

BRITAIN MADE ANEW BY YEAR OF GREAT WAR

Sir Edward Carson Tells of the Awakening of the People and of Their Determination and Confidence

London, August 6.—Sir Edward Carson, attorney-general in the Asquith cabinet, has prepared for The Associated Press a signed statement giving a broad outline of the first year of the war from the British standpoint, together with expression of the unalterable purpose of the British government and people to carry on the war to a successful conclusion. The statement follows:

"How long will the war last, and what will be the result? To such questions as these any British subject can give but one answer, and that is that the war will last until the cause of the allies has been brought to a successful issue and Europe and the world have been relieved from the ideals involved in the aggression of Prussian domination. The word peace does not enter into our vocabulary at the present time. It is banished from our conversation as something immoral and impossible under existing circumstances. And yet we are the most peace-loving people in the world; a nation which throughout the globe, within its many dominions, has inculcated good government and social and industrial progress, and the free exercise, in its widest sense, of civil and religious liberty.

Changed Temperament.
"Rightly or wrongly, we have in the past devoted our energies and our intelligence, not to preparations for war, but to that social progress which makes for the happiness and contentment of the mass of our people. And this, no doubt, is the reason why other nations imagine that we, as a nation of shopkeepers, are too indolent and apathetic to fight for and maintain these priceless liberties, won by the men who laid the foundation of our vast empire.

"But they are entirely mistaken in forming any such estimate of the temperament or determination of our

people. Great Britain hates war and no nation enters more reluctantly upon its horrible and devastating operations; but at the same time, no nation when it is driven to war by the machinations of its foes who desire to flinch from it or from its co-champions of liberty, any portion of their inherited freedom, is more resolved to see the matter through, at whatever cost, to a successful issue.

A Transformed Britain.
"A year of war has transformed Great Britain. Of our navy, I need hardly speak. It has upheld to the fullest extent the great traditions which fill the pages of history in the past; it has driven its enemies off the seas; it holds vast oceans free for almost the uninterrupted commerce of neutral powers, and it has preserved these highways for its own supplies of material and food almost without interruption. I do not minimize the peril of the submarines, which is in process of being dealt with through the careful and zealous watchfulness of our admiralty, but while the submarine has enabled the Germans to commit savage and inhuman atrocities contrary to the laws of civilization and against the settled rules of International law, it has done nothing to affect the vast commerce of our empire. The German submarine attack has signally failed to hamper our military operations. Under the protection of our navy hundreds of thousands of men have been brought to the fighting area from the most distant parts of the empire. Troops are crossing daily to France, and not a single ship or a single soldier has been lost in the passage.

Great Volunteer Army.
"At the commencement of the war an expeditionary force 170,000 men and a small territorial army of 260,000 men for defense against invasion was all we could boast of; but today Great Britain teems with mil-

itary camps in which millions of men of the finest material are being trained and equipped to cope with every emergency.

"No other nation in the world ever produced a volunteer army of such proportions. Each day brings to the colors thousands of men who had never thought of military service before and each day as our enemy grows weaker the infancy of our strength is growing into manhood, and with increasing virility and prowess. No doubt some people are foolish enough to be influenced by the misrepresentations which are a part of equipment of our German enemies, who represent us as a decadent race. But they know little of the spirit of our people.

Spirit Undaunted.
"As the problem unfolds from day to day and the task before us expands in its herculean form, our spirit becomes more determined and our efforts and organization quietly shape themselves to meet the emergencies that are before us. That all this is being accomplished without dramatic demonstration and foolish boasting is not a sign of weakness but of strength.

"The splendid heroism of our Russian and French allies is an additional incentive to our national honor to carry on to an end the obligations which we have undertaken. And if for the moment we are confronted with the impossibility of offensive action by our brave Russian allies, and are compelled to wage a costly and difficult war against the Turks in the Dardanelles as well as against our enemies in Flanders, we cheerfully resolve to fit ourselves for the situation which confronts us.

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Ideas of Discipline.

"It is of course true that our country has not been accustomed to organization and discipline which leads unthinking men from time to time to imagine that there could be a different discipline in the coal fields or the workshops from that which prevails in the trenches; but all that is a mere temporary difficulty and it cannot impede the country, which has made up its mind to win if it has to spend the last man and its last dollar in the process.

