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WAR'S MORTGAGE ON THE WORLD.

In 1866, after the close of the Civil War, the interest-bearing debt of the United States reached high-water mark. The amount was \$2,332,000,000. That included all the money that was borrowed for the conduct of the war for four years. Much of it was contracted in dollars worth less than fifty cents. In one year of war England has borrowed, or provided for borrowing, \$6,310,000,000. As the war progresses and prices advance, the daily cost of the war to England and to the other belligerents will increase. England is one of nearly a dozen belligerent countries, and each has its daily bill to pay. The cost to England, as given by Mr. Asquith in the House of Commons, is \$17,500,000 a day. According to this, war is not only serious to those whose lives and property are destroyed; it is also serious to the taxpayers. If the present conflict should last a year or two longer—of which there is every prospect—the gross sum of the various war debts will be staggering to the imagination as well as to the taxpayers. Where is all the money to come from to meet this debt, or even to pay annual interest? Much of the debt will be due to people of countries other than the debtor nations, and that will be continuing national drain.

The public debts of the belligerent countries have increased by \$18,000,000,000. The debt of Great Britain so far incurred for waging the war, apart from the loan just authorized by Parliament, is \$5,714,000,000; that of France is \$3,040,000,000; that of Russia, \$2,620,000,000; that of Italy, \$406,000,000; of the smaller belligerents, \$125,000,000; of Germany, \$3,390,000,000; of Austria, \$1,706,000,000, and of Turkey, \$250,000,000. They all are borrowing more money as fast as they can get it.

The debt owed by England when the present war began is the remnant of that contracted in the Napoleonic wars more than a century ago. It will be many a year before the debts of this war can be paid. The war, in fact, is being waged principally at the financial cost of posterity. Its burden will fall upon the shoulders of those whose fathers are yet unborn.

PERSECUTION OF JEWS AND CHRISTIANS
It is alleged that there are no less than 6,000,000 Jews suffering from the effects of the war in ways even more severe than the afflictions that came upon the unhappy Belgians. The facts, as they come to light, show these people to be the butt of brutality as gross as that which has been inflicted upon the Armenians. The Turk knows no creed but his own. The Jew and the Gentile alike are being hunted and cut down like wild animals.

Dr. M. Simbad Gabriel, president of the Armenian General Progressive Association in the United States has received from Nubar Pasha, diplomatic representative in Paris of the Catholics, or head of the Armenian church, advice in regard to the massacres of Armenians in Turkey, in which it is stated that "Christian martyrdom has at no time assumed such colossal proportions."

Dr. Gabriel in making public the letter said that from information contained in them and from other reports he had received directly, he estimated that 450,000 Armenians had been put to death and 600,000 rendered homeless or exiled, out of a population of 1,500,000.

The neutral world is sick of the stench of murder and outrage as well as of the horrors of the present war. It is nauseated by the stories of crimes against multitudes of non-combatants. There is one great principle to be wrought out from this war as the only palliative to its horrors. This is the principle of the absolute protection of a man in his race and in his religion. The one sure method of securing this fortunate outcome is for the United States to take a high stand in the matter and call upon the warring nations to put a stop to

principle. Yet vast horrors have already been perpetrated. Therefore, aside from the attitude suggested for the government, the charities of the country should be appealed to without regard to race or religion, to provide the aid that will keep together the souls and bodies of thousands of fugitive victims of cruelty stripped of their all and left to starve.

ANOTHER BALKAN WAR

The action of Bulgaria in mobilizing is about to start a prairie fire in the Balkan States. Bulgaria has been sore for some time, having been disappointed in her failure to absorb Macedonia, and should an attempt be made to carry out her design, Greece is sure to draw the sword. The diplomacy of the Triple Alliance as well as the Quadruple Entente has, it seems failed to preserve Balkan neutrality during the present conflict.

GERMAN SINCERITY

The fact that a German submarine gave the passengers and crew of the steamer Anglo-Columbia ample time to leave the vessel before it was destroyed is the best indication that the Teutons intend to act with good faith toward the United States. The Anglo-Columbia had been endeavoring to escape from the submarine, the latter having chased the liner seventy-two hours.

RUSSIAN BEAR AGAIN TURNS.

Dispatches today show that the Austro-Germans have struck a snag in their invasion of Russia. Since last May the Muscovites have been falling back before their enemies, but it is now confidently believed that Pinsk and Dubo will be recaptured.

NEWS OF THE DAY

The liner Lapland, which sailed from New York on September 15, arrived safely at Liverpool yesterday.

Premier Dato of Spain stated that all the conscripts in excess of the 1911 class will be called to the colors on October 1 for instruction.

It is reported that the city of Belgrade, Serbia, has been newly fortified and equipped with heavy British guns, manned by British artillerymen.

"Japan's intervention in the war in Europe is expected shortly," says the Paris Petit Parisien's correspondent at Turin in a dispatch received yesterday. He gives as his authority reliable Russian advices.

