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CLEARLY DEFINED.

President Wilson in concluding his great speech before Congress on Monday clearly defined the position of the United States with respect to the great war in the following words:

"I would not be a true spokesman of the people of the United States if I did not say once more that we entered this war upon no small occasion, and that we can never turn back from a course chosen upon principle. Our resources are in part mobilized now, and we shall not pause until they are mobilized in their entirety.

"Our armies are rapidly going to the front, and will go more and more rapidly. Our whole strength will be put into this war of emancipation—emancipation from the threat and attempted mastery of selfish groups of autocratic rulers—whatever the difficulties and present partial delays. We are indomitable in our power of independent action and can in no circumstances consent to live in a world governed by intrigue and force.

"We believe that our own desire for a new international order under which reason and justice and the common interests of mankind shall prevail is the desire of enlightened men everywhere. Without that new order the world will be without peace and human life will lack tolerable conditions of existence and development. Having set our hand to the task of achieving it, we shall not turn back.

"I hope that it is not necessary for me to add that no word of what I have said is intended as a threat. That is not the temper of our people. I have spoken thus only that the whole world may know the true spirit of America—that men everywhere may know that our passion for justice and for self-government is no mere passion of words, but a passion which, once set in action, must be satisfied.

"The power of the United States is a menace to no nation or people. It will never be used in aggression or for the aggrandisement of any selfish interest of our own. It springs out of freedom, and is for the service of freedom."

Russia contracted cold feet and dropped out of the war, but in the entrance of the United States a much more powerful ally has been secured on behalf of the cause of right. One good red-blooded American is worth about four Russians, and the Americans are in this struggle to the finish.

THE O. F. WINTER.

One subject of discussion will not down, namely, that of the climate—whether it is changing or not. Before last year the theory that winters were slowly becoming milder had numerous and vociferous advocates. Last winter and this one—as far as it has gone—have killed much of this clamor. It has been agreed that there was more precipitation when the lands were more heavily timbered, but the records of the Weather Bureau, so far back as they go, do not bear out the claim. For some areas these records go back fifty years, and they show in this time no great change in the average annual precipitation and no appreciable variation in winters. If appeal to records is made, the verdict must be that the winters are not changing.

Appeal to the memories of the "oldest inhabitant" brings varied response. Some of these are quite sure that the present generation knows nothing of the real original winter as they knew it. They give instances of hardship, storm and cold spell that make us shudder. But faced with the present and last winter, the "oldest inhabitant" becomes non-committal or else dumb.

The facts are that he have had two "war winters"—one of them still being on the stocks and carrying on to beat the kernal. To balance things up the winter following this one should be a mild one. It would hardly be fair to put on anything else.

The cheerful thing about the present winter is that we have now reached the limit and carrying all the winter that can be crowded on. From this time on the curve begins to drop—the

worst is over. There may be some flare-backs, but February is half gone and now, hope, spring is just around the corner.

Providence Journal: In the House of Commons at London, A. Bonar Law, the majority leader, declared that the German U-boats have "done to death" no less than 14,120 non-combatant British men, women and children. There is nothing to parallel this chronicle of shame in all the annals of naval warfare. No matter what excuses Germany may offer, no matter what crooked logic she may bring to bear, these figures—and no doubt they will be increased before the war is over—constitute an ineffable blot upon her shield. She can never escape the oburgation of mankind. She can never palliate her offence by the recital of her kultur and her efficiency. She is forever condemned by her unexampled breach of every consideration of humanity. There is no need of argument to convict her—the facts and the figures speak for themselves.

The Provincial Government is offering for sale through J. M. Robinson & Sons, St. John, one million dollars worth of debentures bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. They are being offered at a price that will yield the investor about 6 3/4 per cent. This is one of the most attractive investments in the way of debentures now before the public. All the resources of the province are behind the loan, which means that it is absolutely safe. These debentures should all be taken up by residents of the province within the next few weeks. There may never be such another opportunity to procure provincial bonds at such an attractive figure.

Montreal Star: Australia's girls complain that their soldiers are too fond of marrying Old Country lassies, says the correspondent of the London Daily Mail in Australia. The continued silence of Canada's girls on this vital point might be hard for us to explain without appearing boastful, so we simply refuse to commit ourselves.

Through Our Sieve

Feb. 14. Have a heart!

Will Austria please totter again—and a little harder?

Nowadays a thermometer is the only pet city people feel like keeping.

Where are the old-fashioned comic Valentines? They've all been sent to the Kaiser and his sons.

This lack of fuel is curing lots of people of the habit of sitting up late at night.

Estimated from a wife's experience, the average man spends fully one-quarter of his life in looking for his shoes.

The Kaiser has been having a birthday, but there wasn't much sugar on the cake.

Most of the Bolsheviks are pacifists, and just look at them! They believe in fighting their friends to benefit their enemies!

What has become of the old-fashioned woman who used to care more about the price of lace curtains than she did about the price of groceries and coal?

"Spats will be fashionable in the spring," says a fashion magazine. Well, they have been fashionable all winter in some families. Nothing personal, of course.

