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'FOR A SCRAP OF PAPER'

(Toronto Globe.)

"For a scrap of paper," said the Imperial Chancellor of Germany in his last protest to the British Ambassador: "Why should you make war on us for a scrap of paper?" There they stood, the authorized spokesmen of the world's two greatest empires, in the tense and fateful moment that would decide for or against the most gigantic and most desolating war in all history. Not many moments have been more crammed with destiny.

Germany would have war in any case, but with Britain. Against Russia and the Slavs, with France as their ally, Germany was ready, even eager to go. But war with Britain—noisy Prussia officers in the exuberance of their cups might drink their toasts to "The Day"; but the Kaiser through more than a score of years, refused to cherish their haughty ambitions, and hoped to end his days at peace with the land over which his good grandmother reigned so long. War if needs be, but not with Britain.

And Britain did not need to make the choice. The "scrap of paper" was only the treaty signed by Prussia and Britain in 1870, guaranteeing neutrality and integrity of Belgium in the midst of the crowding and menacing European powers. Belgium is only a little country. Its interests are out a trifle in the balance against the war convenience of a world-empire like Germany and the peace advantages of a greater world-empire like Britain. Besides, the treaty was written long ago when the vast schemes of modern imperialism, either British or German, were undreamed in any event the treaty was only "a scrap of paper."

"Because," replied Ambassador Goschen, the nephew of the old Gladstonian Liberal, "because that scrap of paper bears the signature not of Germany alone, but of Britain as well."

The die was cast. For that "scrap of paper" all the nations of Europe all the Dominions of the British Empire, India, Japan the ends of the earth and the islands of the sea—English-speaking civilization everywhere is plunged into the welter of carnage and waste and poverty. The price of it is beyond all reckoning. The cost of it is not in fabulous money, but in the rivers of blood. The pain of it will run through the months to a million hearts. But that price for the word of "a scrap of paper" Britain will pay to the uttermost farthing. That word was the pledge of Britain's honor.

Is it any wonder men of the British breed in all lands and under all flags feel the beat of a prouder blood and thrill to their finger-tips even if they do not shout "God Save the King?" They saw from beyond the seas Sir Edward Grey seems to procrastinate to negotiate, to temporize, to see if by any craft of diplomacy a way might be found by which peace with Germany might be kept and honor with Belgium held unsullied. But when of the choice had to be made the greatest diplomat of the world said "Britain shall keep her word." They watched, too, when on the floor of Parliament, the Prime Minister flung back Germany's bargaining terms for the violation of the pledged word to Belgium, and called them "infamous proposals." It was indeed "a scrap of paper," but its signature was a pledge to little Belgium which Britain did not break.

Men once said "Perfidious Albion!" But through the generations there has been growing clearer and stronger the nation's moral sense and the involuntariness of the nation's honor. Hence Britain's overseas Empire today. Hence, too, the stupendous fact of India: a handful of British soldiers and a few pro-Consuls and Governors and Justices holding in loyal obedience a vast people alien in blood, in faith, in tradition, because Britain keeps her word.

Over against that sense of honor stands the perfidy of Von Bethmann-Hollweg, with his irritated sneer at "a scrap of paper." It is not that the fibre of the German character is weaker than the British. It is rather that the atmosphere of German military despotism has destroyed the political integrity of the entire Prussian bureaucracy. From the Kaiser down there is no regard for the sacredness of human personality. With Bismarck moral distinctions did not count in diplomacy. With the Kaiser his own sense of "Divine Right" adjusts for him the Ten Commandments to square with his conduct. Bethmann-Hollweg through his whole career has scorned the rights of the Socialists and Radicals, and has mocked the demonstration of the Reichstag just as, irritated with the British Ambassador, he could not understand a fuss being made over "a scrap of paper." It is not Germany. It is not the German character. It is the inevitable warping of the moral judgment which despotism and the delusion of infallibility always produce. A nation's pledge becomes "a scrap of paper."

At this time Canadians who honor Britain for holding inviolate the nation's treaty pledge to Belgium recall with gratitude the action of the United States' Congress in reversing its previous actions as regards Panama Canal tolls and the right of Colombia because national honor was involved. President Woodrow Wilson takes his place beside Premier Asquith, and the American Republic in the ideals of national greatness proves its kinship with Britain. It is in the ideals of national greatness and in the standards of national honor that the nations of the English kin. Blessed indeed are the people-speaking fraternity find their kin and whose nation will sacrifice and suffer "for a scrap of paper."

ON THE SIDE

Some demonstration for our soldier-boys, believe us.

When the C.P.R. make a change in their passenger service it is usually for the detriment of Fredericton.

Every thundershower is a bombardment at sea.

Germany to Japan, "come in the slaughter's line."

Stories of Belgian war victories grow like Brussels Sprouts.

The new skirts come in "canly stripes." Aren't they swell.

Has Belgian-hare splitting delayed the German advance?

Germany is doing her best to puncture Italy's good resolutions.

Holland is ready to defend her neutrality if she has to swim for it.

England would increase Germany's hardships by sinking her war ships.

Belgium accuses Emperor William of trying to commit a capital offence.

Some of the Canadian school teachers are expected to be tardy when school opens this fall.

One of the greatest hardships inflicted on Paris by the war is the need of staying in at night.

