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THE ORIGIN OF THE WAR.

The Christian Science Monitor, of Boston, publishes an extract from a private letter written by Viscount Grey, who was Great Britain's foreign secretary at the time the war broke out. The letter is of remarkable and historic interest, embodying as it does the deliberate opinion of a man who is familiar with every phase of world policy during the past twenty-five years, and who is undoubtedly one of the world's foremost diplomats.

Writing to a friend from Falloon, Switzerland, Viscount Grey says:

"We know that the origin of our entente, first with France and then with Russia, was a desire to avoid war and to put an end to our quarrels with those powers and to the embittered feeling on their side and ours that had so often brought us or seemed to bring us to the brink of war. This was our motive, and a policy of encircling Germany was not in our thoughts.

"Latterly the restlessness, ill concealed ill will and enormous strength of Germany on sea and land made us feel that isolation was dangerous. But we made no binding alliance with France or Russia before the war; we kept our hands free as regards participation in war, and France and Russia knew that aggression upon Germany or even an aggressive policy, would get no support from us. With this they were content, and I never found an aggressive spirit in French or Russian policy.

"We wished to keep our friends, but also to keep the peace of Europe, and in the European conference in London over the Balkan war we gave proof of this and came through that without reproach and indeed with the credit of having worked for peace.

"One of the tragedies of the situation is that this conference showed clearly that there was in London machinery and personnel that could have settled honorably and fairly every dispute such as that of 1914, if it had been permitted to try and been trusted again. That this was so was due to the personalities of the Ambassadors in London of the five great European powers, including of course Licknovsky and Mensdorff, the German and Austrian Ambassadors. I would have trusted every one of them to work for peace again in 1914 as they had done in 1912-13, and I believe they would all have trusted me—to play a fair settlement.

"But in 1914 Germany thought the time had come to take advantage of the situation and to force the pace, and I suppose the Prussian military men had decided that the time to strike successfully had come.

"As far as I can see, the Germans believe that if England had promised Germany to remain neutral in a European war; in other words, if we had given France and Russia to understand that under no circumstances would we help them and had thus parted all company with them, France and Russia would have given in to Germany without fighting, England would have been isolated and discredited and German domination would have been secured without war.

"And the Germans hold us to blame for the war because we did not act according to their idea.

"This view can only be justified in the assumption that Germany is morally and intellectually so superior to all other nations that it is wrong not to desire her will to be imposed on Europe, and a crime to put any obstacle in her way. This, it seems to me, is the belief and the ground on which, consciously or unconsciously, the Germans do justify it to themselves. Just after the outbreak of

war there were some outbursts (from one German professor, I think) that said this quite definitely, and the conclusion of the matter is that there is no greater danger to the world than a nation which believes that itself is superior to all law and that others have no rights as against it."

Sydney Record: There has been no action approaching conscription of wealth in Canada so far. In proportion to their means the people in moderate circumstances have given at least as generously to patriotic causes as have those citizens who are richer in worldly goods. The taxation which has been imposed by the Ottawa cabinet, ostensibly to meet war needs, but in reality partly because of the waste and extravagance of Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues, has borne more heavily upon the people of small means than upon the rich. The war supplies business has made many people wealthy, and the profits from the business have scarcely been touched by the taxation measures.

Here is a striking paragraph in a despatch from Ottawa: "J. W. Borden, accountant and paymaster general of the Militia Department, gave interesting evidence yesterday afternoon before the special committee dealing with the returned soldiers problem. His attention was directed to a number of errors and complaints and he attributed these to the improper working of a staff in the appointment of which he saw politics played some part." Mr. Borden went on to say that appointments had to be made on recommendation of local political chiefs. "If he were organizing a big company," Mr. Borden said, "he would endeavor to get the best and most efficient men." The Mr. Borden referred to is a brother of the Prime Minister of Canada.

