

National Reconstruction Must Follow Great War

**Powerful Sermon on Timely Topic by Rev. A. F. Newcomb---
The Old Order of Things Must Yield Place to New---The
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Mighty Program---The Meaning of Prussian Militarism---The
Grafters Must go and the Evil of Intemperance Will be
Stamped Out---Teutonic Kultur.**

At the morning service in the Brunswick Street Baptist Church yesterday, the pastor, Rev. A. F. Newcomb, who is soon to leave the city, preached an eloquent and scholarly sermon, on the war and the national reconstruction to follow it. He also paid a glowing tribute to the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society and the Canadian Bible Society. The reverend gentleman was in splendid form and his impressive discourse was followed with intense interest. He said in part:

It is apparent to all that after the war there will be national reconstruction. Conditions will be different from those which have obtained for a century. The old order will have met so large a degree of change that it is practically true to say that "it will yield place to new."

Great wars have always wrought significant changes in the world's life—changes economic, social, educational, political, moral. The most titanic conflict which ever poured out a deluge of blood is so severely testing the foundations of civilization, is so un-

erringly assigning men and nations to their true place as devotees of pagan culture, selfish opportunities, or heroic defenders of human rights, is so tragically but accurately revealing the vital issues of different types of moral philosophy, that the task of finding adjustment to the ideals that will emerge, the principles that will assert themselves, the motives that will irresistibly appeal as worthy, will indeed be herculean, but inevitable.

The Church's Place.

In the process of national reconstruction many influences will be at work. Many forces will play their part. What will be the place of the Christian church in this mighty programme? The answer will depend upon the spiritual wisdom, the spiritual vision, the spiritual character which the church will be able to bring to the situation that will present at once an appalling crisis and an unprecedented and superlative opportunity. The power of the church to mould the moral future will not depend on the employment of ec-

clesiastical methods, but on the use of spiritual energy. Ecclesiastical shibboleths will mean little or nothing after the war. What will count will be the message of reality. Men will demand that they be taken to original sources of consolation, of courage, of strength, of wisdom, of character. Men will be ready for a vital message. Back to the Book the church will look for the necessary message for herself and the world. The effectiveness of the opportunity for the church is always greatly enhanced by the general use of the Scriptures in men's native language. This is the contribution of the Bible Society to the service of the church. Thus, it is clear that in the work of national reconstruction the Bible Society has a very fundamental and important part.

Prussian Militarism.

When this worst war of history is finished, and a permanent peace becomes established, when the belligerent nations and others as well, enter upon the task of making an inventory

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of their resources and opportunities, it will be found that appreciation of liberty will occupy a large place in the life of mankind.

In many nations love of liberty and determination to safeguard this priceless treasure from encroachment or attack by greed, selfish ambition, or indolent indifference, will amount to an eager passion which will color the genius of national life. This war is a clash between military despotism and the forces of liberty and democracy.

The Prussian military caste determined to dominate the world. For years this autocratic party has been gathering well nigh limitless stores for the execution of its scheme. They have been holding their dogs of war in leash awaiting the est moment for precipitating the nations into bloodshed, and, as Berlin firmly believed, into bondage to itself.

All paths were to be made to lead to Germany's capital. German "kultur" was to be the ear-mark of all lands. The tribute of the nations was to be turned toward the one Imperial treasury. The hunger of the rapacious Hun was to be satiated at the expense of the rest of the world. The fiat of Attila's successor was to determine the standard in every realm of human thought and effort—in industry, in commerce, in economics, in science, in art, in politics, in morality—yea, in theology and religion. What cared the Kaiser and his associate assassins if, in the process of achieving their purpose men of Germany were slaughtered, the homes of the Fatherland were plunged into the bitterest grief, and desolation settled down upon every country that showed the temerity to oppose the will of William!

The order was to be that which was given to the German force which in 1900 was commissioned to operate in China: "When you meet the foe you will defeat him. No quarter will be given, no prisoners will be taken. Let all who fall into your hands be at your mercy. Just as the Huns a thousand years ago, under the leadership of Etzel (Attila) gained a reputation in virtue of which they still live in historical tradition, so may the name of Germany become known in such a manner in China that no Chinaman will ever again even dare to look askance at a German."

