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SATISFACTORY FINANCES

The prosperity of Canada, notwithstanding the war, is simply marvellous. The Wall St. Journal commenting upon this commends the wise administration of the Government and especially the foresight and sagacity of the Minister of Finance, Mr. White. The latest report of Dominion revenue bears out this commendation. According to our Ottawa correspondent the revenue for the current month will indicate a substantial increase, though to what extent has not been divulged. It is now generally conceded that the estimate of Mr. White's budget will be fully realized, and the finances have thus reached a stable basis. Another source of gratification is the restoration of a normal situation as regards exchange between the United States and Canada, also affecting beneficially the affairs of the Dominion. The flotation of the \$45,000,000 Canadian loan in New York in August and the sale in New York of sterling bills drawn against shipments of Canadian wheat to Great Britain and Europe, have brought exchange on New York back practically to par. This is a marked improvement over the situation of three months ago, when the American dollar was worth more than the Canadian dollar, and a premium of one-half to one per cent. in Canadian money had to be paid for funds in New York. The loan, in addition to stabilizing exchange between Canada and the United States, helped sterling exchange also by providing Canada with funds which otherwise would have been obtained in London. In addition, it conserved the gold reserves of Canada and paved the way for the Anglo-French loan. Our Ottawa correspondent learns that the proceeds of the loan were not brought to Canada at once, but were withdrawn gradually so as to gradually reduce the exchange. The Finance Department made over \$36,000 in exchange in the transfer of the money.

KEEP THE OLD FLAG FLYING

Lustily and heartily we unite in singing "We'll never let the old flag fall," and, unthinkingly, we mean it, but we only mean that some one else is going to keep it from falling. We have not yet fully realized what it is costing and what it is going to cost to keep the old flag flying. We have been told that it can be done only by every man doing his duty. That does not mean that every man must go to the front, not even that every eligible man of military age shall go to the front for, necessarily, there are unbreakable bonds binding some men to their homes or to their business or the country's business. It does mean, though, that every man who can possibly do so shall go, but it means more than that; it means that every man who stays at home shall also do his duty. So far we have not done our duty in either direction. All our eligible men, who could go if they wished, have not gone; all our men at home have not contributed as they should. Therefore the condition on which the Old Flag shall be kept from falling has not been fulfilled, and we have no right to expect, while conditions are as they are, that the Old Flag shall not fall.

In his last letter to his mother in this city, written on the eve of his departure from England for the front, Private John McLean said: "If I don't come back you will know I did my duty in the greatest cause the world has ever known." A telegram received long before his letter arrived announced his death. He had done his duty and no man, great or little, can have a more glorious epitaph than these words with which he comforted his mother when setting out on what he knew might result in his not coming back. Another quotation from this last letter comes as a message and a warning from the dead. It is this: "Prince Edward Island has done a big bit but I know there are boys over there who will be ashamed when this war is ended."

The Old Flag may not fall, although anything could happen in a war the like of which has never been recorded in the history of the world. But in keeping it from falling many of the bravest who have been sheltered under it will fall and they will fall because the others who were similarly sheltered did not go to help them. "I did my duty;" "I am ashamed," will be the memories, perhaps the epitaphs, of many after the war is over. There is a whole eternity between the two.

The consolation of having done our duty and the shame of having not done it are by no means confined to those eligible for active service. They are equally applicable to those who are legitimately debarred from going to the front, and whose duty is confined exclusively to doing what they can at home. And here also many, if not all, have fallen short. An exchange well points out: We know no better answer to the general question, "How can I help?" than this one: Spend less on yourself and spare more for the State. Those eligible for military service who follow that rule for a while will come to the mind to enlist. The young man who likes a smoke should bethink himself that there are good fellow-Canadians in the ranks who would bless him if he were to spare a little of the tobacco and a few of the cigarettes and the cigars he smokes every week. The curtailment of his own smoking will be good for him physically and will help

to cheer some one at the front. In this land of plenty there are some who have not enough, but the great majority live very well. They could fare more simply and thereby save money to contribute to this or that fund in behalf of our defenders.

A very large part of our population would in every way be the better if they adopted the simpler life here advised. It would make their bodily, mental and spiritual health better; it would tone up their patriotism, and would go far to put them in the frame of mind to which a nation must be brought before it can fling its whole weight upon its enemy. By self-denial in our personal habits and in our domestic economy we can all serve and rise to higher service.

