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SECOND SECTION

WAR ORPHANS BIG PROBLEM

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There Are 6,500 War Orphans—An Appeal Is Being Made To Canadians On Their Behalf.

Brussels, Dec. 27.—One of the most appalling results of the war as far as Belgium is concerned is the large number of orphans. Other countries have suffered and children have been made fatherless, but in Belgium the terrible havoc wrought by the bombardments, the atrocities that have cost the lives of so many Belgian women, and the panics that have been the end of the drunken and riotous methods of the German occupying army have left helpless little tots, some scarcely able to toddle, without father or mother.

E. Franqui, writing to a friend, says: "Light has been thrown on shocking cases of misery and abandonment of orphans. Numbers of these children have been found wandering along the roads of the country or in the streets of our towns, starving and practically clothed in rags. Others arrived in villages considerably distant from their former homes, unable to tell what had become of their fathers and mothers and often unable to give their parents' names. Others have been sent to Holland or the Duchy of Luxembourg, because their villages had been devastated and there was not one left to give them assistance."

Belgium, as a consequence, is under the menace of a new scourge—the loss of numberless young children, with whom rested the guarantee of its future and its recuperation.

The picture drawn by Mr. Franqui, who is chairman of the Belgian National Relief and Food Committee, is one of the most heart-rending that has been painted since the war started. The civilized world has been shocked by the stories of the murder of infants and children by the Germans, but there are cases where murder would have been merciful as compared with what has been done. These children, some of whom were just able to walk, are left to starve or care for themselves as best they can.

This problem has resulted in the organization of a new branch of the National Relief Committee, known as the National Work for War Orphans, under the honorary presidency of Cardinal Mercier. Already there are six thousand five hundred such orphans under the care of this committee, and this is by no means the total number.

The committee is making a special appeal to Canadians for sufficient flour to feed these helpless, motherless little tots, who have been made to suffer what few adults do, because their fathers and mothers heroically faced the invader. The Belgian Relief Committee here is confident that the Relief Committee at Montreal will receive a hearty response in the form of food gifts for these children, particularly at this season when Canadian fathers and mothers are endeavoring to make their own children happy.

A dollar here means a life saved, where a dollar in Canada at Christmas may mean only some little luxury easily dispensed with and never missed. Which shall it be, a gift to your child and a little life snuffed out there through starvation, or a small sacrifice and a happy child there, made happy with a bit of bread to fill his thin and famished body? Canadians must answer.

KING OF SERBIA CARRIED IN CHAIR.

He Has Reached Italy, Being Brought By an Italian Warship.

(Special to the Whig.)

Paris, Dec. 27.—King Peter of Serbia has arrived in Italy aboard an Italian warship. He plans to go to Rome and then go to the Royal Villa at Caserta. The King had to be carried from the ship in an arm chair, according to press despatches. He told correspondents that he had turned his authority over to Crown Prince Alexander. If his physicians permit, he will go to Salonika to confer with the Serbian Minister of War.

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ALLIES ARTILLERY DOES GREAT DAMAGE.

And the Germans Are in Fear of General Attack.

(Special to the Whig.) Athens, Greece, Dec. 27.—With our batteries of heavy artillery and men behind them, it is impossible to oust the allied forces from Salonika," said General Castelnau, chief of the French General Staff, in a statement today to the Associated Press.

General Castelnau gave an interview after being received this morning by King Constantine and attending a luncheon at the French Legation.

"The situation at Salonika to-day is most excellent," the General continued. "I spent several days examining the ground. I have rarely seen an emplacement which lends itself better in defence."

The General was asked whether the Allies contemplated an offensive movement from Salonika in the spring.

"Spring will tell," he replied. "Should it be decided upon, an offensive from Salonika would be made under peculiarly favorable conditions."

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Purchased Big Lots of Canadian Mines.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Ben Hughes in his Cobalt paper, the Northern Miner says this week: "The Northern Miner is informed from a source that it believes is reliable that Jacob Field, one of the biggest operators on the New York market, has purchased 500,000 shares of West Dome stock from Sir Henry Pellatt."

"It also understands that Mr. Field has either bought control or has purchased a large block of stock of Peterson Lake also from Sir Henry Pellatt."

"As Mr. Field is one of the best known operators on the New York market it is probably his intention to make a market in these stocks."

Whitby's New Industry.

Whitby, Dec. 27.—A new industry has been secured to Whitby, Ontario, known as the Whitby Silk Mills Co., branch of a glove and underwear industry in Jersey City, N. J., capital authorized \$100,000; factory is to be in operation by July 1st fifty skilled workmen will be employed.

