## NINETY-NINE CASES OUT OF HUNDRED WAR IS A FOLLY AND FRIGHTFUL CRIME. A FARMER'S VIEW OF MILITARIST

(From Grain Growers' Guide.) and how uncertain has been the process! which will prove rich for them in thump-ing dividends. These are the interests I am by temperament a militarist. In early childhood the glamor of war exmy imagination, and in my boyhood I was busy organizing military societies. I was credulous enough to be-lieve that war was a biological necessity, of territorial conquest; their dream is to that international struggle was essential round out their domains, to seize their to the development of physical courage neighbor's fields. The government of inand moral fibre, and that other similar dustrial countries make commercial wars sophistries were eternal verities. At with a view to the exploitation of new times reason and fact made me pause, regions and new markets. In 1895 the but it needed a period of study and Japanese fought the Chinese for the exobservation in militarized Europe to con-vince me that I must right about face. | ploitation of Corea; in 1898 the Amer-icans fought the Spaniards for the ex-Since then I have realized that a war ploitation of Cuba; in 1899 we gloriously between two of the nations that are in triumphed over the Boers (oh, those the van of progress would be an unmiti- palpitating memories!) for the exploitation gated curse to mankind; that today the of the Transvaal's gold mines; in 1900 the real foes of every people are within and Europeans invaded Pekin and imposed not beyond the frontier; that limitless their railways upon China; in 1904 the moral fibre may be developed in combating these domestic enemies; and that, as for the exploitation of Manchuria. Five physical courage, we could trust to toothall and lacrosse.

The Cost of War.

As far back as 1853, Greg, in his "Essays on Political and Social Science," "Judging from the past history of our race, in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred war is a folly and a crime. Where it is so, it is the saddest and wildest of all follies and the most heinous of all crimes." Greg had especially in mind the Napoleonic era. The battles between England and France alone cost these nations the blood of 1,900,000 of their sturdiest manhood. As for France, system of interests whose prosperity is according to Leroy-Beaulieu, her wars between 1793 and 1799 robbed her of 1,500,000 lives. Such wholesale slaughter and frequently hidden. They reach down has a frightfully demoralizing influence to the worker in the coal-mines and to the upon the physical stamina and ultimately upon the moral strength of a people. reduction of armaments would destroy the The very year after Greg wrote, Europe saw the commencement of the Crimean jure all the related industries and all their imbroglio, for as Von Moltke once de-

Twenty years later came the Franco-Prussian War, which struck such a staggering blow at human progress, smothered all liberal thought and movements aggressive folly and another man's un- Maxim have seventy-four. And this press, then as always, talked of France and Germany, as if they were two persons, one of which had insulted the persons, one of which had insulted the persons the procesure. other. Yet all this time the peasants and citizens of both countries were patiently toiling at the world's work, quite year the Krupp dividends were 14 per unaware that they were insulting or be- cent, while the Deutsch Munitions Fabrik Jaures, last December.

Civilization Stagnates.

And so it seemed to me even before the wild militarist reaction of the last two Every work of industrial improvement of education or aristic advance was delayed or crippled through lack of funds. I remember once pointing out to the He shook his head and said; "I know it, or less, in all the miltarized nations; less powerful, was caught in the act of incivilization stagnates; the forces of progress are atrophied; the militarist snow- with a view to exciting German opinion ball grows into an avalanche and threat- to demand more artillery. Von Gontard, ens to sweep us back into savagery. Even the director of this syndicate, was soon in the United States of America, in 1910, after appointed to the Prussian House of the total war cost was 67 2-5 per cent of Peers. the national expenditures.

raise its head. In 1894 the entire cost of tions are similar. I think it has been our militia was approximately \$1,285,000; the estimates for 1914 demand nearly \$19,-000,000, which is more than double the with regard to Morocco, has been caused sum expended five years ago. Someone by questions of mines and loans and railmonths ago the minister of militia laid powerful syndicates. In several public pompous plans for the militarization of lectures in Paris, 1911, a French financial portunely at a time when the financial when the French troops disembarked at stringency has arrested educational pro- Casablanca, it was without the knowledge gress throughout Canada, By the way, do you know that one discharge of a big initiative of the Moroccan committee, a gun costs as much as a four years' powerful group of industrial and financial university course?