There are a whole lot of people who, while they believe that a policy of selective conscription would be the right thing in Canada at the present time, have very little faith in the government which will attempt to carry it out. Having made a mess of about everything which it has tackled so far in connection with the war, the government can be counted upon to live up to its record if it adopts conscription.

Commodore Stewart, ex-M. P. P., of Chatham, hands out some criticism and advice from the editorial chair to Premier Foster and Speaker Currie. If the worthy Commodore had not made the mistake of kicking over the milk pail at the wrong time, he would have been in a position to do his criticizing from the floor of the House.

Mr. J. W. deB. Farris, M. P. P., of Vancouver, has been appointed Attorney General of British Columbia, vice Hon. M. A. McDonald, resigned. The new Attorney General is a New Brunswicker and son of Hon. L. P. Farris, of White's Cove, Queens Co.

Through Our Sieve

Nearly time to begin war on the cutworm again.

The busiest men in town these days are the amateur gardeners.

If the farmers are as active as the amateur gardeners, there will be no crop shortage next fall.

A synonym is a word that can be used in place of another when you don't know how to spell the other.

If the fish find the weather as unseasonable as the fishermen, there'll be few bites tomorrow.

Oh, well with temperature like this the flies and mosquitoes are getting theirs.

The carpet will have to be beaten as usual; and it's got nothing to do with greater production, either.

The amateur gardener should get advice from the old hand who has made gardens all his life—but will he?

Rip Van Winkle Tory papers still refer to our gallant M. P. as "Lieut. Colonel," ignoring the fact that he is now a full-fledged colonel.

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FARMERS URGED TO GROW BEANS

But Warned Against Some Recently Imported Seed--May Not Be Suitable.

Ottawa, May 22—The Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Martin Burrell, in issuing a statement to the public urging increased production of beans in Canada, warns farmers to beware of using as seed beans recently imported from Japan or Manchuria. Recently one of the largest Canadian canning companies imported several hundred carloads of beans from across the Pacific with the intention of using them in filling army contracts. When the beans arrived in Canada, it is said the prices prevailing here for beans for seed purposes were so high that it was found more profitable to resell them to Canadian wholesalers, who in turn disposed of them to farmers at bargain prices. Now the Seed Branch of the Agriculture Department is worrying as to whether these beans, now well scattered among Canadian farmers, are really suitable for the Canadian soil and climatic requirements.

Canning Companies Help
The department, as a result of an investigation that has been conducted, finds that while most seed dealers still possess small quantities of beans, the situation was such that it was deemed advisable to secure the co-operation of the principal canning companies, with the result that eight thousand bushels now in hand, and as much more as may be required, is being held for seed purposes until after the middle of June. The canning companies, being desirous of increasing the production of beans, are making available their supplies at actual net cost to them. They will not enter into the retail trade, but will make bulk sales to the seed trade ingeneral.

It is considered very desirable that the production of beans should be increased. During the last year hundreds of carloads have been imported to meet the needs of Canadian packing houses to fill contracts for army supplies.

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Studebaker.....	80
Bethlehem.....	141
Wool.....	48½

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Detroit.....	112
Quebec.....	26
Toronto.....	78½
Braz.....	40½
Cement.....	60½
Iron.....	61½
Steel Co.....	59
Spanish.....	13½
Shaw.....	122
Can Cottons.....	52 1-2
Laur. Pulp.....	185
Scotia.....	93½

Slight Flurry of Snow.
A slight flurry of snow occurred here at an early hour this morning. This causes old timers to remember that the day the Fredericton Railroad was opened, May 24th, 1869, six inches of snow fell in this section of the province.

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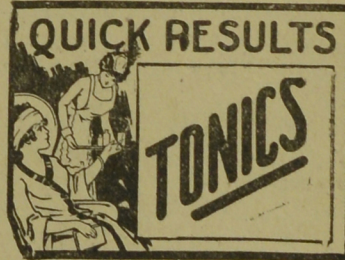
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