Reo Declares Dividend.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 27.—The directors of the Reo Motor Car Company met this afternoon and declared a 100 per cent. stock dividend and increased the capital stock of the company from \$4,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

The Reo Motor Truck Company also held its annual meeting to-day and re-elected the old officers, but the expected extra dividend was not declared.

Commercial Notes.

The Imperial Tobacco Co., of Canada, Limited, reports for the year ended September 30th, 1915, net profits, after all charges and expenses of management, amounting to \$2,513,425. This compares with \$2,580,034 in 1914, and \$2,332,705 in 1913.

The profits of the Dominion Glass Company for the year ending September 30th last showed a considerable shrinkage owing to the general contraction in trade, but were sufficient to meet interest and sinking fund charges, provide for the preferred dividend, and leave a small balance of \$1,387 to be carried forward.

A factor in England is the necessity of settling many estates owing to deaths among the peerage in the war and from other causes. On an estate of \$5,000,000 death duties are 20 per cent. or \$1,000,000. To pay such sums securities have to be sold, including Americans, and these find their way into the big banking institutions.

So far Montreal financial institutions have subscribed \$1,250,000 to the new French Government war loan.

British Columbia salmon pack for the year 1915 stands at 1,133,900 cases, which compares with 1,111,000 cases last year, and a high record of 1,353,000 cases in 1913.

The directors of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company decided to pay the accumulated preferred dividends of ten per cent. on the preferred shares, and also declared the regular two per cent. on the preferred for the quarter ending December 31.

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HOW BELGIUM'S HUNGRY CHILDREN ARE FED BY THE BELGIAN RELIEF COMMISSION

Under the capable direction of Herbert C. Hoover, the Commission for Relief in Belgium is doing a wonderful work in feeding the millions of Belgian women, children and old men who are still in the country. Every dollar contributed to the Belgian Relief Fund, and every pound of food purchased, is accounted for, and made to go as far as possible in relieving the hunger and distress of our suffering Allies.

LIKELY STRUCK MINE.

(Special to the Whig.)

New York, Dec. 27.—The big British liner Arianza was sunk off the Russian port of Archangel, probably by a floating mine, on Dec. 10th, according to authoritative information reaching shipping circles here to-day.

Excepting the Lusitania and the Arabic, the Arianza is the largest steamer sunk by mines or submarines since the beginning of the war. She displaced 15,044 tons, being only slightly smaller than the Arabic, and was 570 feet in length, with 65 foot beam.

THE SPORT REVIEW

Saratoga, N.Y., Racing Association is expected to hang up close to \$300,000 in stakes for running horse events at the Spa track next year.

John McGraw is still to have the management of the New York Giants no matter if Harry Sinclair does buy the club. McGraw will be given permission to go out and get all the players he wants.

Toronto Globe: Unquestionably there is a good deal of hockey ability on the Toronto N.H.A., representatives of developing into a formidable team, but their late start will prove a serious handicap. The Wanderers appeared very slow in comparison with the Toronto on Saturday night. The N.H.A. offside rule, which slows up the game, was a distinct advantage to the slower Wanderers.

A Hamilton despatch says: As far as the O.H.A. is concerned, there will be no senior hockey in Hamilton this winter. The Northern League is still to be heard from definitely, and even in the event of the new league deciding to place the scullers in a suitable group there will be nothing doing in the senior ranks until the season is well advanced.

In an effort to strengthen his team manager Livingstone of the Torontos is trying to secure Harry Hyland, the clever Wanderer forward and holdout, this season. President Sammie Litchenstein of the Wanderers stated that he would not play Hyland this season, so therefore there is a fair chance of the Torontos securing him.

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CAMPAIGN ENDED.

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Athens, Dec. 27.—The Bulgarian premier has assured the Agrarian party that the Bulgarian campaign in the Balkans has ended. According to Bulgarian newspapers received here to-day, Premier Radoslavoff declared that the Bulgarians will hold their positions on the Serbian frontier.

YOUNG GIRL'S FORTUNE.

Doubles In Ten Years—Echo Of Harrison Will.

New York, Dec. 28.—The fact that the fortune left to Virginia Randolph Harrison and Barbara Harrison, young daughters of Francis Harrison, Governor of the Philippines, by their mother, Mrs. Mary Crocker Harrison, has nearly doubled since the death of their mother in an automobile accident on Long Island in 1905, is disclosed by an order just signed in the Supreme Court.

