To Fight At Once, Says President Wilson.

"WE MEAN BUSINESS"

SAID WOODROW WILSON TO CHI-

CAGO GATHERING. The United States Cruelly Wronged claims regarding the rights of tele--Europe Does Not Understand

Chicago, Feb. 1 .- The United States has made preparations for immediate war as far as the navy is concerned, although the present naval force is inadequate in size, President Wilson declared last night in an address before several thousand persons in the auditorium here. "We of the preparedness plans of the ad-

United States an organization such or was obliged by an American ing when he first heard of the war, Admiral Fletcher," the president for cutting down two trees. said. "And we have made preparation for immediate war so far as the navy is concerned."

at present constituted, "is not large themselves responsible for a great enough even for the ordinary duties deal of the everyday butchery. of peace."

strengthening the defences of the na- private or public property on forty

of Americanism is," the president in front of which the tree stands.

tions now at war.

the water there has been a great deal | the operation. of cruel misjudgment with regard to the reasons why America has re- (even tieing a horse to) a street mained neutral. Those looking at tree is liable to a fine not to exceed us from a distance do not feel the \$25 and costs or imprisonment for strong pulses of ideals and principles not more than thirty days, half of that are in us.

"They do not feel the conviction of America that our mission is mission of peace and that righteousness cannot be maintained as a standard in the midst of arms. They do ate property. This association subnot realize that back of all our energy we are a body of idealists much more ready to lay down our lives for a thought than a dollar."

Cruel Misunderstanding.

we are holding off because we can ing Act, such a tree is deemed to he had stuck a five-franc piece his that we crawled cautiously up to make money while others are dying, be his property. the most cruel misunderstanding

not public -opinion. brought about the present war, Mr. Wilson declared.

"I thank God there is no man the United States who has the authority to bring on war without the consent of the nation," he said.

The task of the United States, he said, has been to assert the principles of law in a world in which the principles of law have broken down, "We are not now thinking of invasion of the territory of the United States," the president declared "That is not what is making us think. We are not asking ourselves shall we be prepared only to defend our own homes and our own shores.

"Is that all we stand for? To keep the door shut security against our ed to see that both continents of Am- sufficient.

erica are to be left free to be used by their people, as those people choose to use them under a system of national popular sovereignty as absolutely unchallenged as our own.

'At this moment the Americans are growing together upon that handsome privilege of reciprocal respect and defence.

Detailed plans for strengthening the army and navy and the aviation Story Of corps, and for making munitions and armament by the government, were outlined. The president spoke for nearly an hour.

SHADE TREE BUTCHERY

By Robson Black, Secretary Canadian Forestry Association.

For years the people of Ontario have permitted themselves to be vicphone and telegraph linemen, building contractors and others to destroy Country's High Ideals, He Cons or mutilate shade trees.

other than a specially deputed muni-told by a wounded Canadian now in cipal officer has the 'right' to remove hospital in England. tractors, etc., have no authority Jake before I met him in the train- paces, and planted six shots straight front of it and pegged it lightly whatever in such matters and connot legally remove any part of a tree without permission of the ownnow and then I gathered that he was arm to be able to shoot like that, arrived at a point opposite the posi-

The chief flaw in our system of protection is that we have very few skilled tree inspectors in municipal The army, the president said, as employ, so that municipalities are

The Ontario statutes give a muni-The president repeated his warn- cipal officer delegated by the City Enings that no time must be lost in Fgineer power to remove a tree from He declared the Government eight hours' notice, but the owner was doing everything it could for pre must be recompensed for planting and protecting the tree. "When I see some of my fellow ci- tree, unless within thirty feet of othtizens spread tinder where the sparks er trees, may be removed without are falling. I wonder what their ideal consent of the owner of the property

The municipality shall not be America, the president said, has liable for damages for the trimbeen cruelly misjudged by the na- ming of trees in parks or whose branches extend over streets if reas-"I know that on the other side of onable care has been exercised in

Any person destroying or injuring the fine to go to the informant.

