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THE PEACE TALK.

Such a delivernce ought to have some effect upon the than with German autocracy. Mr. Lloyd a keener interest in this vital matter if George's letter to the labor congress put the case with clearness and truth: the case with clearness and truth:

world once and for all from the intolerable menace of militaristic civilization What would I do if I lived in France? and to make possible a lasting peace by restoring the liberty of oppressed nationalities and by enforcing respect for those laws and treaties which are the nothing whatever about high finance, protection of all nations, whether great and perhaps finds it difficult to earn any

in regard to Russia, because of the very vide interest on money not really serious internal troubles following the vested, then he has a right to protest, revolution in that country; but they will even to the point of getting the franhave no part in any peace conference chise back again. The New Brunswick ment.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

England has proved a notable success. a speculative turn of mind? These are The co-ordination brought about under proper questions, and must be answered. the direction of one responsible central It is true there is a community of inhead has made for greater economy and terest between the people and a public more effective service, so very essential service corporation, but it must not be in time of war. One of the great sources one-sided. There is a suspicion that the of German strength from the first has higher rates asked for by the power been the thoroughly co-ordinated railway system, enabling the high command necessity to provide a return on capital to rush troops, munitions and supplies that has not been put into the plant. It from one point to another. In the is therefore essential to have a com-United States the government has just plete investigation before the request is assumed control of the railways, and granted. while many newspapers expressed doubt concerning the ability of the government concerning the ability of the government to a correspondent: "Bolshevik (plural, to do better than the railroad companies Bolsheviki, accent last syllable) is a Ruswere doing the general concensus of opin-ion now seems to be that the right thing the most.' In present-day Russian poli-the most.' In present-day Russian poli-

democratic countries. The effect will be shevikl), literally meaning 'the least,' shevikl), literally meaning 'the least,' the smallest,' the most moderate of the perfectly natural to ask why such con-trol would not be as beneficial in time of peace as in time of war. Colossal forwould be a fairer adjustment in the matter of salaries and wages; and both these changes would be in the public interest; while the service, under a proper system The Allies now have a larger naval of non-political management, ought to reserve than at any time since the war be as good or better than under private began, but the great need at present is and profit-making control.

A FOOD SHORTAGE.

like Canada will not feel the pinch as materials for ship construction. Howlike Canada will not feel the pinch as ever, the submarine is not expected seriously as it will be felt in countries hereafter to destroy tonnage any faster in the war zone, which must import than it is produced. Gradually the shipsubmarine; but it is clearly the duty of Canadians, as one of their contributions to the war, to conserve as much food as possible to be sent overseas to relieve may be able to do next. as possible to be sent overseas to relieve

the distress of their Allies. That being Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways, so, it is clear that more attention must said yesterday in Halifax that the fabe paid by all of us to the elimination cilities there and at St. John had not of all waste, the adoption of more frugal been up to the requirements, and he habits, and the substitution which is hoped immediate improvements could be necessary to release beef, bacon and effected. It is not quite clear whether wheat for export to Europe. It is prob- the last remark applied to St. John, or ably safe to say that the great majority only to Halifax, where at the moment ably sare to say that the great variety of food the need is imperative. on their tables as formerly; and that any reduction is due rather to the high price than to a conscious effort to enter the need is imperative.

The intense severity of the weather in December has made harder the lot of the process families, who must have coal in sure more food for the people overseas.

We must try to put ourselves in the small quantities and use it as sparingly places of the people of Britain, France, as possible. With two more months of Pelgium and Italy, and consider our duty from that viewpoint. It is clearly duty from that viewpoint. It is clearly a patriotic duty, and the most rigid from cold this winter. economy we may be able to practice will Not only does Vice-Admiral Wemyss still be as nothing compared with the succeed Sir John Jellicoe as first sea sacrifice made by the fighting men. The lord, but we are told there is to be a ministers who felt impelled by a sense complete reorganization of the admiralty of duty to plead for man-power to sup- and also of the general staff of the army. port the men in the trenches should feel This is doubtless preparatory to a more it equally a Christian duty to urge their vigorous offensive in the new year. congregations to have an ever present consciousness of the suffering abroad, The United States is not wasting time and of their ability to do something for considering possible peace negotiations its alleviation by helping the cause of but is gathering full strength for the food-control and conservation. If ever mighty blow next year that will aid in there was a time in our history for plain bringing a peace never again to be living and high thinking, that time is now. broken by a Prussian military autocrat. We are the more fortunate partners in

