

AN ENGLISH HISTORIAN TALKS OF THE GREAT WAR

John Masefield Says That the War Must Be Fought to a Finish in Order to Attain a Lasting Peace---Striking Picture of the Battlefront---Eloquent Tribute to the Men Who Have Fallen in Battle.

(Boston Record.)

John Masefield, poet, and official British historian; voice of the England that agonizes and is not dismayed; prophet of the England that shall have dried her tears "when the criminal infamy of this war shall have passed, and the blessed bells of peace ring out"; John Masefield, telling of a world's woe, and a world's rebirth, had finished speaking.

It was after a meeting of Miss Hersey's School Association, while women pressed about to shake the hand of the great man, and a blind woman was asking for permission to reprint the Masefield poems into a book for the blind, and little school girls hovered about to catch the last word that fell, and invitations to dinner poured out thick and fast, that an Englishman, bashful, but braving the elements that be--after a society talk, found a few minutes to speak of the war as it has been given him to see the war, on three battlefronts.

Of the future he spoke, and with hope. There was prophecy in his words and golden possibilities. For a voice pointed on the way. "Not as a dreamer I speak, but as a man who knows the cruel necessity of this war we all are fighting. As a man who urges, with extreme urgency, in the name of the precious youth now part of the gallant soil of France, that we today fight to the finish, mightily, to the end that war, at least through the next two or three generations, may never be on earth.

"This fighting instinct is deep in the root, fibre of the fibre, of the human heritage. This fighting instinct brings to blossom in the breasts of the flower of our young men, such sacrifice, such comradeship, such readiness to death that we had not known was in English hearts, had not the war come to show us it. The mighty epidemics of war and peace, the microbes of fever and distemper, mind of man has valiantly overcome. Is it dreaming to hope that the mind of man may also overcome this microbe of war, setting itself valiantly to the work?

"But my nation cannot do this alone." A great Englishman, worn of face, his heart made gentle from what he has seen and been through, in the places where civilization is trying out its right to remain civilized, hesitated a minute. He then pointed the path. "Your nation and my nation, England and America, sisters of the common tongue, may, banded together, enforce that potent anger that shall make war, this war done, a memory and an agony past forever more."

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So spoke John Masefield, the prophet, while his apostles of the soft voices, and the dinner invitations, and the gowns of the velvets and the soft laces, pressed about. But of the ruddy doughtiness of war, and the flaming picturesqueness he also spoke, in hurried minutes snatched between spells.

Of the four "zones of battle" in France. "Travelling, first you pass through the heartsome French country, untouched by war, where the green stretches its bosom under the blue of heaven, and all is peace. Then to the second zone. There villages raise their cottages, the fronts blown off, up from village street. There in humble courtyard, the library of the poor man, six precious religious books, lie torn page from page, their covers thrown into the well. There, in the market place, he dumped, bent, destroyed, all the dear things of home, the chairs, the tables, the humble pots and pans of a simple peasantry; there remains

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Leave West St. John... 7.45 a.m.
Arrive St. Stephen... 12.45 p.m.
Leave St. Stephen... 2.10 p.m.
Arrive West St. John... 7.20 p.m.

N. R. DesBRISAY, D. P. A., C.P.R.,
St. John, N. B.

WATER RATES

Water consumers will please take notice that the Water Rates are due and payable at City Treasurer's office May 1st, 1918.

Persons owing back rates are liable to have the water turned off without further notice.

G. R. PERKINS,
Collector Water and
Sewerage Rates.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

A Special Meeting of the Fredericton Labor Council will be held at Union Hall, Regent street, on TUESDAY EVENING, April 30th.

Business of vital importance will be transacted. A full attendance is requested.

By order. J. D. LEGERE,
4-27 21 Rec. Sec.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE on SATURDAY, April 27th, beginning at 10 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Dell Gunter, Brunswick street. Automobile and Piano will be sold at 12 o'clock.

ARCHIE McDIARMID,
4-25 21 Auctioneer.

PUBLIC MEETING

In the interests of the
Y. M. C. A.
RED TRIANGLE FUND.

(For Canadian Soldiers Overseas)
Will be held in the

OPERA HOUSE

on—
Wednesday Evening, May 1st
To be addressed by REV. GEORGE ADAM, of Montreal.

Rev. Mr. Adam is one of the leading public speakers of America. He is a personal friend of Premier Lloyd-George. He has visited the Canadian Front in France with Harry Lauder, and has an intimate knowledge of the Y. M. C. A. overseas.
Don't fail to hear Mr. Adam on this subject of national importance!
All are welcome. Chair taken at 8.00 p.

SALE OF FEES AND TOLLS, CITY WHARVES AND SCALES.

The Fees and Tolls of Phoenix Square Scales, also the Tolls and Anchorage Fees of the City Wharves, will be sold in front of the City Hall at 12 o'clock noon on MONDAY, April 29th.

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G. R. PERKINS,
4-26 21 City Clerk.

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Men are needed on farms in this Province. Write to your Provincial Department of Agriculture for additional information.

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It saves transportation.

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It helps to reduce the high cost of living.

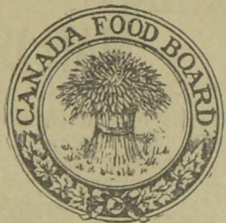
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There is a sufficient supply of vegetable garden seeds, and all the tools you really need are a spade, a hoe and a rake.

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