The order approves the accounting for 1913-14 of Governor Harrison and Henry T. Scott, trustees under Mrs. Harrison's will, which left an estate valued at \$3,000,000 in equal shares to her husband and two infants being put in trust. The trustees reported that Miss Barbara's fund is now worth \$1,717,337, while the principal of Miss Virginia's share is \$1,776,117.

The French liner Celtica was submerged in the Mediterranean. Seventy-nine were drowned, including two women and several children.

More than 450 returned Canadian soldiers are in convalescent homes in Canada, while 250 more are being medically attended at their homes.

OUT FOR CONSCRIPTION.

Morning Post Says Day For Silence Is Over.

London, Dec. 28.—The Post, in an editorial advocating conscription, says: "We have been silent as much from shame as from any other reason on the orgy of fraud, threat and cajolery, mis-called the voluntary system. It seemed to us degrading even to write about it, but the time for silence is now over. All those who believe in compulsion will now have to stand by their belief. There is a point at which prostration amounts to betrayal."

FOUND CLAN MACLEOD MEN.

Story of Torpedoed Freighter in the Mediterranean.

Boston, Dec. 28.—The British steamer Lord Cromer has arrived from Calcutta, reporting the rescue of a boatload of men from the British freighter Clan Macleod, which was sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine. The Lord Cromer picked up Captain Goodwin, of the Macleod, who had been wounded by shells, and 48 members of the crew. All were landed at Algiers. Another boat, containing 20 of the Macleod's men, was missing at the time. Captain Goodwin told officers of the Lord Cromer that his vessel was on Admiralty business, and was sunk by the submarine on November 30th. The Clan Macleod had been ordered to stop, but the captain sent his ship full speed ahead, and was shelled by the submarine until he signalled surrender, and ordered his men to the boats. Captain Goodwin lost his right hand and leg, while several other members of the crew were killed or seriously injured.

War Tidings.

Two more classes of Greek troops have been disbanded by royal decree. It is officially announced that Indian troops in France have been transferred to another field of action. Six large steamers of the Allies were reported sunk on Monday. All were in Mediterranean waters.

It is officially announced that the United States will investigate the sinking of the Japanese liner, Yashaka Maru.

The British Cabinet was in session all of Monday, and it is believed important changes are being arranged. Austrian effort to dislodge the Italian troops all failed.

The French Socialists declared they would not link up with the Germans after the war.

Great Britain announced that two monitors were not destroyed by the Turks on the Tigris.

Justice Craig, Toronto, lost his wife by death.

William Wright, Toronto, died from exposure, neglect and alcoholism.

Dr. J. W. Rowan, who practised his profession east of the Don for thirty years, is dead.

Saxon F. Shenstone, treasurer of the Dominion Radiator Company, Toronto, died suddenly.

William Scott and William Barber were found dead, in their room in Toronto with the gas turned on.

A cheque for \$1,000 was handed to the 124th Battalion by Mayor Church, Toronto, at a recruiting meeting.

Greetings were received from and sent to the Canadian soldiers in France and England.

Gigantic Wheat Deal.

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 28.—A wheat deal just completed with the British and French Governments involves nearly £3,000,000 sterling, and the price is above five shillings a bushel.

A sale has also been made to Italy. A cargo for South Africa has brought the record price of five shillings and sixpence.

300 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN

Canada Must Bear a Greater Share

IN FINANCING WAR

AND PEOPLE MUST PRACTICE ECONOMY.

There Is Not the Sacrifice There Should Be—In Order To Serve We Must Conserve.