Waste of Intelligence. waste of human life in war and of social but by the representative of the Moroccan wealth in militarism, but we must not committee. forget the waste of intelligence in both. True, from destructive inven-

## CHILDREN HATE OIL.

"California Syrup of Figs" Best "subsidized patriotism" which W. J. Bryan for Tender Stomach, Liver, Bowels.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted naively believed that the people on the on-castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How other side were a dangerous and bellicose you hated them, how you fought crew.

physic simply don't realize what they The children's revolt is wellare injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and gain. bowels need cleansing, give only dellclous "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to ness is international. German companies clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful furnish weapons to the Turks of Tripoli; given today saves a sick child tomor-

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups, plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfelts use the diplomatic agents of their respec-

And how great our loss by the way! Modern War-An Industrial Game.

the civilization to which it belongs. The legitimate patriotism into fanatical jingo-Japs and Russians massacred each other wars in ten years! The triumph of pacifism! Whatever the pretext or the war cry, the basic cause was commercial. Our modern financial oligarchies seek not subjects but customers; business men

make business wars. Businessmen! you exclaim. Can whole-sale loss cause wholesale gain? My an-swer is: To general business, no! To special business, yes! In every militarized country there are vested interests to whom wars are the staff of life and to whom rumors of war are the breath of life. The armor-plate and army-furnishings syndicates are merely the nuclei of an intricate

bound up with the prosperity of militarism. Their ramifications are innumerable cobbler in the barracks town. The slightest profits of the principal companies and in-War, truly a wild folly, parent of the shareholders of John Brown & Co., in 1905, heinous crimes of the recent Balkan Sir Charles McLaren said he was glad to see Sir John Fisher prepared to go in for clared, "Every war is the father of other building battleships, because the heavier the work the more of it went to their firm. Remember that among these shareholders we find men of great influence: dukes, journalists, newspaper proprietors, members of Parliament, financiers and direcand turned Western Europe into an armed camp. This catastrophe would armed camp. This catastrophe would Co. have 95 titled people among their have been avoided but for one man's shareholders, while Vickers' Sons & scrupulous cunning, seconded on both industries in the militaristic system are sides of the frontier by the official press. like the ganglia in the nervous system. If

Nevertheless the blunder had to resort to trickery to reduce their destroyed their wealth to the extent of dividends to 30 per cent? The Krupps over \$2,500,000,000, inaugurated the bane-ful reign of Armed Peace and rolled very generously gave \$500,000 each to the national debts into the billions. Today the military budget of France stands at \$460,000,000, while the impoverished social budget amounts to barely \$36,000,000. to the Christmas fund. How loyal their 80,000 employees must be to their interests! To augment their budget amounts to barely \$35,00,00,00 to their interests. To their interests to their interests to their interests to their interests. The Krupps mainabsorbs our living resources," cried Jaures, last December. the lesser nations and occasionally wrest new orders from the Imperial Government. In every strategic centre the Krupps have their consuls who render them faithful and effective service by stampeding Oriental and South American governments into a rivalry in armaments. librarian of the Bibliotheque Nationale The stampede sometimes involves the that certain volumes were indispensable for the history of French colonization. wholesale purchase of comissions of experts. Clemenceau assures us that the Germans are much more successful than but they would cost \$30, and we have to their French rival in applying this arguevery sou." Everything goes to mentum ad hominem. In 1909 another organize destruction. And so it is, more German syndicate, more ingenious, though

In France, though the recent Krupp In Canada the monster is trying to scandal has no exact counterpart, condiof the French Government, and upon the magnates. He affirmed also that these troops were met at the wharf, not by the Thus far we have been discussing the representative of the French Government,

It was in conjunction with the finan-Try to imagine what our civilization cial powers, and without the knowledge might be already if during the last of the people, of the Parliament or even productive industry and social amelior- the isolation of Germany. The Kaiser's pecting Prime Minister Rouvier like a bolt tions the world has sometimes wrested from the blue, and in a hastily sumconstructive machines, but how indirect moned meeting Delcasse was thrown overboard by his colleagues. This repudiation of the conspirator provoked quite an outcry in some of the newspapers and elsewhere, about "national honor," "national humiliation" and "German insolence." Much of the German press, on the other hand, seized the opportunity, as it seizes every other, to represent the French nation as uniformly revengeful and chauvin.

cleared a million francs through a mediocre war scare. At all events, the newspaper readers on both sides of the frontier (themselves victims of a so-called "patriotic" education) The truth is that both peoples are sincerely humane and peaceful; that both against taking them.

With our children it's different. are dupes of the militarist class or of a Mothers who cling to the old form of perniciously false education, or of special vested interests which influence a fraction of the press; and finally that both would joined the more advanced bourgeois

journalist assured me that his paper had

must appeal to us as truly admirable when we learn that the subsidizing is done by armament companies whose busipanies will win; and all these syndicates

hich, through a subsidized press, exploit Of what nature, then, is war? Obviously it partakes of the character of on oceasion, succeed in transforming

Problem Governments Fear.

