

BRITAIN THE LINCOLN OF MODERN EUROPE

The Empire is Fighting a Victorious War of Deliverance From the Worst Slavery That Has Ever Threatened Manhood

(By Charles H. Grasty, Staff Correspondent of New York Times)
 London, Feb. 13.—David Lloyd George has given me for publication a Lincoln Day message.

The absorption of the British Prime Minister in absolutely the greatest task ever laid upon a human being is so deep that he was unable to attend the opening of the House of Commons last week, and literally every minute of his long work day is taken up with the vital matters of the war. But the Lincoln anniversary made such an appeal to him that he gave it his time and thought, and now sends this historic message to America.

"I am very glad to respond to your request for a message for publication on Lincoln Day. I am glad because to my mind Abraham Lincoln has always been one of the very first of the world's statesmen, because I believe that the battle which we have been fighting is at bottom the same battle which your countrymen fought under Lincoln's leadership, more than fifty years ago, and most of all, perhaps, because I desire to say how much I welcome the proof which the last few days have afforded that the American people are coming to realize this fact.

"Devoted to Human Freedom
 Lincoln's life was devoted to the cause of human freedom. From the day when he first recognized what slavery meant he bent all his energies to its eradication from American soil. Yet after years of patient effort, he was driven to realize that it was not a mere question of abolishing slavery in the Southern States, but that bound up with it was a larger issue; that unless the Union abolished slavery, slavery would break up the Union.

"Faced by this alternative he did not shrink, after every other method had failed, from vindicating both Union and freedom by the terrible instrument of war. Nor after the die for war had been cast, did he hesitate to call upon his countrymen to make sacrifices, to submit to limitations upon their personal freedom, until, in his own words there was a new birth of freedom in your land.

"Is there not a strange similarity between this battle which we are fighting here in Europe and that which Lincoln fought? Has there not grown up in this continent a new form of slavery; a militarist slavery which has not only been crushing out the freedom of the people under its control, but which in recent years has also been moving toward crushing out freedom and fraternity in all Europe as well.

"Is it not true that it is to the militarist system of government which centres in Berlin, that every open-minded man who is familiar with past history would point as being the ultimate source of all the expansion of armaments, of all the international unrest, and of the failure of all movement toward crushing out freedom and fraternity in all Europe as well.

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"We were reluctant, and many of us refused to believe that any sane rulers would deliberately drench Europe in its own blood, so we did not face the facts until it was almost too late. It was not until August, 1914, that it became clear to us, as it became clear to Lincoln in 1861, that the issue was not to be settled by pacific means, but by the supreme sacrifice of war. It was the ultimatum to Serbia and the ruthless attack upon Belgium and France which followed because nations of Europe would not tolerate the iteration of the independence of a free people without conference and by the sword, which revealed to us all the implacable nature of the struggle which lay before us.

"It has been difficult for a nation separated from Europe by miles of sea and without political connections with its people, to appreciate fully what was at stake in the war. In your civil war many of our ancestors were blind, Lord Russell hinted at an early peace. Even Gladstone declared: 'We have no faith in the propagation of free institutions at the point of the sword.' It was left for John Bright, that man of all others who most loved peace and hated war, to testify that when our statesmen 'were hostile or coldly neutral, the British people cling to freedom with an unflinching trust.' But I think that America now sees that it is human unity and freedom which are being fought for in this war.

"A War of Liberation.
 The American people under Lincoln fought not a war of conquest, but a war of liberation. We to-day are fighting not a war of conquest, but a war of liberation—a liberation not of ourselves alone, but of all the world, from that body of barbarous doctrine and inhuman practice, which has estranged nations, has held back the unity and progress of the world, and which has stood revealed in all its deadly iniquity in the course of this war.