"The success of the recent war loan shows how anxious our people are to invest their money in the prosecution of the war. Not only is it the largest loan that ever has been floated, but it represents not merely the accumulation of capital of a few large banks but the hard-earned savings of small investors in every part of the country. Although our shores are not invaded and we have not experienced the impelling necessities of a war waged in our own country, yet there is hardly a family in any village in the land that has not willingly sent its sons to fight our battles in foreign lands. While I see day by day more and more anxiety from every man to do his share, I can see no sign nor trace of wavering in any section of the community.

Justice Of Cause.

"We have the right to say to neutrals that our cause is just; that the war has been forced upon us, and that we are making and are going to make every sacrifice that makes a nation great to bring our cause to a successful conclusion. We have a right, I think, to ask neutrals to examine their own consciences as to whether they have done everything that neutrals ought to do or can do, in insisting that the laws of humanity and the doctrines of international law which have been so carefully fostered in times of peace, are carried out. Neutrals are the executive power to compel observance of the principles of international law and if they fail to do so the result must be disastrous to the world at large, in the present and in the future, and give free play to a savagery and barbarism which is none the less revolting because it carries out its methods by the aid of the discoveries of scientific research and progress.

"But, however that may be, our courage is undaunted. It grows into exaltation by reason of the difficulties that surround us and we will go on to the end without fear or trembling and in the certain inspiration of a victory which will restore to the world that peace which can alone bring happiness and contentment to the mass of its citizens.
(Signed) "Edward Carson."

Germany After Year of War

Berlin, Aug. 6.—Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the imperial treasury, has prepared for the Associated Press a signed statement on German economic and financial affairs as he views them at the end of the first year of war. His statement follows:
"The economic and financial features of the first year of the war, safe, in my opinion, the following.
"First, the British starvation war has failed. Once and for all it has proved that our domestic production of foodstuffs, bread card system and maximum prices assure even to the poorest the necessary supply of food and that at prices lower than prevailed in Great Britain.

Can't Be Starved Out.

"Second: Nor can we be 'starved out' in raw materials. The difficulties cast in the way of the importation of raw materials, in violation of international law, are unpleasant for us but are not fatal. We have in our own country an ample supply of the most important raw materials—coal and iron—and of others we have on hand, unmanufactured or manufactured, great supplies which, with the economical employment thereof insured by our methods of organization, are virtually inexhaustible.

"Third: The spectre of unemployment has been banished. There is more work than workers. The war has proved itself to be a greater employer of labor than our export trade was.

Finances Unlimited.

"Fourth: So far as finances are concerned Germany will carry the war through for an unlimited time. We produce in our own country practically everything needed for war. Thus expenditures for war purposes resolve themselves into savings. These again are at the empire's disposal, as payments on the war loans and deposits are flowing into the banks and savings institutions more plentifully than in times of peace. The total of deposits today, after over \$3,000,000,000 have been paid on war loans, is higher than at the outbreak of the war. The gold reserve of the Reichsbank has almost doubled since the war began. Notes and deposits in the Reichsbank covered by gold are 33½ per cent, as compared with 26.76 in the Bank of France, and 21.7 in the Bank of England.

"Fifth: The confidence of the German people in our financial strength is as unbounded as their confidence in our military superiority. After 12 months of war imperial 3's are quoted at 70, which is eight points below the quotation in March, 1914; the minimum price of British consols, 65, is 11 per cent, below the quotation in March, 1914; three per cent, French rentes, at 69, are 19 per cent, below March, 1914.

"Work, skill, discipline, organization, economic, and last, but not least, the categorical imperative of patriotism have upheld Germany in the first year against world enemies, will help us further to win the war.
(Signed) Helfferich."

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Buxton, governor-general of the Union of South Africa, for Wet, who recently was sentenced to six years in prison for treason, and other rebels who are awaiting trial.

"The deputation which visited Viscount Buxton had a friendly reception. The governor-general explained that it was not within his power to grant their request but promised to say the matter before the minister.

"Piet Grobler, a member of the South African parliament, and a grand son of the late Paul Kruger, president of the Transvaal, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$2,500 for high treason.

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