Now, while it is true that these malign nfluences represent but a small fraction of general capital, yet in their union lies their surprising strength. They are organized, financed and generally ready to buy whatever is for sale in their home parliaments or in foreign governments. Through fair and foul play these special industries have grown to enormous proportions in all the great military nations, and their suppression would cause social distress and political commotion. February 9, Admiral Von Tirpitz confessed that his refusal to entertain Churchill's

compelled to close and throw thousands of skilled mechanics out of employment. Parallels to this situation are numerous Do you remember the roar of indignation from the imperialist press in England when, after the South African war, the suppression of any established industry, ganized, subservient.

the balance in times of industrial war-

socialism and labor are not the only forces which combat the war plague The churches have come cently and tardily into line and are beginning to pray for peace father than for victory. Last year was launched "The Peacemaker," the official organ of the ssociated councils of churches in the British and German empires for fostering riendly relations between the two peoples. Especially among the middle classes the educative value of this Christian propaganda will be very great. Another new influence comes from the schools. In the midst of the militarist reaction which has lately swept over France, over 100,000 public school teachers, and-more astounding still-350 professors of the Borbonne, have dared to take a stand collectively against "interested nationalism" and Jingoistic excitement.

New World Agriculture But there is one class of people upon whom the cost of this barren, ruinous system falls more surely than upon any other, a class which none the less has meekly bowed its neck to the oppressor's yoke, a class upon which militaristic tyranny can always depend to stamp out freedom in the towns-I mean the agri-Last cultural class; I mean the peasantry of Europe. The peasants groan beneath the for three years the barracks holiday proposal was mainly due to "an separate them and their land and force industrial reason" viz.: that during a naval holiday the German yards would them downward in the economic scale the barracks alienate their sons from agriculture and mass them in the crowded towns; the barracks system heaps up taxes almost unbearably. The peasant, moreover, wishes no ill to his neighbor across the frontier; he owes him no Government dismissed some hundreds of grudge; he does not wish to destroy him. workmen from the Woolwich arsenal? The But the peasants are unfinanced, unor-

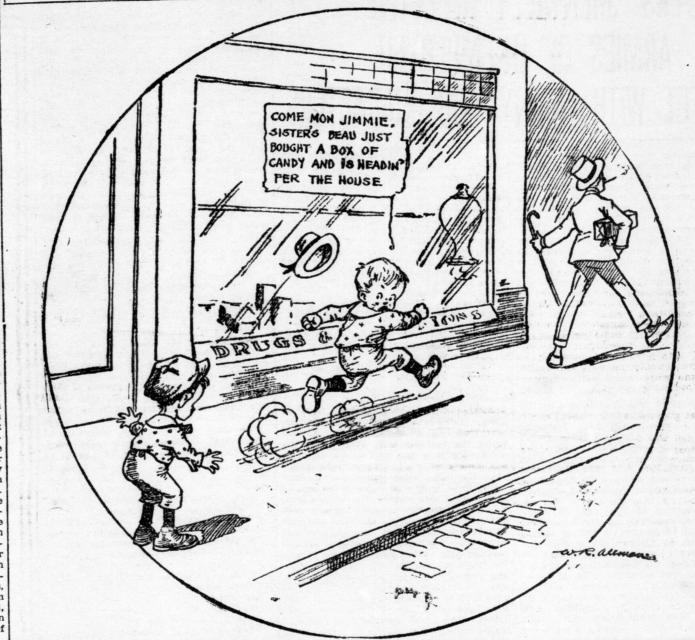
Chamberlain began his agitation for tariff reform. The admiralty launched ariff reform. The admirated its the first dreadnaught, concentrated its naval basis fleet at home, and set its naval basis acing Germany. The theme of English naval manoeuvres became a war with Jermany, and the object of the British squadron was the interception of nerchantmen and warships were too evidently German. moral appeared all the more pointed from the fact that at the last Hague Conference Britain and her ally Japan voted against the immunity of private property on the seas, although two-thirds of the nations represented were in favor of this reform. Meanwhile, Edward VII. and his ministers were planning with France to

encircle Germany.

