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IT CONCERNS US ALL

If Germany decides not to agree to unconditional surrender the war will be prolonged into next year. It is still a long way from the Allied front to the German border, at points where an invasion of Germany would be most likely to succeed. We must take nothing for granted. This is no time for cheap and easy optimism, but for a succession of blows that will ensure complete victory at as early a date as possible. This involves, as an American paper puts it, "the force that will save food, provide funds, build ships, raise armies, equip and man destroyers and win the war." All is going well, but it must continue to go well, and every man and woman must contribute in some way.

"The enemy must be given war until every German from Kaiser to peasant sinks at the very thought of it. Until the Prussian tiger's claws are clipped and his fangs completely drawn there can be no possibility of a lasting peace."

Canada's soldiers are doing their part nobly, brilliantly and with glorious results. The people of Canada must subscribe the \$500,000,000 of Victory Bonds needed to back up Canada's soldiers and keep the country prosperous.

The man or woman who buys a Victory Bond has exactly the same security as if the amount were deposited in the government savings bank, and the interest is much higher.

On Monday the great campaign begins in this city and province. Everybody will want to share in it for three reasons:

- 1.—To help win the war.
 - 2.—To keep Canada prosperous.
 - 3.—To make a safe and profitable investment.
- The appeal comes as strongly to the citizen who can only buy a fifty dollar bond as to one who can invest fifty thousand. It is everybody's opportunity, privilege and duty. This province will not fall down. It has always responded nobly, to every appeal, when there was no question at all of a cash return. The canvassers for the Victory Loan next week should find everybody ready to welcome them.

ON TO VICTORY.

The Allies on the western front are meeting with determined resistance. The enemy has, however, sustained heavy losses, and one of today's cables from the British front says there are only twelve enemy divisions available in reserve, and none of them fresh. The Americans are meeting with the hardest resistance, because they are driving against a portion of the front that is vital to the Germans, and the smashing of which would involve far greater disaster than failure to hold positions farther north. In spite of the hard fighting the Americans are gradually advancing, and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. The British have gone beyond Valenciennes, both north and south of the city, and have only to gain a little more ground to compel its evacuation by the Germans. The British and French continue to advance slowly but surely in Flanders. The British the enemy resists the more severe are the losses, which cannot be made good. If the Austrian divisions should presently be withdrawn the situation of the Germans would be more desperate.

In the eastern area the Allied forces have entered Roumania, and begun the deliverance of that country. The Serbians are also driving the enemy and freeing Serbia. In Northern Russia the Allied forces have defeated the Bolsheviks, and there are signs that the opposition to the latter in Russia itself grows more and more formidable. In Palestine the British are still in pursuit of the Turks. In every fighting area the Allies are making gains. The renewed activity on the Italian front has resulted in an improvement of the Allied position.

Meanwhile the German Socialists are beginning to clamor for a republic. The Turkish minister to Switzerland has handed to the British and French ministers a peace offer that is said to be virtually a surrender. There have been revolts in regiments in Austria and the Czechs are masters of the situation in Bohemia. There is talk of direct peace negotiations with the Entente, and one cable says peace at any price is now Vienna paper says two of the strongest popular anti-German noblemen have left Switzerland on a secret mission. The early collapse of both Turkey and Austria-Hungary seems a foregone conclusion.

The war does not stop because there is an epidemic of Spanish influenza. The Victory Loan campaign must also go on. It will be hampered by the epidemic in some sections of the province, but this only furnishes a stronger reason for a more vigorous general effort to attain the objective.

THE UNREPENTANT LIAR.

The last German note contained this paragraph: "The German government protests against the reproach of illegal and inhuman actions made against the German land and sea forces and thereby against the German people. For the covering of a retreat, destructions will always be necessary and they are carried out insofar as is permitted by international law. The German troops are under the most strict instruction to spare private property and to exercise care for the population to the best of their ability. Where transgressions occur in spite of these instructions the guilty are being punished."

Over against this statement let us place the cable report of what the British found when they entered the city of Roubaix. It says:

"The people had not seen fresh meat for a year. Salt pork and rice were issued to them every seventeen days. The inhabitants were forced to work in vegetable gardens, but were not allowed to eat what they had grown. Old women, who were held responsible for the acts of children, such as writing in French or criticizing the Germans, were imprisoned. The Germans extorted money for every possible tittle. One story was told of how a child had been killed by a German soldier whom it annoyed."

"Prices were so high as to make decent food prohibitive, even when it could be secured, which was seldom. The Germans simply helped themselves to anything they wanted, no matter who owned it."

This is how they spared private property and exercised care for the people. In other cities conditions were found to be still worse, especially if the Hun had time to plunder and destroy before running away. When the whole story is told it will stagger humanity. There can be no peace by negotiation with these bandits and murderers. The next and succeeding generations must be made safe from even the possibility of another such war. Not to achieve that result would make the Allies share the guilt of the Hun.

GERMANY'S FUTURE.

British and American students will not rush to German universities after the war. There will be no exchange of professors to promote German Kultur. Tourists will not be interested in German scenery after seeing the results of German devastation in Belgium and France. And who will trade with Germany, or desire to purchase German goods? We can imagine the reception the first German vessel would get in any port in England. The memory of these years of war and of the hideous atrocities committed by the Germans will not soon fade in the countries with whom they would under other circumstances do their most profitable business. As they have sown, so shall they reap. We do not waste sympathy upon a wild beast, and Germany has proved herself a tiger-nation. Her people must learn in sore tribulation the lesson that between nations as between individuals right must prevail, and that the God of the universe is not honored by Kaiserism and its clamorous brood of baby-killers. To say the other nations should now deal leniently with Germany is equivalent to saying that the cage of the jungle tiger should be left open in order that he might seek his own food among his captors. The tiger of the Rhine must be tamed. It is a long process, but therein lies the safety of Christian civilization.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

One of the most lamentable developments in connection with the patriotic potato enquiry is the apparent doubt or suspicion that has entered the mind of the Standard concerning the veracity of Mr. W. B. Tennant. There is a popular belief that Mr. Tennant is or was a director of the Standard, which makes the case the more lamentable.

