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#### CITY MUST ACT. The federal government is giving its

millions to national defence. The pro-

vinces are giving their millions, in the aggregate. The cities are prepar ing to give their quota, and these will run into thousands. What is Kings ton prepared to do? It must do something without delay. Its council must assume this grave responsibility and decide, quickly, how much it can contribute to some local fund and for local purposes. Many who are going abroad, for service, may be married, and they leave behind them families. These should be the sacred trust of the community. It has often been said, in discussing missions, that all who are interested cannot participate in them, and that those who remain at home should provide freely and liberally for the wants of those who can or must go away. Out of the civic exchequer this old military city must make a substantial grant, one in keeping with the occasion and the object it has in view. This trust fund should be administered by the city, and it should have an existence now in order that the citizens may be induced to give to it out of their bounty. The question in other places is, How is the money to be raised? By the is of debentures? The answer is "Yes, if the debentures can be sold. The Hamilton Times does not see any difficulty about this. "Surely," it remarks, "there is enough of patriotism among the Hamilton people to buy them up." At any rate, the city must, through the council, bestir it-self, and act. This whole military movement is too slow, seeing the urgency and necessity of haste.

The man who sat down beneath a tree and slumbered, and, in his dreams, saw a aeroplane sailing about in the heavens above him, is that they either saw or heard the burned. Lord, what an offering to

#### THE MAN TOLSTOI SAW.

Tolstoi, who was so peculiar in his views, and so much opposed to the military side of life, was formerly a soldier, and had a distinguished ca reer before him. His mental attitude became so changed that he not only abandoned the service of the czar but criticized it severely and sometimes adversely. Not in all Russia' was any one else allowed to talk as he There was great consideration

shown for him because he was tensely earnest, and because he was recognized as entirely pure and harmless at heart.

Tolstor had a vision. He had many visions, indeed, during his life, but this one came to him some time before he died. Beginning with 1912 a conflagration, (war), was to break out. It was to spread over all Europe, and carry with it devastation and death. So real did this vision seem that he could hear the lamentations rising from the great battlefields. In 1915 for this awful conflagration was to be prolonged-a new leader was to appear, a greater than Napoleon, and he would enter upon this bloody drama. This one would be without military training. remain until 1925.

HEART STRINGS TOUCHED.

"A" and "B" batteries left the city Thursday evening amid scenes of activity and enthusiasm. These marked the popularity of the cause which they represent. These batteries go to Valcartier, for the present, and will later be a small but important part of Canada's contribution to the fence of the empire. They, with the will surely lend strength to the example in the crucial periods their campaign. Acting-Mayor Couper bade the troops farewell. He emphasized the seriousness of the situation and expressed the conviction that they would be sure to give a good account of themselves whatever the emergency of the hour or the location of the service. The heart strings have felt the pull of these departing worthies. Our people are realizing what war really means. They realize this the more as the volunteers, the bone and sinew of militia, the picked men physically, are sent off to fight for their country. The homes from which they go will have new anxieties forced upon them, women, in thousands, will be ready to sympathize with were, placed their sons upon the altars stand, in some measure, what means as he reads the daily record of happenings along the boundaries be-Germany and Belgium and France and between Austria-Hungary

> The map of Europe is being studed, most carefully, and by the masses. When the war is over, as it is hoped t will be before long, the average man will be able to pass any mination in the geography of Eur Most newspaper men will be qualified for professorships.

#### GREAT HUMAN SACRIFICE.

The late Emile Zola, wrote vividly luridly, and vigorously of the terrible effects of war. He visited one of the resorts of the surgeons, at or close to battlefield, and saw the torn, th wounded, the dying, soldiers dragged in for hurried treatment. The immense building contained many beds, and all these were filled. The floor was strewed with straw, and the maimed and wretched men-"mutilated for the glory of kings"-were laid side by side until there was not room for nurses to pass among them. The surgeons stood at an improvised operating table, and hastily performed their part. The sufferers were quickly passed on, to a resting place near at hand, there to receive further attention, or be carried off, dead, for burial. But the cene was so shocking that even the pen of the great Zola failed to de scribe it accurately. And the carnage of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71 is not to be compared with that of the war now in progress. Such a butchery of men as that which has attended the siege of Liege is without a parallel, and it will dwindle into in significance when the greater armies that are now confronting each other meet in one mighty and terrific in pact. Burying the dead ! That is impossible, and it is not being at tempted. The quicker dispatch of sac rificed humanity has been resorted to. The bodies are being collected into huge pyres and then, after a brief Several persons have reported prayer and the usual volley of arms, planes. In their dreams? Where the vanity, the caprice, the wickedness would these planes comes from in the of nations! How long must this con-