In view of these facts is it any wonder that many Germans believe in the English peril? As early as 1898 the Kaiser had sounded the alarm in his famous phrase, "Our future is upon the sea." From that day to this these two great peoples have vied with each other in the mpoverishment of themselves, and some men want Canada to emulate their example. No, gentlemen, it is not our duty to squander our fair heritage in aggravating old world ills. If we attend to own affairs, no one will want to attack us. Such is the delicate interdependence of modern nations that if they injured us they would injure themselves by spoiling their own markets. If you still fear for the immediate future, remember that the United States could not afford to allow an attack upon us, for their commercial prosperity is more deeply affected by

ours. Role of Western Farmers. But it is to no merely passive and negative role I call you, farmers of Alberta. I call you to become leaders in the positive triumph of international peace and international arbitration, supported, if need be, by an international police. While the church and the schools may accomplish much in the diffusion of of any vested interest, is a complicated Thank heaven, I am not speaking of Christian sentiment and modern ideas,

## SOMETHING DOING!



has lately mentioned a navy, and a few way concessions which affected certain France, in spite of the fact that toward three-quarters of a million men are withdrawn from competition in the labor-marpompous plans for the militarization of lectures in talking, that our universities. All this comes most opployed of nearly \$00,000. Were military service abolished, the legions of unemployed would become dangerously, appallingly numerous, and would demand the right to century scores of thousands of inventive of the Government that Delcasse, the in the barracks, with their besotting brains and generous hearts had been con- minister of foreign affairs, carried on routine of floor-scrubbing and buttoncentrating their energies directly upon his part of the Anglo-French intrigue for cleaning. Sir Edward Grey may forecast the sinking of the "ship of European ation instead of upon destruction and op- threatening message struck the unsus- civilization;" Winston Churchill may deplore the "wasting securities" of battleships; Lloyd George may regret the destruction of credit; all the enlightened states of Europe may curse militarismthey are all well nigh powerless. The cancer is eating deeper and deeper; a destructive organism has been allowed to develop, to strike its roots and feeders all through the social system; it grows automatically, irresistibly. The heads of the nations gaze at it helplessly, when they do not encourage it. The expulsive forces must come from within the body recently denounced, while part merely loved sensation or found it profitable. One

International Socialism.

And these forces are already at work First, in order of time, comes international socialism, which has always deunced war as the game of the capitalist and which has usually said "Not a man nor a penny for this system!" The socialist party in the Reichstag last year dld not betray their principles as foreign militarists claimed, but in order to secure the triumph of a socialistic measure, the property increment tax, they abandoned their orthodox attitude of neutrality and Their tender little "insides" lose immeasurably more by a European groups in seeing to it that the extraorcataclysm than even the victor would dinary military increase was paid for immediately by the rich. International The "subsidized patriotism" I mentioned socialist congresses are declaring for the general strike in case of war

International Labor. International labor is tending in the

problem. Even if all the powerful and the farmers of the West. Unlike your the wheels of Mars' charlot must be subtle influences I have described were deluded brothers in Sweden, you are not stayed by organized forces with economic suddenly to become extinct, how would clamoring for armaments; you see that the European governments dare to dis- the ideal of readiness for war is a snare band their monster armies and flood the and a delusion, for if you be ready today, band their monster armies and about the labor-markets with hosts of unemployed? a new invention makes you unready tofor you must remember that even in morrow; you are pursuing a mirage. You realize that if this young Canada of ours were to abandon herself whole-souledly to a policy of rampant militarism, even then would be twenty years before her forces could do more than irritate her neighbors, and meantime we should be ruined, our credit shattered, our educaand tion perverted. Let but the germ of milto work at something useful. A complete itarism thrive upon our soil and our areconomic readjustment would be ulti- mories will be superceded by barracks, mately forced upon society and few gov- our militia will evolve into standing years—sometimes decades—later). If the ernments have any desire to face such a armies, our Canadian navy will grow into peoples will not war, their government situation. They find it far easier to put off the evil day, to bury their heads in ity. We, too, shall have our coalesced grain, and labor its coal, no war will be

the sand and to bury their compatriots interests organizing war scares through possible. If agriculture and labor are retheir subsidized press and enveloping solved to do this, no war will be declared. parliamentary committees in a network of subtle but compelling influences. And of inanition. If Western Canada takes the farmer will pay his share for this. As for the industrial worker, it might temporarily raise his wages, not help the farmer even for the moment. Meanwhile, in our schools generous numanitarism will have been ousted by bigoted nationalism and ideals of Christian brotherhood will have been undermined by hateful suspicion of our neighbors. We shall live in an age of flagwaving demagogy:-

Step by step we gain a freedom known to Europe, known to all; Step by step we rise to greatness-through the tonguesters we may fall."