Mr. Tennant has testified that the late Premier Clarke asked him to get some friends to assist and make up the potato shortage; that he expressed a willingness to do so if he got the Valley Railway contract; that he got the contract, and thereupon paid to Mr. George B. Jones, by Premier Clarke's direction, the amount required. Mr. Jones asked for \$61,200 and got it. He has told what he did with it.

This is a straightforward story. But the Standard appears to have its doubts. It has twice referred to the fact that Premier Clarke does and cannot speak for himself. Does the Standard think Mr. Tennant has been telling a falsehood? Or has it made up its mind that his usefulness is over? The serious phase of the situation is of course the danger that Mr. Tennant may think it worth while to tell all he knows about the Standard group; and that, with an epidemic of influenza upon us, would be horrible.

Spanish influenza continues to take its daily toll and to seek new victims. It is still necessary to exercise the greatest care. In Alberta every person is compelled to wear a gauze mask as a precaution.

APRES LA GUERRE.

I've stood waist-deep in the trench pure, I've marched in a daylight trance, With my boot tops drinking the sodden mess, Blood-soaked on the fields of France. And I've grovelled low in the reeking dirt, When the heaven itself rained lead; When the heavies pounded our trenches flat, And the best of our boys were dead. I've followed hard, with my blood on fire, In our own harrow's wake, With my bayonet tingling in my hands, While I thirsted for life to take; I know what it's like to bomb men out Like rats with no right to live, And to feel regret to be facing death With only one life to give.

I've trodden the darkness of No Man's Land, And cursed the infernal wire That holds men glaring, defiant, dead, Face still to the trenches fire; And I've stood stark and when the flames went up, Ah, a moment is time untold, When the universe, with a single eye, Looks into your naked soul.

Oh, I know the thrill when the battle's on, And life is the merest chance; And I know the depths of the peace of God In the quieter vales of France. And the barracks room and the bivouac I know, and shall not forget, Nor the stern, sad joy of the men who live, And who die—but do not forget.

Do you think I would miss it—the blood, The torrents of bursting shell— To feed my soul on the coward's lie, That another might serve as well? No, I'll keep my trust with my mates, out there.

In their graves 'neath the open sky, Like a man I'll play in a manly game, Like a man, if need be, die.

But I'm thinking still of another time— 'Tis the thought of my comrades, too— A thought of the time when the war is done, And of what we will say and do.

What the days when the war is done, Dull, dreary, without this strife? God! Do you think we have fought for fun? We have fought that we might have LIFE.

LIFE! and the freedom to tread again The path of a thousand goals; To speak our thoughts of the world, and of God.

As they burned in our war-born souls; LIFE! to build on a new-wrought plan, With woman a builder too; And to touch with the torch of our Old tasks, and to make them new.

(This poem was written by a young theological student now at the front.)

—BUY-VICTORY-BONDS—
A DAYLIGHT SUGGESTION.

The daylight saving time will after tonight cease to exist for this year and once again the hands of the clock will be turned back to Atlantic standard time. Very few people will object to the extra hour of sleep that is in store for them tomorrow morning, but undoubtedly it would have been more appreciated on any other day of the week. Before retiring tonight put the hands of the clock back one hour or advance the hands eleven hours, which secures the same results without danger of damaging the timepiece.

—BUY-VICTORY-BONDS—
SCHIR EFFORT ABANDONED.

It was learned last evening from an unofficial source that the crew of the steamer Empress, which was sighted yesterday morning about eleven miles south-southeast of Partridge Island, had landed at Windsor (N. S.), and that the schooner had been towed into Digby. It is believed that the schooner ran into a gale on Wednesday night and the crew were forced to abandon her. The vessel was light and bound up the bay.

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The epidemic of Spanish influenza which played such havoc in Europe, has reached this continent. Thousands of cases of the strange malady have appeared and many deaths are already reported. Surgeon-General Blue of the United States Public Health Service has stated that "Spanish influenza will probably spread all over the country in six weeks."

Practically every ship which touches shores from abroad, brings those infected with the disease. Surgeon-General Blue urges that "the individual take all the precautions he can against contracting the disease by care and personal hygiene." Plenty of exercise should be taken; the diet should be regulated, etc.

Spanish influenza affects most severely older persons and others whose powers of resistance are weakened by illness, work or worry, especially those who are "run-down" or "not feeling up to the mark."

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—BUY-VICTORY-BONDS—

NOTICE

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The eastern district comprises the counties of Restigouche, Gloucester, Northumberland, Kent and Westmorland, the district health officer being Dr. T. J. Desmond, of Newcastle; the southern district comprises the counties of Albert, Queens, Kings, St. John city and county, the nurses in this district to report to Dr. G. G. Melvin, St. John, provincial medical health officer; the western district comprises the counties of Charlotte, Sunbury, York, Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska, the district health officer being Dr. J. A. Wade, of St. Andrews. DR. W. F. ROBERTS, Provincial Health Department.

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Experience.

The puppy had been punished, and was sulked in a corner. To him came the small daughter of the house to administer, not comfort, but advice.

"You may just as well be good first as last Buddy," she admonished. "Everybody that belongs to mother has got to mind. I've been through it all—and I know."—Life.