> The Niobe, lying idle at Halifax, and only now being fitted out for service, is a larger boat and a better equipped one than the Essex which s doing such splendid service, in Atlantic. Once the Niobe is put commission it is hoped she will ept in it. There's a work for her

#### AFTER GERMAN TRADE.

Writers for the commercial papers are summing up the immense loss that will be Germany's as a result of the war. Germany, in its industrial pursuits, was leading the world. Her devotion to technical education, and her achievements in the arts and sciences, were showing themselves many ways. There was not only great variety in her productions, but cheapness that gave her wares ev erywhere, and in all parts of the world, a market. That market is be ing now lost to ber, and it may never recovered. American enterprise and capital have already been used to invade and take possession of the South American trade. Later a sun ilar combination of capital and la bour may force Germany out of South Africa, and she may lose her territory as well as her trade there. Out Canada even German goods will be He would be a writer, a journalist, barred, and it was wonderful how they and with a mighty grip of public were displacing all other productions men and events, a grip that would because of their virtue and value. Germany, indeed, had the faculty, of in this vision cultivating business. The visit of Mr. in these times? Roosavelt to South America a couple who cor of years ago, had the effect of concenresponds with the man that Tolstoi trating attention upon America and the lits productions, and immediately Germany sent Prince Henry to bewitch

competition that was sure to win out. Yes, Germany is suffering in many ways, and suffering sorely, because of the war. She is being impoverished because of the kaiser's audacity, and she is losing a trade it has taken the empire many years to build up. But America, and Canada, and England can only get and hold what Germany has lost, for the time being, by sur passing Germany in her industrial suc cesses, and in this laudable ambition they will have enough to fire the the genius of man to the utmost ex-

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

The scarcity, of money makes dis ounts expensive. Interest will touch per cent. if it has not touched that high mark already.

Kitchener is going to be a into himself. He has intimated that any English paper publishing news which is not passed out by his ensors will be suspended. And my ord is not to be trifled with.

When we are making mention of the ig things that little men accomplish we must not overlook what happened, t the Country Club the other day, Jellico and Roberts are not having all the glory that is going:

The Orange Sentinel regards great war, now in progress, as result of one man's crime. One man, reckless, insistent, the alleged Twentieth Century Overlord, has immersed Europe in strife, gloom and death and Russia. It is a pitiable re He'll have his reward.

> The curfew bell has been ringing now for some time. What is the re sult? Is the by-law being enforced: The ringing of the bell will amount to anything unless it is fol lowed by the police surveillance and duty for which provision is made.

What is the city going to do about giving its idle men employment Many of them are foreigners. They cannot be deported. They cannot be left to starve. The best way to help them is to give them work, at the usual wages. The men who labour should not be paupers.

Mr. Gamey has been heard from His defence-the lamest of the lameis that he could not affect 'the fishermen or the hotel men who had their licenses. These licenses are annual. Does'Mr. Gamey mean to say that a refusal to subscribe to his gold stock or gold brick might not incur his displeasure and political animus?

Canadians are being warned of possible invasion from the United States. But the thought is silly The Germans of the United States cannot organize in neutral territory for an attack on a British colony That is certain. But Canadians had better take every precaution for de fence against any trouble.

### PUBLIC OPINION

Not A Parlor Man.

London Adverdisor. Kitchener is well named. He is a drawing-room officer, but an engineer who puts commissariat first.

Their Real Purpose.

Oswego Times. Country Clubs are being established everywhere to promote rural pursuits and show off people's best clothes.

> Why The Option? Montreal News.

The sentencing of a reckless chauffeur to three months in jail or a fine \$148 is all right so far as it goes But why the option of a line in these

.ose Their Rights.

Hamilton Times. It may not be generally known. that, according to international law the subjects of Germany now resident in Canada, when declaration of war was made, lost whatever rights tained to them under civil law.

What Can Germany Gain?

New York World The plight of peace-loving, prospe cultured German people calls for the world's pity. Whether the kaise wins or not they lose unless out famine and bloodshed they grasp political control of their own land.

> It May Happen. Windsen Record.

'Peace year' is advertised by anadian national exhibition in ronto. This would suit for almost any other year excepting 1914. The international peace tattoo is liable to break up in a fight.

> Never Any Good. Toronto Mail

The triple alliance has collaps with the first strain placed upon The alliance was purely a political ar rangement, and never had the support of the Italian people, who that the only beneficiaries under the agreement would be Austria and Ger

#### Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

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ship in Queen's. ways and pave the way for a business at Baker's Point. THE TRIPLE ENTENTE WAS SAVED BY RUSSIA

Her Population Brings Total to 253,-000,000, While Dreibund Has 152,000,000.