The 'rights' of telegraph and telephone linemen to butcher trees is a fiction. They have no rights whatever over any tree on public or privmitted several questions to the Attorney General who replied:

"I think it is quite clear that the owner would have the right to prevent a telephone company from stringing its wires in a tree planted by him in the street, because under "They suppose, some of them, that Section 2 of the Ontario Tree Plant-

"It is also an offence under Secthat any nation has ever had to face tion 510b of the Criminal Code to -so wrong that it seems almost use- destroy or damage a tree in park, less to try to correct it because it pleasure ground, or garden or in any shows that the very fundamentals of land adjacent to or belonging to a our life are not comprehended or un- dwelling house, injuring it to an ex-

tent exceeding five dollars. "It was expressly enacted by 4 Edw. VII., Clause 10, Section 74, that a telegraph or telephone company should not acquire any easenent by prescription or otherwise as wires attached to private property or passing through or carried over such property so that no matter long telegraph or telephone wires have been attached to a tree, the municipality or owner, if he has property in the tree could compel

the removal of the wire." Since the law gives considerable latitude to any amateur municipal officer, it is our plain duty at citizens to oblige our city and town councils to entrust shade tree supervision to a skilled person, and in the case of larger municipalities to appoint a technically-trained inspector enemies? What about the great or 'city forester' as he is called in trusteeship set up for liberty of na- the United States. Municipal initiational Government in the whole wes- tive is the weak point in shade tree tern hemisphere? We stand pledg- protection; the Ontario law is quite

Gun Capture By a Canadian.

MCGOUGH A HERO

OUT HUNTING WHEN HE HEARD OF WAR.

timized by all sorts of spacious How He Won a Commission -Climbed Into a German Trench And Wiped Out a Whole Party.

London Mail. As a matter of Ontario law, no one the 1st Canadian Contingent, was

"No, I can't tell you much about ing camp out yonder. Jake don't talk into the coin. much but from remarks he has made and he just left everything except his gun and came in to jo'n.

"Jake has great ideas on guns, and has fitted up his weapon with one or two little inventions of his own. for France he spotted Jake's gun which he carried along with the regulation weapon, of which he has but scouting parties from our side each figures of the men working it. a poor opinion. The B.-G. sort of night and after dark to try to find objected to the look of the piece and out one or two things we wanted to told Jake it would be no good where know about the ground and the trenhe was going to and he had better ches in front of us. Every time, leave it behind. I was standing next however, the scouts were either laid to Jake at the time and I could sort out or had to clear back quick to esof feel him keeping back his dander cape the fire from two German maat the insult to his beloved gun.

"'Is it loaded?' asked the B.-G. "'No, sir,' replied Jake. "Then let me look at it."

man squinted along the barrel and inky darkness. This completely tried to pull the trigger. But he puzzled our folk. At last Jake told couldn't, not even when he tried with me on the quiet that he thought he trench. I had just got past the "'Why, you'll never be able to ed me if I would go out with him,

shoot anything with that, my man.' round with my gun, sir; try now.' est touch. Jake had a fixing of his which he could release at a touch

with those sights." " May I show you, sir?"





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NORTON GRIFFITHS AFTER RECENT INVESTITURE.

The big British contractor, Major Norton Griffiths, M.P., D.S.O., who is interested in many Canadian enterprises. here shown leaving Buckingham Palace after the recent investitures. His companion is Mrs. Worthington Evans.

"'Good Heavens! I'd give my peg, and then crept away until we er or municipality. A few legal con-tests such as have recently occurred in the United States would impress that he has tried almost everything and the has tried almost everything at a point opposite the posi-tion of one of the two troublesome And shrapnel shell is a la mode; 'And that's how Jake got leave machine guns. We now approach Over the sand bags, helmets you

the shade tree owners of Ontario. erything that carries fur during the Twice over it has brought him the the reas and the enemy's line. "We have given to the fleet of the Only a few months ago a contract-last seven years. He was out hunt- offer of a commission, but Jake says "We trailed along with us a light cord connected with the 'goffer'

> How He Got Commission. the offer of a commission?

