is a vacuum?" he asked. "I have it in my head, but I can't express it." was the reply. NO HANDICAP.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.] The Slum Worker-You look like a very worthy person. The Flattered One-Oh, I'm all right. ma'am, I manage to get along first rate, I ain't got nobody to support. I'm a

"HE DID IT." [New York Telegram.] But the desire to evade responsibility is apparent. Each ruler points to another and says: "He did it!" And as they are standing in a circle we arrive nowhere.

single woman.

FOLLOW THE CAY. [Unknown.] Smith and Jones met in the smoke nd of a Pullman car one afternoon, and

"The streets of the blooming burg," We'd make your little world and mine he eloquently described, "are the crook- A pleasant place to stay.

hurts from which they will not soon recover.

READY TO DEFEND THE EMPIRE! [St. Thomas Journal.] The rapid enrolment at the local regimental headquarters on Friday and Saturday of seventy-five volunteers to represent St. Thomas and vicinity in the Canadian contingent that will go to of the spirit of Imperial defence that prevails throughout the whole Dominion. It is not at all a question of getting men to defend the Empire, but a question of keeping down the number

"MIGHT IS RIGHT" DIPLOMACY.

[Ottawa Journal,] In the case of German congratulations to the Boers in the Agadir incident; in the Delcasse case; in the Austrian case of Bosnia and Herzegovina; British colonies have long been de- in the German ultimatum to Russia at mate goal of German world policy. The with the Balkan states after their strated that German belief that having man violation of treaty pledges both In Germany, then in Europe, the Ger- - in all these things within a few years mans must look forward to "The next Germany or Austria has every time inplomacy to be that might is right. nearly every case prior to the present merely the pacific temper of Great

DOUBT GERMAN ARMY'S

EFFICIENCY. ere than forty years Ger ation in which Portugal's aid would be many's military reputation has rested of service. It is pathetic in indicating on the events of that war, just as that nations of Europe, which feel that their Napoleonic achievements, But of late very existence depends on the outcome years experts have openly doubted whether the German army has maintained the standard of efficiency it then possessed. Very serious charges have been made regarding the brutali-It would be unbecoming in us to exult by the commissioned and non-comver the disasters that may befall missioned officers, several of whom any of the embattled nations. What- have indeed been convicted and In a book recently issued. As maiden used to be her best views, upon questions of right or wrong, Captain Pommer, now retired, who wherever we may place the blame and served twenty years as an infantry ofresponsibility for the calamity of war, ficer in Alsage, writes that "to mainwe cannot, we shall not, rejoice over tain discipline amongst German solthe defeat of one or exult over the diers of the twentieth century, methods triumph of another of these nations were employed which may have been for whose people we entertain senti- suitable for feudal armies, but in a ments of disinterested friendship. It modern army must be considered as is afflicting to us that the progress of mockery of the elementary rights of the war must be marked by such fright human beings." He asserts, too, that

> edest of anything in that line on the face of the earth. You may not believe it, but a couple of days after we got there my wife had a cat that she wanted to lose and told me to take it over and leave it along the river about a mile to Niagara?" distant. Well, sir--"

"I see, old pal," smilingly interjected the other. "That's where you lost the come away from home and left a faucet

cat all right.' "You've got another guess," returned Smith. "If I hadn't followed the cat I would never have found my way back

HEALTH NOTE.

[Washington Post.] Although yawning is said to be good for the health, that doesn't make the young man who stays till midnight any more acceptable as a eugenic candidate.

VERY LITTLE USE. [Baltimore American.] "What's the use of a naval man's trying to put any feathers in Not much, if the plucking board

JUST HIS LUCK. London Mail.1 "You are not the boy who usually "No, sir. I tossed up wi' 'im

"No, I lost." ONE WAY TO CHEER. Detroit Free Press.]

be less gloom in this old world If only you and I Would keep our banners gayly furled And waving in the sky. If we would do our best to smile, And grin when troubles come, At least the place we fill the while Would not be quite so glum.