A government report says that Fredericton stowed away more meat and wheat last year than any other city of its size in Canada. Lots of people here must have forgotten that they signed food pledge cards.

WOOL GROWERS HAVE INTERVIEW

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Ottawa, Feb. 12. — A deputation representing the wool growers of Canada waited upon Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Agriculture, today and presented the resolutions adopted at the conference of wool growers in Toronto last week at which special attention was given the question of co-operation in buying and handling of wool. The deputation which was represented by all parts of Canada, expressed a willingness to sell the entire Canadian wool cut to the Imperial authorities at a fixed rate and co-operate in every way possible to increase production provided they were assured of a good market after the war. Consideration of the proposals made was promised by the minister.

CONVERSAZIONE VERY LARGELY ATTENDED

Upwards of a thousand people were present last night at the conversazione held by the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian church in the Fraser Memorial Hall. Many took advantage of the opportunity of inspecting the magnificent gift of the late Donald Fraser. During the evening refreshments were served and there were musical selections. The gymnasium was opened with a game of basketball between teams representing two classes.

Addresses were given by Rev. G. M. Young, pastor of the Methodist church and Rev. M. Addison, pastor of the George Street Baptist church. Letters expressing regret at inability to be present were read from Rev. Father Carney, Very Rev. Dean Neales and Rev. Canon Cowie.

TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—Judging from the latest indications in the German press, much dissatisfaction and suspicion has been aroused by the latest move of foreign minister Trotzky, of Russia. Important political and military leaders are said to be conferring busily to find the best solution to the puzzle.

LOCAL NEWS

To Take Residence. Mrs. N. R. Colter and daughters will take a flat in the James D. Fowler house, Brunswick street, in the spring.

To Use New Building. On Sunday next the congregation of St. Paul's Church will meet for divine service, morning and evening in the auditorium of the new Sunday School building.

Linen Shower Last Night. A number of friends of Miss Myrtle Bailey of this city, gave her a linen shower last night. The shower is the forerunner of an interesting event to take place in the near future.

Arrives With Family. Chief Game Warden L. A. Gagnon arrived from Edmundston last night with his family and will proceed to take up his residence here. Temporarily they are at the Queen.

Managing Committee Series. Three matches were played last night in the Managing Committee Series at the Curling Rink. The results were as follows: T. A. Wilson 17, H. Hagerman 10; S. D. Simmons 13, N. Dougherty 7; F. W. Porter 12, A. McM. Staples 7. Skip Amos Wilson is the "unbeaten wonder" of the series. He has yet to lose a game.

For Military Authorities. Michael J. Bear, the Indian held here for some time on the charge of four times deserting from the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and charged also with being an absentee from the military registration in the United States, was before the police court yesterday afternoon and was remanded to jail to be handed over to the military authorities when they may send for him.

Died This Morning. Mrs. Edith L. Gatcombe, wife of Mr. Charles Gatcombe of this city, died this morning at her home, Argyle street, at the age of forty-seven years. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hawkins of Woodstock, also by her husband and seven daughters. The latter are Mrs. L. E. Thurott of this city, and Misses Rita, Phyllis, Edith, Hilda, Margery and Shirley at home. Three sisters and three brothers also survive. The funeral will take place at 9.30 Saturday morning, Rev. Dr. Kierstead conducting the service. Interment will be made at Keswick. Several of the daughters of the deceased have been ill recently, the family having much trouble.

PERSONAL.

Mr. E. A. Lapointe of Montreal, is in the city. Mr. W. A. Church of St. John, is in the city. Mr. William E. Fish of Newcastle, arrived in the city last night. Mr. E. F. McDade of Moncton, is at the Barker House. Mr. George R. Ross of Toronto, is a guest at the Queen.

HOT QUESTION OF COLD TENANT

(New York World.) The crop of quarrels between landlord and tenant growing out of the recent heat shortage in apartment houses was obviously destined to inspire legislation covering such conditions. Of this an early example is Assemblyman Orr's bill requiring apartment house owners to supply heat and hot water during the winter months, and authorizing tenants to deduct from the rent a sum sufficient to offset any expense incurred by them in providing additional heat. A companion bill compels owners to make every effort to furnish coal, under penalty of fine or imprisonment and with the loss of the right to summary proceedings.

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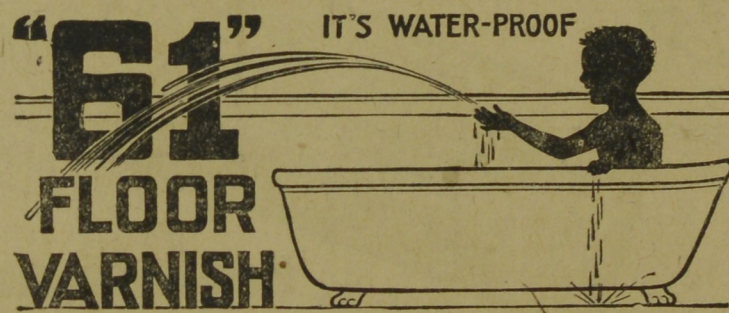
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