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MESSAGE TO YOUNG MEN.

"After a long life I shall remind you that already many problems rise before you; problems of race division, problems of creed differences, problems of economic conflict, problems of national duty and national aspiration. Let me tell you that for the solution of these problems you have a safe guide, an unfailing light, if you remember that faith is better than doubt, and love is better than hate.

"Banish doubt and hate from your life. Let your souls be ever open to the strong promptings of faith and the gentle influence of brotherly love. Be adamant against the haughty; be gentle and kind to the weak. Let your aim and your purpose, in good report or in ill, in victory or in defeat, be so to live, so to strive, so to serve as to do your part to raise the standard of life to higher and better spheres."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at London, Ont.

A CRUSHING REPLY.

The Allied nations have issued a joint note in reply to the German peace proposals, and have transmitted it to the Central Powers through the medium of the United States Ambassador at Paris. The contents of the note were given to the public simultaneously in London and Paris. It is a remarkably able document and undoubtedly voices the sentiments of the people of all the Allied nations. Germany's proposal for a peace conference is flatly refused on the ground that it is "empty and insincere." The responsibility for the great war is placed exactly where it belongs, on the shoulders of Germany. It is shown conclusively that the German proposal for peace does not correctly state the facts. "The Allied nations," says the note, "have sustained for thirty months a war they did everything to avoid. They have shown by their acts their attachment to peace. That attachment is as strong today as it was in 1914. But it is not upon the word of Germany, after the violation of its engagements, that the peace broken by her may be based."

The strong efforts put forth by the Allies to prevent war are briefly set forth and it is shown that the Central Powers rejected all attempts to bring about a peaceful solution of the trouble. The note then proceeds:

"Belgium was invaded by an empire which had guaranteed her neutrality and which had the assurance to proclaim that treaties were 'scraps of paper' and that 'necessity knows no law.' At the present moment these sham offers on the part of Germany rest on the 'war map' of Europe alone, which represents nothing more than a superficial and passing phase of the situation and not the real strength of the belligerents. A peace the aggressors who, after imagining that they would reach their goal in two months discovered after two years that they could never attain it.

"As for the future, the disasters caused by the German declaration of war and the innumerable outrages committed by Germany and her allies against both belligerents and neutrals, demand penalties, reparation and guarantees. Germany avoids mention of any of these.

"In reality, these overtures made by the Central Powers are nothing more than a calculated attempt to influence the future course of war and to end it by imposing a German peace. The object of these overtures is to create dissension in public opinion in the Allies' countries. But that public opinion has, in spite of all the sacrifices endured by the Allies, already given its answer with admirable firmness and has denounced the empty pretence of the declaration of the enemy powers."

The case of the Allies is tersely set forth in the following paragraph, which seems to show the practiced hand of Mr. Lloyd George:

"Once again the Allies declare that no peace is possible so long as they have not secured reparation for violated rights and liberties, the recognition of the principle of nationalities and of the free existence of small states, so long as they have not brought about a settlement calculated to end once and for all forces which have constituted a perpetual menace to the nations and to afford the only effective guarantee for the future security of the world."

The language of the note is so plain that Germany and her allies and those neutral nations which have shown a disposition to "butt in," cannot possibly mistake its meaning. The war was of Germany's choosing, and it must go on until Prussian militarism is completely crushed and Europe is set free. There is no doubt but that the opinion

of Canadians is accurately reflected in the Allies' note, and it is sure to have a wholesome effect upon public sentiment of this country.

Canada begins the New Year with a "National Service Week," the object of which is the better organization of the man power of the country. The war must go on with renewed and unabated vigor, until Germany is brought to her knees. Our brave boys, now experiencing terrible hardships in the trenches, must be made to realize that Canada is solidly behind them in the great struggle being waged on behalf of liberty and civilization.

Premier Clarke denies that he made the statement attributed to him in a newspaper interview that Hon. Mr. Murray's scheme to place returned soldiers on farms was impracticable, because the government did not have the money with which to carry it out. Whether the publication of the interview in question was authorized or not, the knowing ones say that it expressed the Premier's real sentiments. The knowing ones also say that it was not Hon. Mr. Murray, but Mr. F. W. Sumner, New Brunswick's agent general, who first proposed the million dollar farm settlement scheme, and while he has been able to convert the Minister of Agriculture, he has thus far not been able to bring the Premier around to his way of thinking.

Now that Sir Max Aitken has been created a member of the House of Lords, the government should relieve him from his duties as Canadian eye-witness and turn the position over to some experienced Canadian newspaper man, capable of recording the doings of our brave boys at the front. Sir Max seems to have too many irons in the fire to do justice to the eye witness job.

Through Our Sieve

Sweet '71! Pleasedita meetcha!

Instead of sending tracts to the trenches, send tracks.

Wedding ring: The talisman which turns a goddess into a mere woman.

Why do so many want to get on the water wagon now, when there's no use for a water wagon?

A good loud auto horn causes more looking backward than the advent of a new year.

Something urgently needed is a device to cut out of a party line all telephones but the one that's busy.

Germany is not the first nation to realize that it is a good deal easier to start a thing than to get away with it.

