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TRUE TO PROMISES.

Germany made every effort to persuade Great Britain to keep hands off in the present war. Would a mere piece of paper, she was asked, be allowed to stand between England and peace. The piece of paper was the pledge of England's support to Belgian neutrality. If England had been willing to ignore the pledge and desert her allies, they could not have kept her to her pledge, and Germany would not doubt have been willing to promise valuable concessions, whatever they might have been worth, to persuade Great Britain in that course. But Britain was true to her pledges, true to her signature on the scrap of paper. Every true Britisher would have execrated her had she done otherwise. The honor of the nation was of greater value than even the terrors and horrors of war. Glorious Britain! Canadians are proud to be a part of her.

ACHIEVE THE TASK.

At the request of the church leaders the people have been invoking divine intercession on the war so that peace may be speedily restored. This is proper enough in one sense, and we would not speak unkindly of the motives. But when a severe malady has set in whose course is usually tedious, should not prayer be directed in favor of blessing upon the remedies employed, more than for sudden, miraculous recovery? We concur with the Straiford Herald that the malady in Europe is militarism of the worst type ever known, except that of Napoleon. What is the use of praying for peace with that militarism unscathed? Can there be a worthy peace, except upon a basis carrying with it increase of human freedom and of sacred individual rights? Would not the blood of those already slain cry to heaven against a peace that left their sacrifice wanton and unedificatory? Let us all pray not for peace merely, but for a peace with lasting and beneficial results tending to compensate for the awful sacrifices of war. To ask the Creator to let hundreds of thousands of brave men die in vain is vain unto blasphemy; it is an imputation against Divine ideals of justice. To work and pray for unconditional peace would be mock cowardice, even treason to the cause of righteousness. Peace should not be welcomed unless it be accompanied by the downfall of a great wrong against humanity—the German system of autocratic militarism. To overthrow this world menace is the task undertaken by the allied nations—and they ought not to consent to peace until they have achieved their task.

THE LARGER VIEW.

The reason why many places do not go ahead fast is very much the same as those why the majority of people achieve no great success. Most people grab the pennies of today, and disregard the dollars of tomorrow. In the same way, communities fail to take the larger view and do not build for the future. The majority of young men would rather quit school and go to work for a dollar a day, and continue all their lives on small pay, rather than go to colleges and technical schools and fit themselves to earn large salaries at some time in the future, remarks the Oswego, N.Y., Times. The disposition of the public in making purchases is much the same. People will buy in distant cities and rival places nearby, merely because they think some article is a few cents cheaper. By so doing, they help build up some place in which they have no stake and no interest. In nine cases out of ten the out-

side purchase is not any cheaper. The purchase is made by mail, and cannot be examined, or it is made hurriedly without good advice from a friendly salesman. You cannot get something for nothing. If a person pays a low price, he is probably getting second quality goods, which he could have bought for the same price at home. If the people of this city should stand loyally by our own home enterprises, and make it a principle to buy at home whenever possible, there would be a new growth of prosperity here. The larger sums of money in circulation here would mean better stores, more people employed, more money paid in taxes, better public improvements. Anyone owning any property or business here would see that property or business advance in value. There would be more chances here for young people and more would be paid in salaries and wages. Why not take the larger view, and give more thought to the wisdom of buying at home and building up our own town?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The straw hat is doomed. Why it, brother! Germany may make a favorable response to Mr. Wilson's standing offer of mediation. Young men should join the 14th Regiment and demonstrate their loyalty to the empire. "Beatty, Aye Beatty" should be their motto. Some people think that children should learn to write legibly, but it they spent time doing that, they could not learn to draw and paint. The home guard idea is a good one. It gives an opportunity for men who are incapacitated by age or otherwise from joining the militia on a Canadian overseas contingent, to show their loyalty. Early fall apples will likely rot in the orchards as sales are very slow. Could not the farmers let the poor of the cities have them as their contribution to the patriotic fund? Committees would arrange to gather the fruit. Even after this war is over the trade routes near the North Sea will be unsafe for many months, if not years, until the mines are removed. This style of warfare on water is of the same brand that burns cities and kills women and children on land. Do not halt in activities, either industrially or agriculturally. Canada will be here next year and so will Ontario, and we will need to build roads, to raise crops, to manufacture goods just as much as we did last year, in fact we ought to raise more crops and manufacture more goods because there will be a greater demand for the former and because there will be a place for the latter which has hitherto been filled by German and Austrian made goods.

