

Britain's Debt to the U.S.A.

(By T. B. MacAnlay, President of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, in the "Independent and Weekly Review," New York.)

The suggestion has from time to time been made in a number of the leading journals of the United States that Great Britain should transfer her West Indian colonies and Bermuda in part payment of her American debt.

If there are to be cordial relations between nations, each must endeavor to view international problems, not merely from its own standpoint, but from that of its neighbors.

From the outbreak of the war, Canadians have considered that the men of Britain and of the Dominions were fighting the battles of the United States, as well as of our own Empire and of our Allies.

We do not claim that the United States should have entered the war at its outbreak, for the people had to be awakened. It is doubtful if they were sufficiently informed as to the merits of the struggle.

Without your aid the combatants were too evenly matched, especially as one side had been preparing for years and the other had not.

When at last you threw your vast power into the scales, that great addition to the cause of civilization and righteousness was decisive.

United States entered the war, and from that date until the American troops arrived? For all who did not wish a German world, for all free peoples, including Britain, Canada and the United States.

The war was fought, not merely with lives, but with money. The financial burden fell chiefly on Britain. She had to advance huge sums to her allies.

If we Canadians are right in believing that the United States had as great a stake in the war before she entered it as afterwards, do you wonder why we ask ourselves whether it is fair that the Allies should bear alone the crushing financial problem of those earlier years?

But the case is much stronger. The money borrowed in the United States before April, 1917, is not in question. The American government naturally did not give any credits to the Allies till after it had itself entered the war.

It may perhaps be claimed that part of the money borrowed was used to feed the Allied troops and peoples. Can men fight and at the same time cultivate their fields, or work at other regular occupations?

We used to hear of American "Soldiers of the Soil," and were told that these men were fighting as truly as if they were in France.

The suggestion has been made that even if the war debts be not cancelled, the United States might accept from Great Britain a transfer of an equal amount of the debts owing to Britain by other Allied countries.

Britons are just as proud as Americans, which is but natural as they are of the same stock.

the United States government considers that the cancellation of these debts would be a reasonable part of its contribution, they will accept nothing. They do not ask that the money be written off as a bad debt.

Lists of territories have been quoted, chiefly tropical, which have been as a result of the war placed under British control. Many of these will be, for years to come, bills of expense. In any case, the Allies would gladly have given to the United States a generous share in these allotments.

The proposal, however, that Britain should transfer the British West Indies and Bermuda, is something very different. To transfer these ancient colonies would be to begin the dismemberment of the Empire.

It would not be fitting for a Canadian to speak here of Canada's sacrifices or services in the war. But of all the allied nations that were in the war from the beginning, Canada alone has neither asked nor received reward of any kind.

One of the strongest desires held by responsible men in Canada is to do their share in drawing ever closer the bonds of friendship between Canada, the American member of the British Federation of Nations, and our great neighbor.

Magistrate—Can't this case be settled out of court?

Mulligan—Sure, sir. That's what we were tryin' to do whin the police interfered.

THREE PRAYERS BY STEVENSON

In Robert Louis Stevenson's journal of his famous Travels with a Donkey, appears a beautiful passage that for some reason was left out of the book when it was published.

I find some prayers among the noblest reading in the world; often when I am alone I find a pleasure in making them for myself, as one would make a sonnet.

"O God, who givest us day by day the support of thy kindly countenance and hopeful spirit among the manifold temptations and adventures of this life, having brought us thus far, do not, O God, desert us, but with thy continued favors follow us in thy path.

A Prayer for Mind and Body: "Give us peace of mind in our day, O Lord, and a sufficiency of bodily comfort that we be not tortured with changing friendships or opinions, nor crucified by disease, but ever in strength, constancy and pleasantness walk in a fair way before thy face and in the sight of men; and if it pleases thee, O Lord, take us soon in health of mind and honor of body into thy eternal rest."

A Prayer for Friends: "God, who hast given us the love of women and the friendship of men, keep alive in our hearts the sense of old fellowship and tenderness; make offences to be forgotten and services remembered; protect those whom we love in all things and follow them with kindnesses, so that they may lead simple and unassuming lives and in the end die easily with quiet minds."

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The decision to continue the Red Cross as a peace-time organization was not reached by a gathering of Red Cross enthusiasts, but by a body of statesmen who were convinced of its value as an agency to assist in the improvement of the health of the world.

The Ontario Government intends to open a cannery at Guelph reformatory. Some 500 or 600 men are "canned" there already.—Brantford Expositor.

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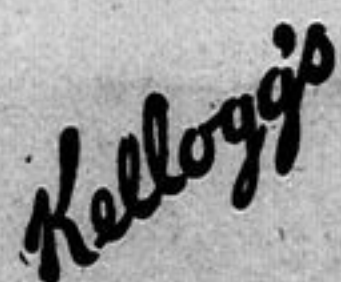
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