And ruthlessly has the order been obeyed.

Teutonic Kultur.

The German conduct of the war has made the name of the Teuton officer and soldier synonymous with vandalism, piracy, lust, murder, sacrifice.

From the sky, the land, and beneath the surface of the sea has death been dealt to combatants and non-combatants alike, by the exponents of Teutonic kultur. On the sea they have not dared to come out and offer battle. Their great battleships, built at ruinous national expense, have remained idle behind secure defences. The blood of women, children and civilian men cries out to God to avenge their suffering and death; and added thereto is the measureless appeal of gory battlefields for divine vengeance, fields drenched with the best blood of the world, simply to gratify the lust of Prussian tyranny.

Should Germany win, liberty is slain and men are slaves.

German's Creed.

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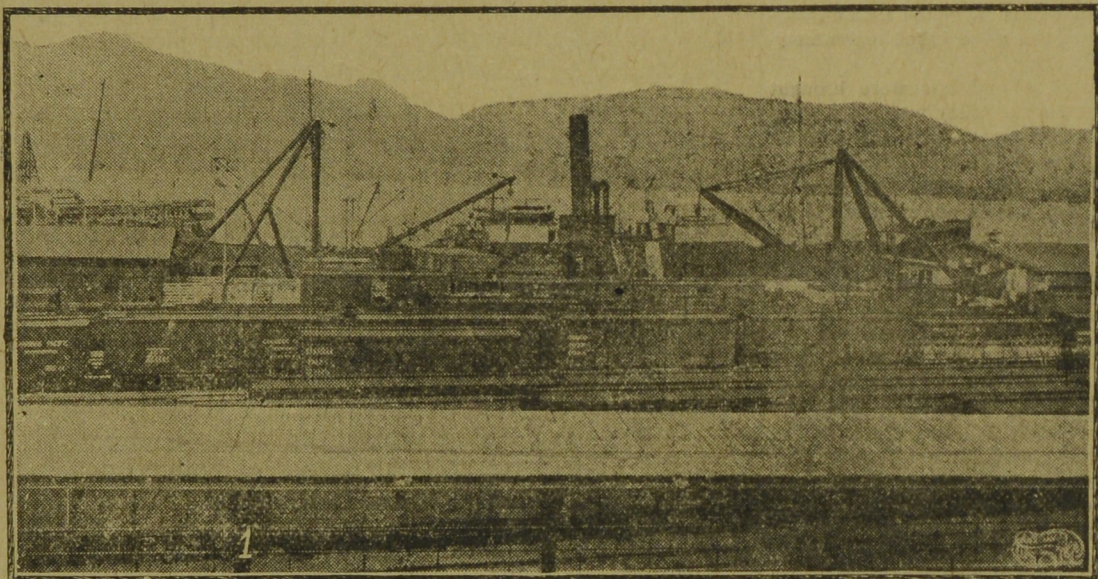
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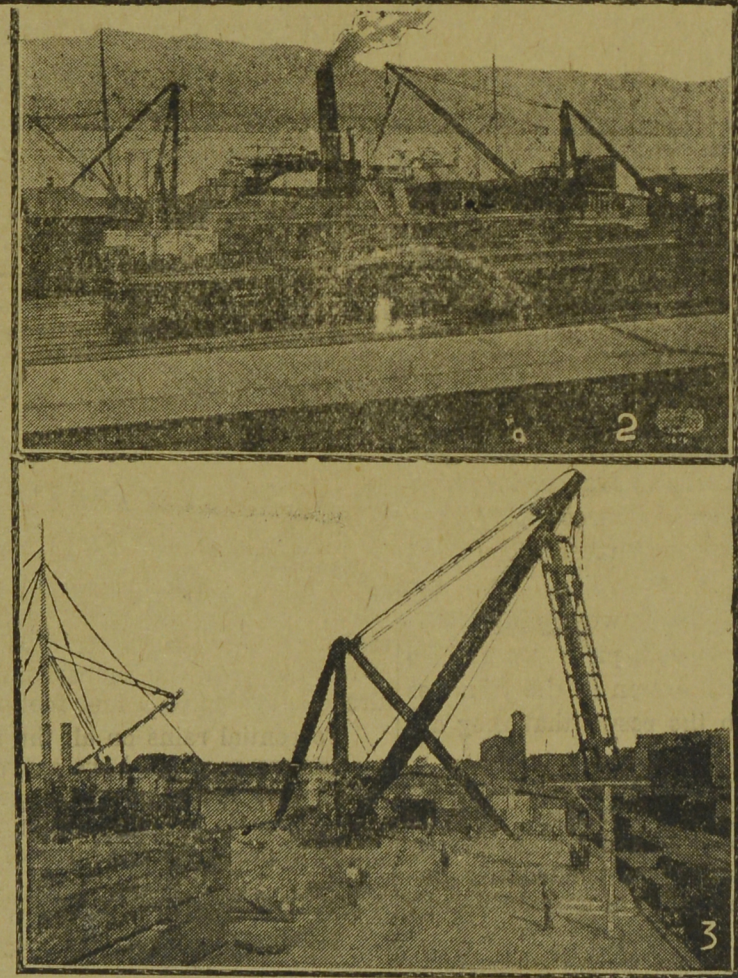