The hope is expressed that the winte a great union of nations to withstand a powerful and remorseless enemy. No snowfall in thirty years has come to blood is shed on our soil; no fear of invasion keeps us awake at night; no hunvasion keeps us awake at night

ours. There is a great opportunity to the cause of humanity-not by dying on the shell torn surface of No Man's Land, but by denying ourselves in order that And do the Right! The rest to Him we there may be more food for the famishce ought to have some effect upon the ing people who are nearer to the seat of 319 Princess street. non with British democracy war. Beyond question there would be "We accepted the challenge thrown but whatever he may do or fail to do down by Prussia in order to free the there is still the obligation upon every

THE POWER COMPANY.

The ordinary citizen, who may know Until this end has been achieved the support his family and pay his taxes, is war must go on. Britain, France and nevertheless personally concerned in the the United States have so declared them- affairs of the New Brunswick Power selves, and whatever course Russia may Company. He may not own any stock pursue they will not falter. All the talk of the company, but he is a part owner out peace comes from the Central of the streets of the city and of the franchise which was given to the commote discord and so weaken the power pany. He is quite willing that the comand determination of the Allies. The pany should get a fair return on the latter stand firm. There is apparently capital really invested, if in return he good reason to believe that German in- gets a reasonable service. To that he is gins?" behind the peace move of the entitled. If the service is poor, and Bolsheviki in Russia. The Allies are rendered poorer by speculative operabe lenient and considerate tions which make it necessary to pro-

until the aims they have many times Power Company now wants more of his arly set forth are sure of accomplishmoney. He is the one who pays. For what do they want it? Has the service been greatly improved? Is it perfectly clear to everybody that there has been Government control of railways in no inflation of capital by gentlemen of

The Toronto Star gives this answer The war is giving a great boost to ties, the Bolsheviki are the most extreme government ownership and control in redical members of the Social Demodemocratic countries. The effect will be cratic party. Menshevik (plural, Mentunes would not be made, and there malist are the French terms for the extreme and moderate Socialists, respect-

ively."

a larger merchant fleet, and it is very regrettable that the United States shipbuilding programme has not been as suc There will be a food shortage in the cessful as was expected. Very great difficulty has been encountered in getting

ger cries haunt our waking or sleeping bours. And yet if they fail who are Winnipeg Telegram: The only way striving yonder in our behalf the war Quebec can leave Confederation is by vill come to us at our homes and the emigrating

SONNET. The Eternal Question and The Eternal SEVEN VEARS

Answer.

n France a stream of blood still dyes the sod; "God with us," hear the Teuton battle cry! "God with us." We as boastfully reply, Forgive man's blasphemy, Eternal God.

Still wallowing in superstition's mire Man asks-to solve the mystery of life-"Why does not God end all this bloody strife?" Or-"Why does He permit disaster dire?"

God neither does, nor does not, He his And laws made perfect, countless years Obey His laws, blind, superstitious man. Thou art the author of all human woe.

LIGHTER VEIN

HOPE A. THOMSON

Worked, "Did that cure for deafness do you "Rather! I hadn't heard a word for three months, and the day after I took that medicine I heard from my brother in Blighty."—Sketch.

tonight?"

Changed Fashion. Oldboy-What's become of the old-fashioned girl who used to say, "Ask Newguy-She now has a daughter the old man is gaining on us."-Th

"So you own your-own home, Wig-

"Why, you told me so last month!"
"Yes. We had no cook then."-"Yes. Browning's Magazine.



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TORTURE

Nothing Helped Him Until He Took "FRUIT-A-TIVES"



ALBERT VARNER

Buckingham, Que., May 3rd, 1915. For seven years, I suffered terribly from Severe Headaches and Indigestion I had belching gas from the stomach in Blighty."—Sketch.

A Sure Way to Win.

"So you're going to propose to Mabel tonight?"

"Yes."

"Think she'll accept you?"

"Sure. I'm going to wear my new uniform for the first time. She'll fall for that sure."