THE LOQUACIOUS GERMAN

Kipling gave us the picturesque expression "Killing Kruger with your mouth." The German press is at present busily engaged in killing England with its volubrious mouth. The Hamburg "Friedenblatt" has this explanation to give of the Balkan campaign recently started:

"The road to Constantinople will be conquered, and then one uninterrupted long railroad will stretch out from Hamburg to Bagdad. The road will be open for the transit of German goods to Turkey, and Turkish goods to Germany. Then a compact economic territory will extend from the North Sea to the Persian Gulf and the frontier of India, and the rich produce of the soil of Asia Minor will find its way to the Central Powers without the British fleet being able to interfere with the movement. That will mean the final collapse of the British plan to cut Germany and Austria-Hungary off from the raw material of the world. What is at stake is something more than the fate of 'Black Peter's country.' The stake is the Balkans and the Dardanelles, Egypt, and the final decision of the world war."

There can be no reasonable doubt that Constantinople, and through it, Egypt and the route to India is the goal aimed at and it is somewhat disconcerting to learn from French sources that the Turkish railway in Syria has been extended by a German engineer to Beersheba, or to within 30 miles of the Egyptian frontier. Beersheba, on the edge of the desert, is designed to be the starting point of the expedition to cut the Suez Canal, and all the water pipes and cement in Syria have been commandeered to provide for permanent water supply. Moreover, the German officers commanding the Turkish army have organized the whole male population, and the Turks have now a surplus of soldiers. If by German victory in the Balkans the Turks were freed from danger from the North they would be able to concentrate large forces for the accomplishment of their ambition to regain Egypt.

The situation in the Balkans, serious as it has looked during the past few days, does not by any means indicate that even the first stage of the journey to Egypt and India, the road to Constantinople, is yet open. The Entente Allies have joined forces and are making the enemy pay dearly for every inch of territory he has gained, while they are holding him up at many points.

German diplomats have used their temporary successes and have exploited their hopes as incentives to bring to their aid the waverers among the Balkans. King Constantine has been afraid openly to ally Greece with the Entente and may yet have to be reckoned with. Rumania, however, has held out firmly and may now be counted upon as friendly. Another day or two will probably change the whole situation in this disturbed nest. In any case the road to Egypt and India is far from open to Germany.

NOTES

A Dutch publicist calls attention to the fact that while Great Britain's expenditure of twenty million dollars a day is only half of the British nation's income, the German expenditure of twenty-five millions a day is nine-tenths of her yearly income. He shows the effect of this contrast by pointing out that Germany has remaining only fifteen dollars per head to sustain seventy million people, while Great Britain has a hundred and fifty dollars a head for her forty-five millions. On the strength of these statistics he predicts that "Germany" will be beaten economically and financially in the not distant future."

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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SOME DAY.

Some day, I wonder when that time will be,
When all the world to all the world is kin,
I wish I might be living then to see
This dear old world all free from strife and sin.

When every heart to every heart is true,
And each and all are living in the right,
When God is real to me and real to you,
And earth has lent her force to heaven's might.

But you and I have each a task to do,
To help in bringing that glad day about.
If every soul to his own soul were true,
That day would quickly come, there is no doubt.

Then let us each give to the

world our best,
And make the little space around us shine.
If each were true to each and all the rest,
Your corner would be bright and so would mine.
That we might have a pair in God's great plan,
One here shine, a star, in heavenly diadem,
Has been his will since e'er the world began,
To bring Christ's "Peace on earth; good-will to men."
—CORA A. ADAMS.

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Recently a gentleman took a poem to an editor who was his chum at school. "It hurts me, old fellow," said the editor, "to wound your feelings, but, truly, we are so overstocked with poetry that it is useless to read yours. We can only accept what shows an unmistakable genius." "Well, just read that poem," said the schoolmate, "and tell me what you think of it. It may prove better than you imagine." "It is as I feared," replied the editor, after reading the poem. "The poem shows no promise whatever. Pardon me, but it is simply absurd and utterly useless." "That's just what I thought," replied the schoolmate. "It's a copy of some verses you wrote in my school graph album while we were at school together."—Scottish-American.

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