"In such wars for liberty there can be no compromise. They are either won or lost. In your case it was freedom and unity or slavery and separation; in our case military power, tyrannously used, will have succeeded in tearing up treaties and trampling on the rights of others, or liberty and public right will have prevailed. Therefore, we believe that the war must be fought out to a finish, for on such an issue there

can be no such thing as a drawn war. Once the conflict had been joined, we have been inspired and strengthened beyond measure by the example and the words of your great President. He did not shrink from bloodshed. He has often been struck at the growth of both tenderness and stern determination in the face of Lincoln, as shown in his photograph, as the war went on.

"Springing Life by Losing It.
 "Despite his abhorrence of all that war entailed, he persisted in it because he knew that he was sparing life by losing it, that if he agreed to compromise, the blood that had been shed on a hundred fields would have been shed in vain, that the task of creating a united nation of free men would only have to be undertaken at even greater cost at some later day. It would, indeed, be impossible to state our faith more clearly than Lincoln stated it himself at the end of 1863.

"On careful consideration (he said) of all the evidence, it seems to me that no attempt at negotiation with the insurgent leader could result in any good. He would accept nothing short of severance of the Union, precisely what we will not and cannot give. His declarations to this effect are explicit and repeated. He does not deceive us, he affords us no excuse to deceive ourselves; between him and us the issue is distinct, simple and inflexible. It is an issue which can only be tried by war and decided by victory."

"That was the judgment of the greatest statesman of the nineteenth century during the last great war for human liberty. It is the judgment of this nation and of its fellow nations overseas to-day.

"Our armies," said Lincoln, "are ministers of good, not evil." So we do believe. And through all the carnage and suffering and conflicting motives of the Civil War, Lincoln held steadfastly to the belief that it was the freedom of the people to govern themselves which was the fundamental issue at stake. And we to-day, for, when the people of central Europe accept the peace which is offered them by the allies, not only will the allied peoples be free, as they have never been free before, but the German people, too, will find that in losing their dream of an Empire over others, they have found self-government for themselves."

CALLED TO COLORS
 By Courier Leased Wire.
 London, Feb. 13.—A Renter's despatch from Berné says that the German authorities have suddenly called to the colors all officials of trade unions and Socialist organizations. These officials, who aggregate 10,000 in number, have previously been exempt from military service.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
 EARL CURZON'S NEW WIFE AND CHILDREN

When Earl Curzon, of Kedleston, one of Britain's statesmen, married Mrs. Duggan the other day, he became step father to the three handsome children—two boys and a girl—seen in the above picture. The new Countess Curzon was the widow of Alfred Duggan, of Buenos Aires, but has many connections in the United States.

PROMPT ACTION CHECKED FIRE

Passengers on Street Car Saw Blaze and Turned in the Alarm

A lucky coincidence was responsible for the checking of a fire at 48 Alfred Street last night at 11:30, in one half of a double house. The last car on the main line was just approaching the corner of Alfred and Victoria Streets, when two passengers, Chief Bert Mattice, of the Massey Harris Fire Department, and a companion noticed flames in a white brick structure, one half of which was occupied by Greeks. They immediately left the car and while one roused the occupants of the house and warned them of the danger, the other ran to the fire alarm box at the corner of Victoria Street and Park Avenue and rang in the alarm. The East End department and the motor truck from the Central station responded. One line of hose was laid by the East End department, but the fire was extinguished by chemicals carried by the motor truck. The blaze originated in the bathroom of the house where the plaster, becoming overheated from a stove nearby, had fallen off the walls and had exposed the wood-work underneath to the excessive heat. The flames spread up to the roof, burning a large hole there. The damage, which was considerable, amounted to in the neighborhood of \$100.

ANNIVERSARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
 Is Celebrated at Marlboro Street Church This Week

The third anniversary of the Marlboro street Sunday School was celebrated last night by one of the most entertaining ever held in the history of the church. The programme was rendered by members of the different classes, and consisted of instrumental and vocal selections, recitations and readings, and was featured by an interesting and beautiful tableau of Britannia and a march given by a young ladies' class. The attendance was exceptionally large. Thirty-two prizes were awarded, and distributed to the boys and girls who had a record of fifty attendances during the past twelve months.