Language Fashion

I had belching gas from the stomach bitter stuff would come up into my mouth after eating, while at times I had nausea and vomiting, and had chronic Constipation. I went to several doctors and wrote to a specialist in Boston, but without benefit. I tried many remedies but nothing did me good. Finally, a friend advised "Fruit-a-tives." I took this grand fruit medicine and it made me well. I am grateful to "Fruit-a-tives," and to everyone who has miserable and to everyone who has miserable health with Constipation and Indigestion

health with Constipation and Indigestion and Bad Stomach, I say take "Fruit-atives," and you will get well."

ALBERT VARNER.

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A REVIEW OF MAINE

Aliae R., 29; motor Emma R., 29; steam sch. Sam C. Mengel, 493; sch. Maude M. Morey, 1,245; sch. barge Manor, 1,437; sch. Dunham Wheeler, 1,765; scow H. No. 2, 7; steamship Maine, 4,804; sch. Annie C. Ross, 686; sch. difficulty in winning with Joe Johnson Aliae M. Kafke, 607, sech harge Sam.

Island, 4,804; motor No. 3, 38.

Rockland district (Rockland, Thomaston and Camden)—Sch. Charlotte A. Maxwell, 579; motor Over the Waves, 7; motor, Anita and Bernice L., 16; ing at the word.

Morey, 481; motor B. B. W., 30; sch. Frank A. Morey, 481; motor B. B. W., 30; sch. Nancy Hanks, 1,030; motor Speed-well, 15; sch. Theoline, 508; sch. Blue Peter, 1,105; auxiliary sch. Edith Nute, 1542; sch. Jessie G. Noyes, 1,253; motor Alida May, 13; motor Inez, 9; sch. Florence B. Phillips, 568. Total, 6,171.

Thuban, 128. Total, 19,938.

Maxwell, 579; motor Over the Waves, 16 of the stretch, twice break whole length of the whole length of th

bancy, 800.

Building operation now in progress or contemplated insure a much larger output of merchant tonnage in 1918. At Bath several large schooners and steamships are in progress of construction or under contract, and that port, which for many years had lad all Maine in ship.

large and small, are on the stocks. At Belfast, a four-masted schooner of 1,000 tons and a five-master of 1,800 tons are Cyclone, b. g. (Dane) 2 1 1 was cleared. building, while the four-master Agnes

E. Wilcox, of about 700 tons, will be launched at Stockton Springs about the middle of January. At Sandy Point, a new yard has been created, where several 3,500-ton wooden steamship hulls will be built.

At Milbridge, the Sawyer Shipyards

Corporation will build at least one four-masted schooner of about 600 tons, while the Frye-Flynn Company is getting out the frames for two four-masters and two five-masters, one or more of which will be built at Harrington. At South Portland several wooden steamships will be built for foreign account, and five shipyards along the shores of Casco bay have contracts for several vessels each, steam and sail. A three-masted schooner is to be built on the Saco river and several three-masted schooners will be launched at Boothbay Harbor in the next six months, while Waldoboro will contribute one or two large vessels to

Work in all yards has been greatly delayed by the difficulty in getting materials, while skilled labor also has been scarce. The new fleet will be expensive, but it is confidently expected that the emand for tonnage will exceed the supply for at least two years yet, and that the high cost of the new vessels will be justified by the freight rates, both coast-

ICE RACING SEASON OPENS IN PORTLAND

(Bangor Commercial.) of horses that has raced under the colors of the Forest City Driving club, for some years, the winter matinee season was ushered in on the Oaks speedway Tuesday afternoon. More than 500 persons witnessed the work of the eleven fliers included in the six classes.

The first race of the day was between Indiana Dillon and Cheerful Charlie. After the first heat, which was won by Indiana Dillon. Cheerful Charlie found no



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PUBLIC NOTICE

28,369 Tons Net Launched Since
Early Summer; Big Increase
Next Year

A review of operations in Maine shipyards shows an output since early summer of 28,369 net tons, while the activity manifest everywhere promises results in 1918 equal to those of the most prosperous years of the industry. The new merchant fleet launched in 1917 is composed of the following vessels:

Bath district (Bath, Phippsburg and Dresden—Sch. Margaret L. Robetts, 462 tons net register; barge Northern No. 7, 1,473; scow Edwin Golding, 44; motor Alma R., 29; steam sch. Sam C. Mengel, 4981; seh

4,804; sch. Annie C. Ross, 686; sch. Annie C. Ross, 687; sch. Annie C.

Alida May, 13; motor Inez, 9; sch. Florence B. Phillips, 568. Total, 6,171.

