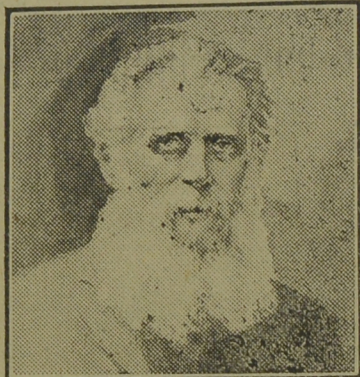


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## PARLIAMENT WILL SIT BRIEF TIME

Ottawa, Aug. 11—Preparations are now being made for the emergency session of Parliament, which opens next Tuesday. A squad of charwomen are in command of the buildings. It is expected that the session will be very short and it is the general opinion it will be over by September first. There may be an adjournment for a month, so that the House can be hurriedly summoned again to deal with another emergency if it arises. It is said that there will be only two bills, one the appropriation bill and the other a bill amending the militia act so as to give the government binder power to deal with any situation. Parliamentary ratification for many things the Government has already done will have to be secured. It is believed that the Government will ask for a war appropriation of from some seventy-five to one hundred millions, though of course, it may not be necessary to spend that amount. There is considerable speculation as to what tax will be imposed to meet the war expenditure. It is believed that there will be an increase in taxes on tobacco, spirits and luxuries.

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## WAR OF SIX POWERS GREATEST IN HISTORY

(By Alexander Wenyon Samuel) The Six Powers War, as history will call it, will prove by far the costliest as well as the bloodiest in all time.

For today the engines of war, alike in their price and destructibility, outrange to an incredible degree any that have been employed previously. Guns that have an accurate range of nearly ten miles, shells that can lift more than ten thousand times their own weight, bomb-dropping aeroplanes that can hover directly over fortifications impregnable to direct attack, submarines that can move more deadly even than super-dreadnoughts, and all these controlled by powers aggregating in population more than 500,000,000 people whose sinews of wealth are in billions almost beyond computation, there indeed is the world climax, the stage set for the vast pageant of death.

The war will be on land and sea and it is quite conceivable that the Triple Entente may secure victory at sea to be deprived of its fruits by disaster on land.

And the difficulty in making any estimate of the probabilities of success lies in the fact that both on land and sea there will be employed instruments of war that never before have been tried.

### NEW MODE OF WARFARE PUZZLES

No one today really knows how a super-dreadnought will stand up to torpedoes, or resist the dropping shells of the water-plane. "Naval air craft" is a new and seemingly contradictory term, but it will soon be a familiar one. And there will be demonstrated both the capacity to make it "submarine" by a monstrous super-dreadnought, and also the dreadnought capacity to resist the mackinac-like attack of a water-plane or sea-plane. There is nothing in naval history to guide in prognostication. All that happens will be quite new, and make the whole history of sea and land fighting obsolete and useless, placing its volumes among romance.

The destructiveness of the present engines of war is so great that the sea fighting could not be prolonged through what at the time of the Armada were called "spacious days." But in view of the strength in population and resources of the Continent of Europe, the land fighting might continue for a very long time; and most paradoxical of all might result in a chess players stale-mate. But if one of the great triumvirate should appear to win a decided victory, it would be at a cost similar to that of a man, who, to save his life, submits to an operation and loses his legs. For it will be a lamed and maimed Europe that will present itself again upon the world's commercial highways after the war. Lamed financially and maimed physically, the Europe of twelve months from now will have to be remapped and remade. Not the least probable result would be the overthrow of many thrones and the establishment of republicanism.

### THE COMMON PEOPLE BLAMED.

Let us roughly calculate the probable cost of war in terms of cash. It would be futile to attempt to calculate the cost of war in men. It must be calculated in cash. Life is always to the war-crafty statesman the cheapest and most abundant substance in which he deals. Human life is not to him entirely an asset; he sees a way of security for his order of things in the slaughter of tens of thousands of the proletariat, and an antidote to the poison

of socialism which would put an end to the system which permits him to make war.

Yet the common people are not quite free from blame. They either cannot or will not think and, readily lending themselves to the idea of war become quick and tragic tools. They submit to be driven on to the field of battle like dumb sheep, pathetically believing that they are serving their country when they are the dupes of men who have themselves been duped by a belief in feudal authority alien to the modern spirit. But they will have to be considered after the poison and fever of war have run their courses and the mind has been cleared in the waters of sorrow and sorrow. Enough for the present to try and calculate the stakes for which the rulers are playing in terms of cash and not in blood and tears.