When the brigadier-general-at least ings, the last in which I'll be with up and down in front of the pegs. Waiting for sergeant to sing me I think that is what you call him- him for some time, I'm afraid, for We had not long to wait before the was looking us over before we left it was in heping him that I got this Maxim began to spit. As soon as German bullet in me.

chine guns. Somehow or other the crept slowly forward until we could Germans always got to know our parties were out, and, queerer still, they semed able to drop right on to them "Jake handed it over, and the old with their machine guns even in the had tumbled to their trick, and ask-

"Jake, in looking over the ground "Jake took back the gun with the in the daytime, had noticed what ap- the trench began to talk. Before I remark, 'I don't let any fool nose peared to be some old tent-pegs, or could get to our line I stopped one halter-pegs, dr'ven into the ground of the builets. That's it on the win-"The old man took the piece again, in a sort of haphazard way, and dow-ledge there. I just managed to and the trigger worked at the slight- looking as though they had been left behind through hurry or neglect, and own for lecking the mechanism that is exactly what such scouts as had been out and come safely back "'No good,' said the B.-G. "It again told us they were. Somehow either won't go at all, or it goes too or other Jake had got it into his head suddenly. Besides, you can't aim that these pegs were in some way connected with the fact that the Germans, not only knew our men were "Jake got permission, and before out but also exactly where they

one of these pegs We examined our side of the peg with minute care without touching it, but could find no trace of wire or, in fact, anything. Jake then crawled away to one side of the peg and wormed his way forward inch by inch until he could see the other side of the peg which was towards the German trenches. He had no sooner caught-sight of it than he gave a gentle laugh, and I knew he had found cut something. He crawled back to me and signed for us to re-

"We did so, and then Jake explained the enemy's dodge. Their side of the pegs was coated with luminous paint, and they could thus spot anything which came between the peg and their view of it. Knowing the range of the pegs, the rest was easy.

Jake's Plan. "Jake asked me to do the neces-

sary reporting, and while I was away he set to work and made one or two 'goffer' traps-Canadian rabbit traps. With these and his gun we once more crawled out from our lines. Just before we reached the first peg Jake drew me close to him breathed into my ear his plan "Arrived at the peg, Jake careful

against a tree, walked away fifty ly placed his trap on the ground in

in the United States would impress from bank clerking to ranching, and to take his gun to France, and good ed nearer to the German trench, takthis fact once and for all time upon that he has trapped and hunted ev- work it has done there, as I've seen. ing care never to get between one of Corpses in front and corpses behind.

cord connected with the 'goffer' traps, and when Jake judged his po- Far, far from Ypres I long to be. What had Jake done to bring him carefully to his gun and then re-"Well, I'll tell you one of his do- cord. This caused the traps to flap the enemy began to fire Jake moved Sing me to sleep in some old shed "We had been sending out small forward until he could make out the

Then, under cover of the noise of Dodging the raindrops through the their gun and with incredible rapid-

til the gun had ceased to fire. We then lay quite still a short while, but heard nothing and could see right into the enemy's trench. Not a soul was to be seen. Jake had laid out every man around the gun. He whispered me to get back to our lines and report the trench empty. I set off, leaving him there, as he

point where Jake had lain when he had picked off the gunners when the second Maxim a little farther along



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get near enough for them to pull me in before I lost count of things. "I was told the rest in the morning as I lay waiting for the ambu-

"Jake had climbed down into the German trench and made his way some distance along it till he saw the men round the other machine gun. They were just preparing to fire when he came upon them, and he let them get a start and then Betw simply wiped them out. He marched up to their gun and monkeyed its mechanism somewhat. Then he walked back to the first gun, and shortly afterwards our line was startled by some one crying out in amazement, 'It's Jake McGough come back with a Maxim.' But Jake had done more, for he had coolly stopped on his way and collected his 'goffer' traps so the Ger- DISMAL FAILURE BECAUSE BRITmans shouldn't know how theyd been

A TRENCH SONG.

is Sing me to sleep where the bullets Let me forget the world and all; Damp is my Dug-Out, and coldl are

Over the sand bags, helmets you'll

sition to be about right he looked Where German snipers can't pot at quested me to pull jerkily on the Think of me crouching where the

> A dozen rat holes around my head; Stretched out upon my waterproof,

ity, he picked off man after man un- Sing me to sleep where the shells won't burst.