For you and I could make on earth One bright and cheery spot. And we could fill our haunts with

And that would help a lot. mirth If we'd refuse to mope and whine Along life's trouble. way,

The Battle of Blenheim

t was a summer's evening. Old Kaspar's work was done. And he before his cottage door Was sitting in the sun; And by him sported on the green His little grandchild Wilhelmine.

She saw her brother Peterkin Roll something large and round, Which he, beside the rivulet, In playing there, had found. He came to ask what he had found, That was so large, and smooth,

Old Kaspar took it from the boy, Who stood expectant by: And then the old man shook his head.

and round.

And, with a natural sigh, Tis some poor fellow's skull," said he 'Who fell in the great victory!

I find them in the garden,

For there's many hereabout; And often when I go to plow, The plowshare turns them out; For many thousand men," said Were slain in that great vic-

tory!" 'Now tell us what 'twas all about." Young Peterkin he cries; And little Wilhelmine looks up With wonder-waiting eyes;

And what they killed each other "It was the English," Kaspar cried. "Who put the French to rout;

Now tell us all about the war,

But what they killed each other I could not well make out. But everybody said," quoth he, "That 'twas a famous victory!

"My father lived at Blenheim Yon little stream hard by:

They burned his dwelling to the ground. And he was forced to fly; So with his wife and child he Nor had he where to rest his

head.

With fire and sword the country round Was wasted far and wide: And many a childing mother then And new-born baby died. But things like that, you know,

must be At every famous victory. They say it was a shocking sight After the field was won: For many thousand bodics here

Lay rotting in the sun. But things like that, you know, After a famous victory. Great praise the Duke of Marlborough won, And our good Prince Eugene,'

Why. 'twas a very wicked Said little Wilhelmine. Nay, nay, my little girl," quoth

'It was a famous victory! 'And everybody praised the duke, But what good came of it at Quoth little Peterkin. Why, that I cannot tell." said he,

-Robert Southey.

"But 'twas a famous victory."

WASN'T FOREMAN AT ROME. [Kansas City Times.] new foreman was a hustle

Nothing escaped his eagle eye, and whenever he saw a workman suffer-Britain and the earnest efforts of ing from a tired feeling he quickly So when he discovered a bricklaver snatching a quiet pipe behind a wheelbarrow his wrath arose mightily. What do you think you're paid for? Get on with your job, if you don't want to get fired, pretty sharp.' "All right, boss," rejoined the work-

"Keep your 'air on. Rome

"but I wasn't foreman of that NO AGE LIMIT. [Louisville Courier-Journal.] Extreme youth used to be the test, Or so I ween.

"That may be," rejoined the hust-

wasn't built in a day, you knew."

At sweet sixteen. As I opine, And nothing is more charming than

WOULD BE CRUEL AND UNSUAL [Columbus State.] George, if he only thought about it, could awe both Irish factions in a jiffy by threatening to send Robert

Bridges to read a poem to 'em. EFFECT OF NIAGARA [Pittsburg Post.]

"Then your wife didn't enjoy her trip "No: the minute she saw that rushing water she began to wonder if she hadn't running.'

IT IS REALLY UNCANNY. [Toronto Star.]

We have heard how news is transnitted from end to end of India with mysterious swiftness. We have heard of the heliograph and other modern military methods of signalling. We have marvelled at wireless telegraphy. But the melonpirates appear to have



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ATTENTION, MILLIONAIRES!

[Hamilton Times.] Are there any more Canadian million aires ready to repeat the Lord Strath

BOSTON'S TROUBLE. "The worst has befallen," says the Boston Transcript, "in this cruel war. The price of beans has risen."

CORRECT. [Montreal Mail.] Principal Peterson, of McGill, points but that the present war will do more

to consolicate the Empire than years imperialistic talk. Correct. STICKY FLY PAPER. [Kansas City Journal.]

"Three thousand lives lost today,"

said the first fly. "How do you know?" demanded the second fly. "By the paper" "What paper?"

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