The tremendous increase of Russia saves the triple entente from being overwhelmed in numbers by the triple alliance. Germany alone has three-fourths as many inhabitants as Great Britain and France together, and Austria and Italy add roundly 86,000,000 to this number. The great population of Russia, however, brings the total strength of triple entente to 253,000,000, against

152,000,000 for the triple alliance. Fears that the time is rapidly approaching when the population of Germany, like that of France, will become stationary, or even go back, have been dissipated for the present by an estimate in the latest year book of the imperial German statistical office putting the population of the empire at the end of the first half of 1914 at 67,812,000. This compares with 66,981,000 in the previous year, and shows an increase practically the same size as was recorded from 1912 to 1913, and exceeding the gain from 1971 to 1912 by 44,000.

Comparisons with the growth of he population in France give striking figures. In 1912 following the Franco-German war, France had a population of about 36,000,000, only 5,000,000 less than Germany. In 1911 she had less than 49,000,000, and the number has declined since then. Thus her increase in 42 years has been less than 3,000,000, against an increase for Germany of 26,000,-

SACRIFICES IN OLD MEXICO TERRIBLE TO CONTEMPLATE

Even Cortes Could Not Endure Daily Horrors Which Took Lives of Human Beings.

With all his diplomacy, and his

great need of powerful allies. Cortes could not endure the daily horrors of that idolatry which at Zempolla, as in nearly all the cities of Mexico, devoted human beings to the horrible living torments of the Stone of Sacrifice. Stretched naked upon sacrificial stone, which appears most cases to have been somewhat convex upon its surface, a yoke across the neck held the victim utterly helpless; while the attendants confined his arms and legs straining the spine over the central ridge of the alter, and the chief priest, with a sharp flake of obsidian, laid open the heaving chest and tore out the heart of the sufferer. Curiously enought, a similar method of human sacrifice was practised by the early Norsemen, as late as the tenth century, except that the victim's back was broken across the ridge of the sacrificial stone, before the knife of the priest finished the horrible cere-Not only captives taken in war, but criminals and slaves, and in times of great public calamity, the children of great nobles, and even princes and kings, were sacrificed thus to Thor and Freya, Norse and Icelandic peoples, as late as A. D. 1000; and even some centuries later among the Wends, Esthonians and other half-savages Western Russia. Many a 'doom-ring' and 'doom-stone' are still shown by Norse antiquarians, where in not remote centuries, the sacrificial knife finished the torture of fractured spine and deeply-cut runes, of dedication to the gods, in the presence of silent and worshipping idolators.

#### Little Portugal.

The declaraton of the government of Portugal that it was ready to meet the obligations imposed by its "ancient alliance" with Great Britain is accepted generally with In comparison amused surprise. with the strength of the main combatants, that of the little country wedged in between Spain and the sea seems indeed negligible an her proffer of support of slight value. But the action of Portugal may have serious importance in a part of the globe not yet involved in war. but which may figure largely in the final settlement. On the west coast of Africa she has a province just north of the German possessions there. On the east coast she has another just south of German terri-Between them lie the British union of South Africa and Rhodesia The north-eastern frontier of Portuguese Angola runs two-thirds of the way across the continent along the southern boundary of the Belgiah Congo. If Germany wins in the European contest she will unques tionably try to take the Belgian congo, both previnces of Portugal, and at least Rhodesia, if not South Af rica, thus gaining control from coast to coast of all, or nearly all, Africa south of the equator. Great Britain wins, the Portuguese possessions will be safe. That is probably the inducement which has moved the Portuguese government to range itself on the side of Great Britain. In Europe her aid would be confined to some slight co-operation with the British Navy and to the supply of friendly harbor on her

Luxemburg In the War of 1871 "I have never confessed it publicy but I can say it here: After the dissolution of the confederation the Grand Duke had become the sovereign of Luxemburg and could have done what he liked with the country. It would have been mean of him to part with it for money but it was open to him to cede it to France. Our right of occupation was also not well founded. Proper ly speaking after the dissolution of the confederation we ought no longer to have occured even Rastatt an Mayance. I said that in the council A had at that time yet another idea namely to hand over Luxem- den stuff. burg to Belgium. In that case we should have united it to a country on behalf of whose neutranty as people then thought Englan! would intervene. That would also have strengthened the German element Dr. S. W. Dyde accepts professor- there against the French-speaking inhabitants and at the same time Waterworks Committee decides secured a good frontier. My proto ask the City Council for more posal was not received with any famoney to extend the water system. vor and it is just as well as it has "A" Battery returned from camp turned out."-"Bismarck: Some Se cret Pages of His History."

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