Machias district (Machias, Milbridge and Harrington)—Sch. Joan Kielberg, 560; sch. Lucy Evelyn, 300; sch. Lucy D. Peabody, 100. Total, 960.

Waldoboro district—Sch. Anna Laura McKenney, 500.

Portland district—Steamship Bour—The condition of the path was to blame.

Time 37, 36.

Class B Pace—To Beat 34 Seconds Branham Haughman, br. g, Hollivan, 10st Time 34.

Officials—Judges, C. G. Brown of Bowdoinham; Dr. Samuel Packard at Portland, Tom Aiken of Portland, Timer. Tom Aiken of Portland, Timer. Tom Aiken Announces Town district—Steamship Bour- The condition of the path was to blame, and also in the case of Silent Axworthy,

in the application.

on or before the 11th.

arrange for these payments.

Payments due on January the 2nd may be made at any time

to and including January the 11th. Scrip Certificates will be

delivered in exchange for payments then due. Payments due

January the 2nd must be made at the Bank branch mentioned

not be unduly detained waiting their turn at a Receiving

Teller's wicket, as would most likely be the case if all pay-

ments had to be made on one day only. Subscribers should

not wait until January the 11th, or a day or so before and

thus create the situation sought to be avoided. In every case,

interest at the rate of five and one half per cent per annum

from January the 2nd must be paid if payment is not made

the Canadian Bankers' Association, Banks will remain open

on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, January 3rd and 4th,

and on the afternoon of Saturday, January the 5th. Evening

hours 7.30 to 9.30. Saturday afternoon from 2 until 6 o'clock.

partment that a considerable number of subscribers, who

have deposits with Banks, are under the impression that their

Banks will take care of their January payments by auto-

matically debiting their accounts with the necessary payments.

This is incorrect. Each and every subscriber must personally

It has been brought to the attention of the Finance De-

For the convenience of subscribers, by arrangement of

The extension of time to January the 11th is given for the convenience of subscribers and Banks so that subscribers will

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Time 34.
Officials—Judges, C. G. Brown of
Bowdoinham; Dr. Samuel Packard at
Portland. Tom Aiken of Portland,
Timer, Tom Aiken. Announcer, Tom
McKeown, starter, Thomas Drysdale, of
Portland.

He estimates that a lund of portland will be required to provide accommodation and suitable training, and adds:
"The need is great and the money must be secured before the work for these blinded people can be properly organized." Helen Keller, whom we must re-Rush at London Whisky Sale

London, Dec. 15—(Associated Press Correspondence)—So scarce has whisky become that when a London distiller Murray MacLaren's remarks publed in a recent paper in regard to the soldiers at St. Dunstan's hospit London, and we must make every effort to train these poor blind souls, whose patience and gratitude, I understand, is pathetic, and appeals to all.
So I have suggested to Mrs. A. C. D.

Wilson that the nice sum of \$300.61 realized by the Sunday sacred concert, should be given for the establishing of a Blind Fund, and she has very kindly agreed to do so.

I trust the amount anticipated will be more than raised, and prove an incentive to secure the very large sum required, and that St. John will vie with other Canadian cities in her usual generous spirit; and that the New Year's offering will meet with a general response, small or large. Contributions will be received

Who the Subaltern Was.

by the treasurer, W. H. Barnaby, or at the Globe office, and duly acknowledged.

M. KATE HALL SEARS

(Isaac F. Marcosson, in the Philadelphia Post.) No Class A men are now used in British Army Service Corps. Class A men are fit for fighting. In the early days of the war there were many of them on the lines of communication, but as the armies increased and the losses grew they were all weeded out and sent up the line. Thus

all weeded out and sent up the line. Thus in the A. S. C.—the army phrase for the Army Service Corps—you find thousands of middle-aged patriots who are doing the work of younger men.

Nor is all this patriotism confined the middle-aged. I was talking one to the commanding officer of one of the larger base supply departs in France when larger base supply depots in France, when an erect white-haired man wearing the ingle star of a subaltern came up, saluted and gave a message in precise military fashion. When he was through he clicked his heels together, saluted again, and with a "Thank you, sir!" made off.
"Do you know who that officer was?"

"No," I replied.
"He was my father."
In this case the father was seventyone years old and a retired country squire, but like many of his countrymen he felt that he had to be doing something. It is this sort of spirit that will win the

T. C. BOVILLE. Deputy Minister of Finance.