THEY WON'T SCARE CANADA. German and Austrian Reservists Gathering on Border. Washington, Sept. 10.—It is reported here that the attention of the government has been called to the alleged gathering of groups of men, supposed to be German and Austrian reservists, on the American side of the Canadian boundary. While the reports could not be confirmed officially, there is reason to believe that some inquiry on the subject has been made with a view to having the government take measures to prevent any violation of the neutral soil of the United States through the assembling of hostile forces in American territory. Although it is difficult to see anything serious in such a situation, the suggestion that the withdrawal of troops from Canada for service with the British army on the continent of Europe may be a temptation to the enemies of Great Britain, to make a demonstration of the Canadian side of the border as supposed to be behind the uneasiness said to be felt in connection with the alleged gatherings.

LAUGHED AT MAGISTRATE. Farical Attempt to Seize British Steamer. London, Sept. 10.—Telegraphing from Sydney, N. S. W., the Reuter correspondent says: "An attempt was made at Nauru Island, a German possession in the Pacific just south of the equator and near the Gilbert Islands, to seize the British steamer Messina, which arrived here to-day. A German magistrate with a party in a boat approached the Messina and demanded to board her. 'By whose orders?' the mate of the Messina asked. 'By orders from his majesty, the emperor of Germany,' the magistrate replied. 'The mate laughed at the magistrate and ordered full speed ahead, and the Messina reached the open sea.'

GRAIN RUSH IS ON. Total of 4,821 Cars Arrive at Three Cities. Duluth, Minn., Sept. 10.—With arrivals at Minneapolis, Duluth and Winnipeg for the day aggregating 4,821 cars, grain men state that the fall rush from farms is on in earnest. That this will be reflected in the lake movement to but a small degree is the general belief. Wheat stocks in Duluth-Superior elevators aggregate 1,935,466 bushels, an increase of 750,000 bushels for the week with several cargoes still to be reported out.

PUBLIC OPINION.

A Just Cause. New York Globe. Great Britain's attitude throughout the whole affair has been above reproach.

Chance To Get Rich. Sioux City Tribune. Some fellows could make a lot of money exporting Kansas cyclone celars to London and Paris for use of people who are afraid of Zeppelins.

Hope For Lemonade Drinkers. Washington Post. Now that the European war has shut off our supply of citric acid, the good old-fashioned lemonade may come into its own again.

A Coming Change. La Presse, Montreal. Now that Petersburg, which has a German sound, has been altered to Petrograd, we may expect to wake some time morning to find the name of Berlin changed to Berlinolsky.

Worth While. Hamilton Herald. What a fine thing it is to be politically affiliated with a sovereign power that can be always trusted to keep its word and fulfill its obligations! It is a power worth making sacrifices for.

The Inevitable Outcome. Chicago Tribune. Slowly the odds will change. Now they favor the Germans. Gradually they must swing against the Teutonic powers. Thoughtful Germans must regard the triumphs in France as merely preliminary to the great struggle.

Courage And Confidence. Manitoba Free Press. It is of vital importance that the war shall not be allowed to interfere any more than can possibly be prevented with the daily work of the Canadian people, and that the initiative power of the country shall be increased and the effectiveness of Canada as an advancing country maintained and furthered. Courage and confidence should be the watch words.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO. The week has been the warmest for the month of September in the memory of the oldest resident. The champion cornstalk of the season, out of western corn seeds, is shown by John Montgomery, Wolfe Island. It is twelve feet, seven inches. The hay crop throughout the district is far above the average. C.H. Corbett's "Glen" was awarded first prize in the bench show at Ottawa. Rev. Douglas Laing, Perth, has received and accepted a call from the congregation of the Baptist church, Kingston. He will be much missed in Perth as he is respected and esteemed by all classes.