Give me a pint to quench my thirst Dreaming of home and nights With somebody's big feet on m

(The above lines were penned 'somewhere in Belgium" by Pte. H. J. Godwin, of No. 6 Co., Queen's Engineers, and sent to a friend).

******** * AMHERST ISLAND FAMILY ENLISTS. 4

Stella, Feb. 2 .-- Amherst Island is not behind in sending & recruits. The latest is Alfred + Willard who has enlisted in the * 4 146th. Mr. Willard has three 4 sons who have enlisted. That & is a good showing for one fam-

Fagles Fly Seven Miles High.

There are two animals that puzzle naturalists more than any others. They are nature's submarine and er persisted in forcing the War after aeroplane, the whale and the eagle, the removal of his principal accom-It is known that whales occasional- plice because the murders furnished ly descend as much as three thousand feet below the surface of the sea, a depth of which, by the pressure of the water, they ought to be crushed flat. Why they are not injured scientists have yet to discover. It is this pressure which prevents a modern submarine descending even three hundred feet, let alone three

Eagles have been seen, through telescopes, to fly with apparent ease from 30,000 to 40,000 feet above sea level. At that height no human being can live owing to the rarefication of the air. How the birds live and fly at far greater heights than man can endure for long is a question still to be answered.

Adele Ritchie, the musical comedy actress, was granted a divorce in Philadelphia from her husband, I felt as well and strong as I did at the age of Charles N. Bell, New York wine mer- 30. I am a farmer, now 61 years old."

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SECOND SECTION

AIN WAS MISJUDGED

Kaiser Visited the Archduke a Fortnight Before He Was Assassinated -Story of Henry Wickham Steed.

London, Feb. 1. - A curious article of Henry Wickham Steed, Foreign Editor of The Times, appears in the February number of "The Nineteenth Century and After." It is entitled "The Past of Konopisht," and deals with events alleged to have transpired immediately

preceding the war. A fortnight before the assassination of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, says the writer, they were visited at the castle Konopisht, in Bohemia, by the German Kaiser and Admiral von Tirpitz. Ostensibly the Emperor went to Konopisht to see the rose gardens. The story Steed tells is that at Konopisht the Kaiser and the Archduke made

a secret compact. The paramount desire of the Archduke and his wife was to make provision for their sons, who were debarred by the Hapsburg family law from attaining Imperial rank. The Kaiser, it is said, unfolded his great

scheme of the war. Russia was to be provoked to conflict with Germany and Austria; France was to be instantly smitten to the dust, while the abstention of Britain was considered certain. The Kaiser proposed to reconstitute the old Kingdom of Poland, which, with Lithuania and the Russian Province of Ukraine, stretching from the Baltic to the Black Sea, was to be the inheritance of Francis and his eldest

For the second son a kingdom was to be carved out, including Bohemia, Hungary, Serbia, the Slav coast of the eastern Adriatic, and Salonika.

German Austria, with Trieste, was to pass to the present heir, the Archduke Charles Joseph, to be incorporated in the German Empire. A pact would be created and a

made, with the Kaiser supreme in Europe, and perhaps throughout the werld. Mr. Steed is an analysis of the extraordinary circumstances surround-

huge military and economic alliance

ing the assassination of the Archduka and his consort seems to imply that it was connected with resentment against the Hapsburg family. The writer suggests that the Kais-

him with a fresh and useful pre-

How They Help

ST. RAPHARL, ONT. Four years ago I had such pains in my back that I could not work. The pains exnone of which did me very much good. me and that I was feeling better. So I bou were almost gone and I could keep at worl After I had taken six other boxes of Gin Pills

By Bud Fisher

Jeff Must Have Thought the Corporal Meant Physically Superior