General Nivelle's big forward pass at Verdun immediately after the German peace offer is another dazzling evidence of French cleverness at repartee.

The sensation of war aviation is no longer strange to stock speculators. They are up in the air most of the time.

If it's right to say "we spent more money for foreign goods last year" it ought also to be right to say we didn't die so often and we were arrested less times last year.

Canadian history in 1916: January... GENERAL SAM HUGHES May... LT. GEN. SIR SAM HUGHES October... General Sir Sam Hughes December... sir sam Hughes

ORGAN RECITAL AT CATHEDRAL WELL ATTENDED

The third series of organ recitals at Christchurch Cathedral on Sunday, Dec. 31st, 1916, at 4 p.m., consisted of Christmas music by the Cathedral choir. There was a large attendance of musical people, who thoroughly enjoyed the music rendered.

The following is the programme:

Part I.

Carol—"Holy night!" (sung in the choir vestry.)

Anthem—"Shepherds in the field abiding" (Dicks).

Carol—"See amid the Winter's snow" (Sir John Goss).

Sacred Solo—"The first Christmas morn" (Newton)—Miss V. Betts.

Adeste Fideles—Wade's Cantus Diversi.

Part II.

(Music from Handel's "Messiah.")

Overture.

Chorus—"And the glory of the Lord."

Recit—"For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth"—Air: "The people that walked in darkness"—Dr. R. S. Dakin.

Pastoral Symphony.

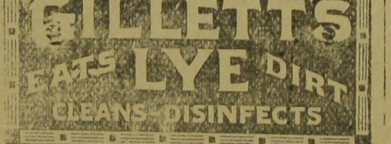
Recits—"There were Shepherds," "And the Angel said unto them," "And suddenly there was with the Angel."

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Chorus—Glory to God.

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WRITES A LETTER

Says the New Chemical Engine and Motor-Truck is a Corker---Saw It Make a Trial Spin

Dear Eddie,—We have lately got a new macehen in this town called a kombineed motor truck and kemical engine. It is a big thing on wheels and is painted red. auto go throu deep snow but it won't. It got here last week and it tuk them neerly all day to get it to the new hose stashun. It travelled by its own steem and made some noise, I tell you. If York street hadn't been well paved with somethin' more than good intentions, it would hev torn the blame road up. They tuk it out the next day to give it a reel test. Gee, it was fun—and then sun!

Ther had been a big snow storm which pa sed was the wurst in 25 years. They got the machine out of the hose stashun and it got stuk in a snow bank.

Cheef Harry Rutter was there in his capacity of cheef, and a feller named Howard, a Yankee from a place called Sourkraut or some such name was there as cheef demonstrator.

When the macehen got stuk in the snow the cheef loked wise, and then crosswise. I herd one man use kuss words when the macehen boked on tem. The big wheels buzzed like a buzz saw, but the blame thing wood not budge.

Archey Jewett cam along and survey'd the situashun. "Nice way to spend the taxpayers' munny," said he, and then started off down the street lookin' reel kross.

Just then another old feller cam along and ast why they didn't takahold and push. This bright idee was adopted holus bolus and the macehen was started. It maid so much noise going round a kornor that I saw the big hand on the Methodist steeple open and shut —gee! it was feeerce!

When they got the macehen buzzin they had hard work stopping it, and finally hed to take to the sidewalk. They neerly runover a man who didn't get the tip in time to make himself scarce. By-and-by they got it back to the street and Cheef Rutter sed they'd better tak it bak to the hose stashun, which was accordingly dun.

Mare Michel sez the macehen is not adapted to a town like Fredericton, where they hev big snow storms, but he thinks it wood do all right down south where they have palved streets and no snow or mud. He sez the city has not bot the macehen yet and won't buy it until they get a guarantee that there'll be no more big snow storms.

This is all the noos I hev to rite this time.

BILLY BROWN.

P. S.—Since riting the above the big macehen hez been out agen. There wuz no fire, but a big rain storm kam and washed off a lot of snow. Pa sez they took the macehen out to give it a chanst to show off while the going wuz good. It went all round town and never got stuk once but it shook things up and made the dishes rattel. There was nobuddy runover and kild.—B. B.

The man who tells a funny story usually enjoys it most.

ing from a severe cold, deserves great praise for the way in which she sang the recits from "The Messiah."

Miss V. Betts, who made her first appearance, has a very pleasing contralto voice and sang her solo in such a manner as did her great credit.

Dr. R. S. Dakin, who has a fine bass voice, sang his solos in an excellent style and made a favorable impression on all present.

The Cathedral choir did their part well, the light and shade and blend of voices being particularly noticeable.

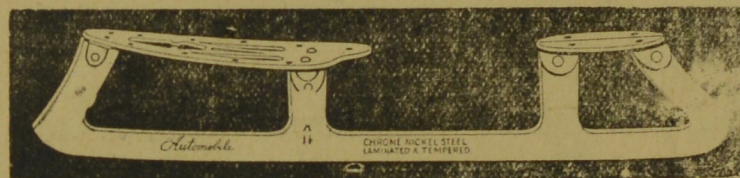
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