SUNK IN NEUTRAL WATERS. Where Ill-Fated Kaiser Wilhelm Went to Bottom. London, Sept. 10.—Captain McPeck, of the British steamer Kaiser, which was sunk by the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosser, admits in an interview that the British cruiser High Flyer sank the Kaiser-Wilhelm in neutral waters, namely, within the coastal limit of Rio Oro, Spanish territory, on the west coast of Africa. He added: "Remember, the Kaiser Wilhelm had been ordered by the Spanish consul out of Las Palmas, and had refused to budge for nine days. This in itself is an international offense. Therefore, I contend that we were right to sink her." This is the first news of the sinking of the Kaiser. It was one of the several merchantmen captured and sunk by the German liner.

MORE VIEWS OF CITIZENS. On the Extension of the White Way in Kingston. James McParland—"I would like to see the 'white way' extended over still more of the business section of the city and if money was in sight to also carry it to the residential parts. J. O. Hutton—"I am in favor of paving Lower Brook, Market and Ontario streets and placing the new lighting system upon Market street. B. Hutchinson—"I am not in favor of the extension of the new lights at the present time, owing to the scarcity of money. J. R. C. Bobbs—"At present I cannot see how the city can possibly afford to extend the system just now. It money matters brighten up I would like to see this beautiful system cover a very wide area of the city."

A TERRIBLE REVENGE. German Professors Will Renounce British Degrees. London, Sept. 10.—The following German official statement was received by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph company. "Professors of the leading German universities have declared their intention to renounce all distinctions bestowed upon them by British universities or learned societies on account of Great Britain's attitude in the war."

ONE OF THE GUNS ON THE S. S. MANITOBA. A number of ocean passenger liners are now fitted up with guns for protection on the seas. Above is shown a number of passengers taking a keen interest in both the sailor and the gun on the C. P. R. liner.

BAD ROADS RETARD. The Advance of Japanese Against Kiao-Chau.

Wei-Hai, Shantung Province China, Sept. 8.—Reports have been received here that the Japanese advance guard of 3,000 men, which is proceeding against the German territory of Kiao-Chau from Lungkow, has succeeded in covering over ten miles in the last two days, because of the very poor condition of the roads in Shantung province. At this distance out they came to a swollen river. This the artillery could not cross, and the guns are now returning to Lungkow. Some of the Tsing-Tau forts have been made bomb-proof. The government of Tsing-Tau grants the garrison one day in three for liberty in town to promote the health of the men. Almost all the German reservists are living in deserted private residences in Tsing-Tau. The shops and restaurants have reopened, and there is music and moving-picture shows every night. According to the news received here, the bombs recently thrown by a Tsing-Tau from Japanese aeroplanes were ineffective.

Germany Is Incensed. Pekin, Sept. 8.—Protesting to the foreign office against its note of September 3, addressed to the diplomatic representatives in Pekin, and referring to the transgression of Chinese neutrality by the landing of Japanese troops at Lungkow, Baron von Maltzan, the German charge d'affaires, declared that Germany would hold China responsible for permitting Japanese and British soldiers to cross her territory. The Chinese are unwilling to attack the Japanese who have landed in Shantung; nevertheless, they fear that Germany may ultimately make reprisals upon them. The Japanese embassy here has been endeavoring to reassure the Chinese government.

LAST FEW HUNDRED MILLIONS. May Win the War, Say Lloyd George. London, Sept. 10.—"We want every penny we can raise to help fight the enemy," said David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, replying to a deputation from the municipalities which wanted the aid of the treasury in securing loans at cheap rates. "We must come out triumphant in this struggle," continued the chancellor, "and as finance is going to play a very important part in it, we must husband our resources. We don't want a penny spent which is not absolutely essential to relieve distress. In my judgment the last few hundred millions may win this war."

WHERE WILL KAISER GO? May Settle on Property in Canada or States. London, Sept. 10.—The Financial News, in an article upon the Kaiser's ultimate movements, suggests either death at his own or somebody else's hands, or flight to non-bourgeois soil. He is one of the largest land owners in the western states, says the Financial News, not in his own name, of course, and he also owns a considerable section of property in Western Canada. So notorious is this fact that it was once a standing joke in Vancouver that, although the Kaiser was a large owner of property in a certain district, he declined to join the local ratepayers' association.

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