On Sunday afternoon, the third anniversary of the opening of the structure, the Sunday School was favored with an address by the Rev. Wray R. Smith of Oxford Street Methodist Church, who chose as his subject, "Show me a Penny." His address, which was of an interesting character, was made more attractive by the illustrations in colored crayon utilized by the speaker. Solos were rendered during the afternoon by little Charles Packham and Gertrude Ham. The Superintendent, Mr. Alex. Lamb, was assisted on the platform by Mr. John Mann, who occupied a similar position in the Calborne St. Sunday School, when Mr. Lamb arrived in Brantford twenty-nine years ago.

Mr. Percy Arno has been appointed as shell inspector by the Imperial Munitions Board, Galt, and is now on the staff of A. B. Jardine's.

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GIRLS' CONFERENCE
 All circumstances argue well for a great success awaiting the first Older Girls' Conference to be held here on February the 24th and 25th under the direction of the secondary division of the provincial Sunday School Association. An extensive and attractive program has been prepared and all arrangements have been completed to insure the success of the event. Two "Key Leader" girls from each Sunday School in the city yesterday visited some other school, and announced the coming conference, later meeting in the Congregational Church to report, where a meeting was held. From all reports, it is expected that the registration at the conference will be very high.

POLICE COURT.
 Four bicyclists contributed \$2 a-piece today in the local police court as the result of their preference for the bicycle over the roadway. A charge of false pretences laid against R. S. Carter by Louis Stander was withdrawn.

NEWS OF NORFOLK

Daughters of the Empire Raise Grand Total of \$1400 in Simcoe

OTHER NEWS ITEMS

Board of Education Deals With School Questions In Lengthy Session

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(From Our Own Correspondent)
 Simcoe, Feb. 13.—It may be of interest to L. O. D. E. organizations elsewhere to learn that the one day effort of the local chapter held here last Thursday netted for the cause over one thousand dollars and an overseas shower of three to four hundred dollars besides, a grand total of about fourteen hundred dollars.

Here are some of the items: Candy booth, \$52.25; home-made cooking \$122.50; cash for overseas shower \$71.75; paper counter \$24; fancy work \$332.60; auction sale of town produce \$112.00; auction sale of country produce \$29.10; pillow slip contest \$105.00; fortune telling \$29.05; tea and tea garden \$60; fish pond, \$12.00; admission \$126.47; special donation from churches, etc. \$60.55; Two organizations from Delhi sent each \$10.00; Town Council \$50.00; Farmer's cash donations \$7.00.

School Question
 The Board of Education wrestled with the school question for three hours last night. The contract for one school had been let last September and as it was generally known that prices had been soaring, it was decided after some discussion to call in the contractor for the South Ward school and offer him the contract for the North Ward school, to be built from the same plans at the same contract price.

Mr. Guntton answered the call by phone promptly and informed the Board that since he had taken the contract prices had gone up in the five months so that the five months' delay had cost him \$30. His \$40 steel \$80, roofing \$40, glass and paint \$58, brick \$750, heating and ventilating plant \$6.69, plumbing \$490, electric fixtures \$20, or a total of \$2,200 and he could not undertake the job for less than \$30,100.

Mr. Wm. Sutton, a new member of the Board but a former trustee of the school, has been named from the North Ward school. One school would relieve the congestion considerably, provided prices did not ease up within a year and the Board would get much more than at present. Others agreed that possibly a few months might clear the atmosphere. But the Board decided to save \$300 on both schools by purchasing the Roman stone required for the second school and storing it rather than pay for the second making of moulds.

Had the 1916 council voted the money asked by the Board last Autumn, the foundations of both schools would now have been in. To proceed now would cost too much for the builder then made. The second school is, however, only delayed not yet abandoned.