The German Bogey. But, you say, though we nip our own militarism in the bud, may we not make a harmless contribution of \$35,000,000 to the navy of the motherland? Well, certainly that is the lesser of the two evils, and if our gift would really help England or help the world, we ought to give it. But you know for a certainty that our contribution would stimulate German effort directly and to a corresponding degree, and not only German effort, but the efforts of the Triple Alliance, and ultimately, of the other nation. The final result of our sacrifice would be to leave the powers in the same relative position as they now stand, all of them in appearance a little stronger and in reality a little nearer exhaustion. In spite of this, some of the more naive imperialists will persist in descanting upon the German menace. They are too innocent to grasp the idea that there are same direction under the inspiration of quite as many people in Germany who ness is international. German companies the French movement which has been make arms for Russia; Italian factories the French movement which has been as there are in England who believe in the Turks of Tripoli: furnish weapons to the Turks of Tripoli; At Karlsbad, the 24th international contact are in England who believe in French capital is devoted to supplying the French capital is devoted to supplying the Kalser's fleet with armor-plate; companies of different nations pool their interests or make agreements so that whichever combatant loses, both companies, but here is not so much that the first of the situation is not so much that the first of the situation is so companies of the academy, the dean of French historians, a champion of the explosion of the explosion of the academy, the dean of French historians, a champion of the explosion of the explosion of the situation is so companies to the first of the academy, the dean of French historians, a champion of the explosion of the explosion of the pointed out the multiplicity and complexity of the forces which keep all the great nations trembling on the brink of catastrophe. The situation is so complexity of the situation is so complexity of the forces which keep all the great nations trembling on the brink of catastrophe. The situation is so complexity of the academy, the dean of French historians, a champion of the explosion of the explosion of the explosion of the point of the academy, the dean of French historians, a champion of the explosion of the explosion of the explosion of the point of the academy, the dean of French historians, a champion of the explosion of t miners have a horror of fighting, but that plicated that it is vain to place the they find militarism an almost insuper- Meanwhile the British press was growl-

power. When organized agriculture joins hands with its natural brother, organized labor, the combination will be too strong for any government to despise. If organized business, legitimate business, unites with them, success will be immediate In Europe labor has set an example, but agriculture has been faint-hearted and slow. The farmers of the West have a golden opportunity. Will their representatives be bold enough to seize it? Mere pacifist platitudes are not enough. must make war upon war. You should enter into a covenant to support no war, "just" or "unjust" (for you cannot know the "justice" or "injustice" of it until If war cannot be declared militarism dies the initiative, the Western States will follow. Your action will have an immense repercussion, and your example will be followed by the farmers of America and by the International Insti-tute of Agriculture. International agriculture and international labor can paralyze the industry of human slaughter and liberate imprisoned energies. They can force peace upon the governments who, in many cases, would be overjoyed to be forced, and they can prepare parliament of man, the federation of the world," for as true patriots we feel that "above all nations is humanity." 'Say that we dream! Our dreams have

woven Truths that outface the burning sun, The lightnings that we dreamed have

cloven Time, space and linked all lands in one 'Dreams! But their swift celestial fingers Have knit the world with threads of steel, Till no remotest island lingers Beyond the world's one commonweal!"

Note:—It was obviously impossible for me to round out my whole anti-militarist avenging gesture emperors and kings and that thinks only against thought." Needargument in a half-hour address. Per-haps you will allow me to draw the three will have allowed the peoples to be led are in complete agreement on this point. interesting facts which I was obliged to into such catastrophies,

exclude from my speech. Generally speaking the agricultural ical but also of social revolution. and general misery through the Armed fer this method of social progress, let Peace. This dilemma has been pointed them militarize Canada. Military represout by scores of observers, but I quote sion breeds revolutionary violence.

If agricultural withholds its

acid; head is dizzy and aches; breath harmless stomach doctor in the world.

classes in all countries are averse to civil knows that in the militarized countries commotion, yet social revolution is one hundreds of thousands of men are hoping of two alternatives which militarized and preparing for this revolution as the Europe will soon be compelled to face. only way of deliverance from economic The other alternative is financial ruin oppression. If our Canadian farmers pre-

only from Ernest Lavisse, the illustrious | Indeed, in the opinion of many emin member of the academy, the dean of ent men, an important factor in the ceaselessly growing heap of inflammable clared that at this hour, "in all Europe material will catch fire; the nations will the coalesced enemies of science, of on each bottle. Beware of counterfeits use the diplomatic against the manufacture of the surplus able obstacle in the surplus able obstacle in the surplus and east and conjure up a yellow peril army ever ready to throw its sword into

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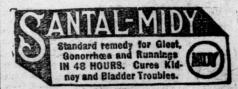
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MACK BASTMAN.



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istent invaders.