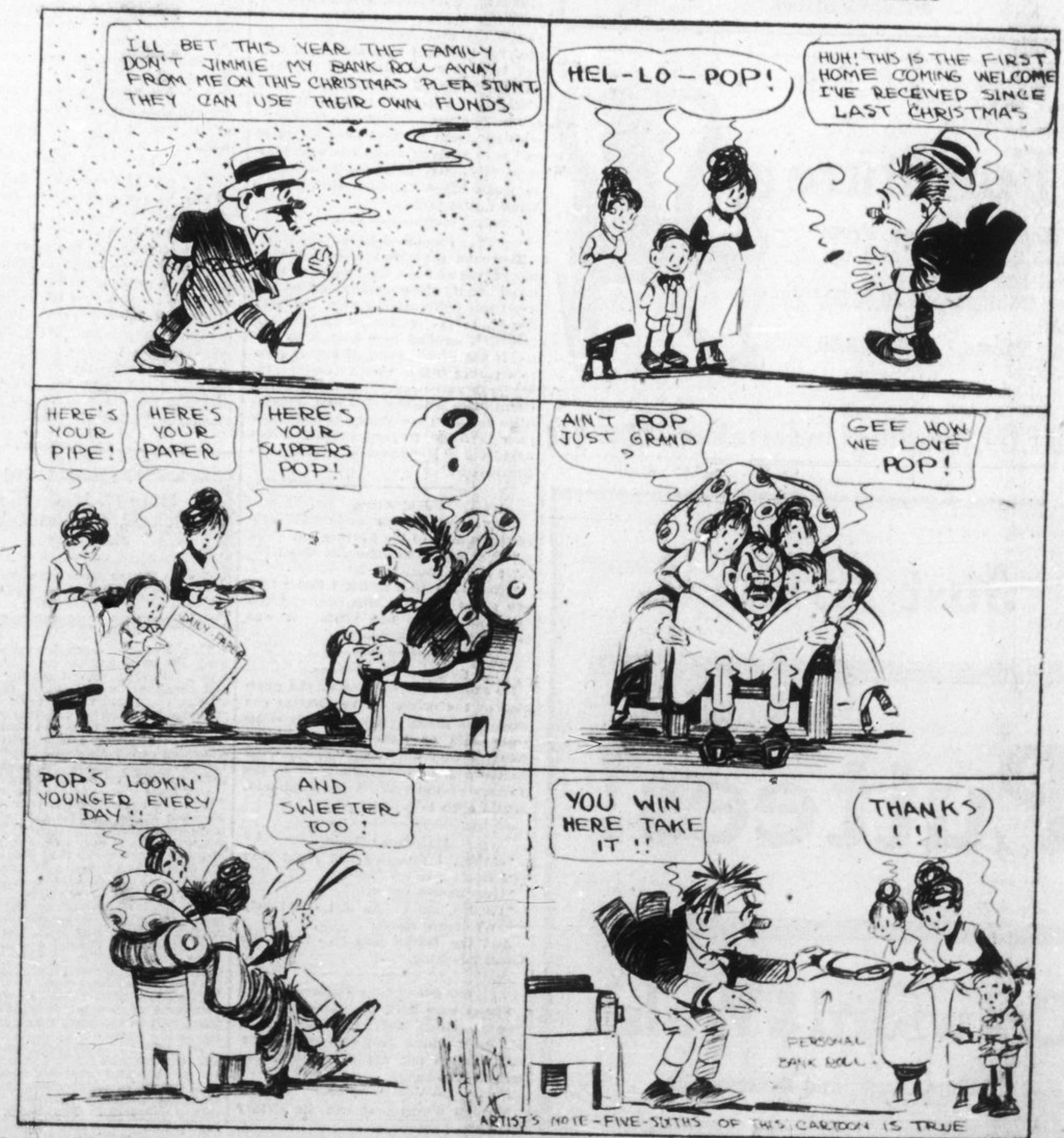
Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, in announcing that a Canadian domestic loan of \$300,000,000 might soon follow the recent issue of \$100,000,000, said that Canadians would be called on to bear a greater share in the financing of the war. It will no longer be possible to do this by foreign loans, he said, and the people of the country would have to be able to do their part.

"To-day we are living in a time when the energies of every one should be conserved to the end of serving the country in the best possible way," said Sir George. "There must be cessation of all forms of waste and a husbanding of resources of the country, in preparation for the vital expenditure Canada will have to face in the very near future. The people of this country must bear their share in raising the funds so urgently needed. They are well able to do this, but it will mean the practise of economy, and possibly some sacrifice. They have already subscribed a \$100,000,000 loan. If necessary they can subscribe \$300,000,000."

"During the seventeen months of war we have done nothing specially to tax ourselves. There is not the sacrifice to the nation that there should be. We have not done more than other countries in the supreme test of giving that which calls for the greatest human endurance."

After saying there were three prime factors in war—men, munitions and money—Sir George said: "How long can Canada go to the Mother Country and ask her to finance our war expenditure? We should not have the face to go to the Mother Country and ask her to pay for our soldiers and equipment. If we need \$250,000,000 it means that we have to come to the people of Canada and ask them for it. This is not very difficult. We have the money. There are two sources—what the people have earned and what they have saved; if the latter is not enough when all your savings are gone we will come to you for your earnings. And I believe there is not a man in Canada who, if he values his country and citizenship, will refuse the call."

Pop Had Decided to Save His Money This Christmas



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