### WAR WOULD COST BILLIONS

In the South African war Great Britain put out 250,000 men into the field. That was the largest number she had operating at any given time, although she used altogether nearly 400,000. The cost of that campaign, which was on land only, was £250,000,000 or \$1,250,000,000. That works out at about \$5,000,000 per 1,000 men. In the Six-Power war, to which Japan might be added, probably Roumania, who can add 1,000,000 men, and Greece who has already offered 100,000 troops, there would be forces on land and sea totaling up to 20,000,000. If the South African average be taken that would represent 100 billions of dollars.

Divide that figure by half and it still too stupendous to be comprehended.

Ships of the Dreadnought type cost approximately \$12,000,000 each. Great Britain possesses probably thirty, Germany probably eighteen, France ten, Italy four, Austria 6, Russia 8, the figures being a little uncertain as to those actually completed. But those figures, totalling seventy six, are very near, and would represent \$912,000,000. Probably the total in Dreadnoughts and their ammunition alone would prove considerably over the billion mark.

Then there are first class battle-ships, first class, second and third class cruisers, and destroyers in hundreds, which, added to the submarine would easily total half a billion dollars. So that the grand armada of the six powers would represent about one and a half billion dollars in capital expenditure as it rode into battle. The cost in shells and torpedoes is something almost too difficult to count, since one can form no estimate of the extent of the firing. But many millions would have to be added to cover this item. The cost of the fleet also would run into millions.

### COST OF LIFE IN MILLIONS

The cost of lives probably to be lost or maimed in numbers, not in value, for that is not a consideration in the devil's game of war, is interesting. Despite the few really large engagements of troops in the South African War nearly 25,000 lives were lost by wounds or disease, or ten per cent of those put in the field. Here there would be great engagements with shells that have indefinitely multiplied their destructiveness and bullets that rain as never a hail-

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storm so furious. Should we reckon a less percentage?

Probably the percentage should be multiplied by three, but keeping it at ten per cent, as in South Africa that would mean nearly 2,000,000 men would be destroyed. The unit of the family in Europe being five, there would be fully ten millions directly bereaved of husbands and fathers. Then calculate the cost to industry all the world over, of the total army taken from its activities, and all those who never will return, and one appreciate what a fine sport it was for those who make it.

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## URGES STRICT NEUTRALITY FOR THE U. S.

The New York Herald in a short editorial adjures the United States to remain neutral during the European struggle, not only in words, but also deeds, adding:

"Three thousand miles of sea separating this continent from scenes of conflict and of carnage furnish a God-given isolation that permits the United States to observe neutrality. It must be not only a neutrality correct in theory but it must carefully avoid everything that could possibly give rise to suspicion in any quarter of incorrectness. It is vitally necessary that the United States play no favorites in dealing with the nations at war. The greatest care must be exercised by persons holding official positions, high and low, to avoid action that, however well meant, might lead this country into serious complications.

"This is a time of world excitement. The passions of nations are as inflammable as those of the individuals who make up their population. It is a time too, of wild talk. Nothing, for instance, could be more foolish than the suggestion emanating from some wireacre at Washington that wheat and other foodstuffs be loaded aboard American men-of-war and shipped to Europe. The Shipping Bill now before congress contains some proposals almost as dangerous to the national interest and the national peace. The denagogue is always abroad in this land, and with the approach of the congressional elections he is very likely to attempt to attract attention to himself, particularly if he is a member of either branch of congress or hopes to be.

"Fortunately, we have at the head of the government at this critical time a man in whose calmness and judgment we have as great faith as we have in his patriotism. He will, we are sure, make no mistake, nor will he permit any to be made if he can prevent it. The American people must do everything in their power

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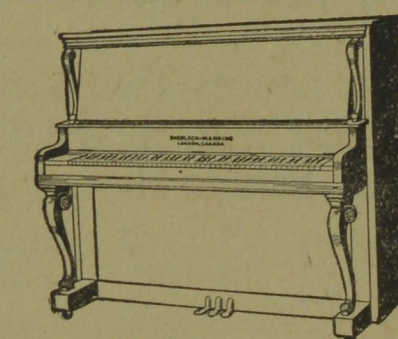
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