THE port of Vancouver is making rapid strides towards becoming one of the finest on the American continent. Many improvements are being made in and along the harbor to meet the requirements of the tremendous and growing commerce that is carried across the Pacific Ocean. Shipbuilding is being taken up with success and enthusiasm. Piers already are being extended and new ones built. The Canadian Pacific Ocean and Steamships Company is the leader in the ranks of progress. Just now they are doing much to add to the equipment of the already well equipped harbor at Vancouver so that passenger and freight traffic may be conducted with the utmost speed and convenience. They have recently let a contract at a huge sum for the deepening by 30 feet of the water-front between their sheds Number 3 and 7. This improvement will allow the most gigantic of ocean going vessels to berth in comfort.

On Saturday, August 26th last, the Canadian Pacific Liner "Empress of Asia" docked at Vancouver, after one of her voyages from the Orient, carrying 468 passengers, a heavy consignment of mails, and 5,400 tons of freight, which included 5,005 bales of raw silk valued at \$4,000,000. This silk was conveyed by special train to New York. In addition to what has already been mentioned the "Empress of Asia" carried a large quantity of waste silk, 3,100 cases of rubber, and a big quantity of tea. The cargo, which is stated to have been the richest that ever crossed the Pacific, will give some idea of the importance of Canadian Pacific shipping at Vancouver.

The derricks and wharves are kept busy loading and unloading the import and export freight, and realizing the great utility of these machines, the Canadian Pacific Company has introduced the latest and best into its system.

Photograph 1 shows a vessel loading. The derrick to the left of the picture has a capacity for lifting 15 tons, and that to the right has a capacity for lifting 50 tons. Both are operated by electrically driven winches. The 15 ton derrick, which has a beam of 50 feet, is capable of taking 15 ton lifts from the second track along the wharf to



the vessel's hold. The 50 ton derrick, with a beam of 80 feet, can handle lifts direct from cars on any of the three tracks direct to the vessel's hold. This derrick has been recently installed.

The second photograph shows a 15 ton derrick (on the left) taking a two ton lift out of a gondola car on the second train track. This lift is being taken over a box car. The 50 ton derrick (on the right) is hauling an eight ton lift in the shape of an

underframe for a Russian box car. Photograph 3 shows the 50 ton derrick swinging a Russian box car underframe from car to vessel. Large cases on the dock shown in this picture are made up of cotton lintels which in size average about 33 cubic feet each.

From these pictures it will be seen that the Canadian Pacific have provided every possible facility of the most up-to-date type for handling heavy freight at its Pacific terminal.

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