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 Rome, Feb. 13.—Italian seaplanes caused considerable damage to an air raid on the San Rocco navy yard near Trieste on Sunday night, according to an official statement by the Admiralty. The statement says that the number of bombs were dropped causing the outbreak of an extensive fire. All of the machines, which belonged to the upper Adriatic squadron, returned safely.

DECLINED KNIGHTHOOD

By Courier Leased Wire.
 Toronto, Feb. 12.—It is understood that Sir Robert Borden offered J. Ross Robertson of the Toronto Evening Telegram, knighthood and a secretaryship, but Mr. Robertson gratefully declined both honors.

RADIATOR INSTALLED

Some trouble has been experienced at the Court House by the water pipes in the western end of the building, becoming frozen in the cold weather. After some investigation it was found that the difficulty was caused through the lack of heat in the lobby entrance. Accordingly a radiator was installed there this morning to remedy the defect.

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ANOTHER RECRUIT FOR THE 215TH

Gen. Logie Did Not Arrive In City to Inspect the Battalion

Although all the necessary preparations had been made for the inspection of the 215th battalion by General Logie this morning, he failed to arrive and the examination of the battalion was deferred until a later date. General Logie is engaged in a tour of inspection lasting for a few days and terminating tomorrow morning with a review of the 215th battalion here at ten thirty.

Brantford will undoubtedly miss the presence of such a live wire as Private Sam Lathers has proven himself to be in recruiting circles here for the past two weeks. Pte. Lathers returned to Hamilton yesterday.

Another recruit was received by the 215th battalion after his safe recovery from an operation undergone to enable him to meet the medical requirements. He is a single French-Canadian, William Louis Deavr, born at Inwood, Quebec, in 1884. Prior to his enlistment he was a laborer at Dunnville, has seen 3 years service with the American hospital corps, and is now connected with the 37th Haldimand Rifles.

To the other duties of the Sergeant in charge of the canteen has been added that of keeping the clock on the wall of the armories, regulated by the clock on the post office tower, which is the official standard time for the battalion.

The results of a recent bombing class at the brigade school, St. Catharines have come to hand, and are very satisfactory.

Sergeant R. F. Thompson has returned from Onondaga where he has been engaged in recruiting for the battalion.

The transfer of Private R. W. Fuzard from the 215th battalion to the 257th was announced in the orders issued at the armories this morning. The transfer takes effect from the 5th of the present month. The following officer and men of the unit have proceeded to Toronto for the purpose of attending a course at the district bombing school terminating on Monday the 26th of February: Lieut. W. G. Flowerday, Pte. H. Barlow, Pte. J. Murray, Pte. J. W. Skelly, Pte. C. Beattie, Corp. H. McClelland, Corp. W. G. Wyllie, Pte. H. Barnett, C. S. M. J. O. Cooke.

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PARLIAMENTARY NO

Friday, the twenty-third day of February next, will be the last day for presenting Petitions for the 1917 Session.

Friday, the second day of March next, will be the last day for presenting Private Bills.

Thursday, the eighth day of March next, will be the last day for receiving Reports of Committee Private Bills.

ARTHUR H. SYDNER,
 Clerk of the Legislature Asses Toronto, Jan. 18th, 1917.

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On Thursday next, Feb. 15th, 1.30 p.m. sharp, the following: 4 piece mahogany parlor set, dining room set, oak buffet, chairs, fumed finish, leather, 1 buffet golden oak finish, leather, golden oak finish, velvet, 5x12, Tap, 6x12, Brussels 3, 4-1-2; rag rug 7 ft. 6 in x 9; bed; brass curtain poles; 2 covered rockers, leather; 1 golden oak chair, leather seated; a quantity small rugs; hall mirror; matting; lamp; 1 gas heater; motor machine; 2 go-carts. Also other useful articles. A grand opportunity to purchase choice goods. 1.30 p.m. sharp at the Central Auction Rooms, 8 Wharf St., of the Branch Milling Co. Terms no reserve.

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