People who are afraid "to go home in the dark" are likely to wait in Europe for a long time.

A real live lord and lady participated in the send off to our soldier boys.

INSURANCE ON LODGE MEMBERS

Mr. Walter Raymond, the secretary of the Sons of England Society in this city, received a communication from the supreme lodge officers at Toronto stating that the order has decided to insure its members going to the front, either as volunteers of the Canadian forces or as British reservists, for \$1,000 each without charge, and also to remit all dues for sick benefits until the return of the troops from the foreign field. It is estimated that about 1000 or one-twentieth of the total number of the Canadian forces will receive this benefit as members of the Society. The members of the local lodge who will receive the insurance are Quarter Master Serjt. W. E. Mercer, who left last evening for Quebec to join a party of reservists who will soon sail for England, and Messrs Victor Walker and C. Harrison two British reservists who are awaiting orders to proceed to Quebec.

LAKE GEORGE MINES

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six years ago the company had to work under great difficulties. The principal one was the great cost of transporting the ore to the railway at Harvey Station, over rough roads, a distance of twelve miles. The construction of the St. John Valley Railway has greatly improved matters in this respect. The ore can now be shipped from Prince William, which is only four miles from the mines. It would then be brought to Fredericton by rail and re-shipped from here.

Antimony is now quoted at eighteen cents a pound and at this price the Lake George mines could be run at a handsome profit. If the war continues for any length of time there would be good prospects of the price going much higher. The directors and stockholders of the company feel that even if it was not a money-making proposition it would be good business to re-open the mine on account of the large amount of labor that would be employed. Some fifty or sixty men would be needed at the outset and this would mean something to the County of York.

Col. J. B. M. Baxter, M.P.P., of St. John, is the president of the company, and it is understood that he is strongly in favor of the re-opening of the mine. He is now in communication with the directors and leading stockholders and it is quite probable that a meeting will be held in the near future when some action will be taken. The local stockholders of the company include such men as Ald. A. B. Kitchen, A. R. Shipp, M.P.P.; F. B. Edgcombe, Dr. W. J. Irvine and Ald. Joseph Walker. Knowing that the matter is of vital importance to Fredericton they would no doubt, be much pleased to have the mine again in operation, and their hearty support to the movement now on foot is assured. They probably feel that one of the very few industries which will benefit from the European war should have every encouragement at the present time.

CHURCH SERVICES

CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL

8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.
The Dean will preach both at 11 and 7 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Minister, Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith.
11 a.m., subject, "The Remedy for Discouragement."
7 p.m., subject, "Human Limitations, Divine Possibilities."
2.30 p.m., Sunday School and Bible Classes.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. Thomas Marshall, pastor.
Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Sunday School 2.30 p.m.
Prayer meeting Friday at 8 p.m.

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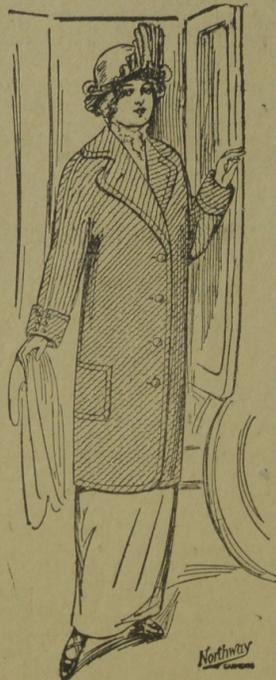
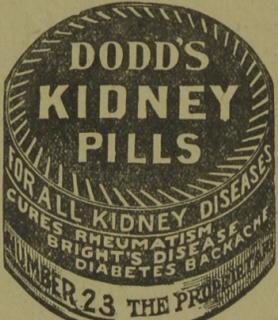
The united congregations will worship in the George street church at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Morning subject, "An Immortal Soul's Instinct and Christ's Silence"
Evening, "Is War Consistent with Christianity."
Preacher, Rev. A. F. Newcomb, M. A., B.D.

REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. S. A. Bakes, pastor.
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 2.30 p.m.
Seats free.
All are cordially invited.

GOVERNMENT MEETING

The Local Government got through with its business at a late hour last evening and the members have returned to their homes. A conference was held with President Gould and Mr. Ross Thompson of the St. John and Quebec Railway in reference to financial matters, but what decision was reached if any, has not been disclosed. It has not yet been settled what form the government's gift to empire will take, but an announcement will likely be made after the regular meeting of the government next week.



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RESERVIST AT QUEBEC

Friends here have received post-cards from Serjt. Charles Oldershaw, P.A.M.C. stating that he had reached Quebec and that he expects to sail for the Old Country within a short time. Serjt. Oldershaw formerly had charge of the Military Hospital in this city, and on Tuesday received orders to proceed to Quebec. He is a British reservist having served seventeen years in the Prince Consort's Rifle Brigade of Winchester, Eng.

We Secure Positions for our Graduates

Lelix McManus, Gibson, and David Barron, Millerton, have been recommended to fill positions as operators at office of Great North Western Telegraph Co. at Dalhousie; Bernard Lohmston, Oxbow; Alfred Wood, Waasis; Moody Wright, McAdam Jct.; Barry Schriver, Southampton, have been recommended to fill positions in the C. P. R. service at Woodstock Fredericton and McAdam Jct. What we have done for them, we can do for YOU. If you will enter the

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