Gen. Horacio Ducharme, chief of the field forces of the Venezuelan revolutionists, was captured at Maturin, near the eastern coast of Venezuela, on August 23, and publicly put to death, in compliance with the orders of President Jose Vincinte Gomez.

A report from Field Marshal Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British army in the field, last night indicates a renewal of fighting all along the British front, in which aerobics have been particularly active. One aero bombarded and wrecked a German troop train. Another blew up a bridge.

Russell Kistler, left fielder of the team there died at the Harrisburg, Pa., Hospital Thursday from the effects of being hit on the head by a pitched ball in a Dauphin-Ferry League game between Marysville and Dauphin. In the seventh inning Kistler thought a fast ball was a curve and would break away from him, but it hit him on the head.

Mexican bandits yesterday attacked the village of Progreso, Tex., killed one American soldier, wounded Capt. A. V. Anderson, and escaped into Mexico under cover of the fire of several hundred men entrenched on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande. Four of the Mexicans are known to have been killed, and several others are reported to have been struck by bullets fired by the United States troops.

Three persons were killed and a score or more injured, some dangerously, when Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 704 bound for Kansas City, collided head on with a freight train near Plattsmouth, Neb., yesterday. Both engineers and the brakeman of the freight train were killed. A number of passengers, two baggage-men, a brakeman and a porter on the passenger train were injured, some of them seriously.

The Washington Building Trades Council has endorsed the Central La-

bor Union's boycott of the G. A. R. reviewing stands in Pennsylvania avenue, it was learned last night. The indorsement was given by adopting a resolution offered by H. D. Digney, business agent of the painter's union, at a meeting of the council at Building Trades Hall, 430 Ninth street northwest, Tuesday night. The labor men say the stands were constructed by nonunion workers.

Joe Persons, a colored boy 14 years of age, was hanged in the jail yard at Jackson, Ga., yesterday for assaulting an 8-year-old white girl last June. To the half hundred persons around the scaffold the boy admitted he committed the crime and stoically announced he was ready to die. Although he weighed only 75 pounds, his neck was broken by the fall. Officers did not attach weights to Persons, as had been suggested to them as possibly necessary to successfully execute him.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, yesterday proposed a new plan of national defense. He would open the Annapolis and West Point Naval and Military Academies to all who would go there for training as officers. He also suggested that opportunity be provided for the masses of the people to get military training. Mr. Gompers would have the military heads of the army and the navy elected by the people instead of being appointed by the President.

Two German submarines have recently been captured in Firth of the Forth, between Edinburgh and Glasgow of the U-boats. The wire was so charged with electricity that it gave the required signal to the troops, and a chain was lowered which imprisoned the craft. The other submarine became entangled in chains, and her commanding officer, hoping to escape, took his vessel to the bottom, remaining for five days. The surface showing her periscope she was captured.

A report of procedure by a German submarine received at the State Department yesterday was regarded by officials as tending to confirm reports from Berlin that the German government has effected considerable modifications in its orders to commanders of undersea boats. Consul Frost, at Queenstown, reported that in the case of the British horse transport Anglo-Columbia a submarine gave ample warning and plenty of time for the crew to get into boats before torpedoing the vessel, after having chased the merchantman for seventy-eight miles.

Two men arrested and locked up last night in Washington on the charge of being intoxicated attempted to commit suicide, the police say. About 6:30 o'clock, John McCormick, 22 years old, of Washington, was found by Sergeant McDermott in a cell with his coat tied around his neck and fastened to the top of the cell. He was removed, unconscious, to Washington Asylum Hospital. About half past eleven, William McCormick, 32 years old, of Alexandria County, was discovered in a cell hanging by his neck from the cell door. He was cut down and removed to Washington Asylum Hospital.

The German headquarters staff admit the loss of 38 Zeppelins and 9 Parseval airships since the war began up to August 1, 1915. Since this date, a further report states, two Zeppelins and one Parseval are missing. The majority of the airships were brought down by the allies' air guns and the remainder had accidents while landing. The average cost of these airships is over \$500,000, while the newest models cost nearly double this sum. Therefore Germany has lost over \$25,000,000 in a year in her airships, bombs from which have killed and wounded 500 persons.

Two thousand persons gathered about the gates of the Corbin Screw Corporation at New Britain, Conn., where 500 employes are on strike, yesterday afternoon and started a riot when policemen guarding the factory entrance ordered some of them to move on. When the police tried to make an arrest of some of the disturbers, the crowd severely beat two of them. Another officer fired several shots into the air. This greatly angered the mob and they made another rush for the police. The factory fire department halted the rioters by mounting the factory roof and directing streams of water on the crowd.

VIRGINIA NEWS

N. Cohen, a merchant, whose place of business is at the intersection of the Oberndorfer Road and the Norfolk Southern Railroad, was shot in

the abdomen by a negro boy Thursday night, and he is now in a serious condition at St. Vincent's Hospital. The police have arrested Percy Ellis, 18 years old, on suspicion of committing the crime.

Lieut. George Carr Round, of Manassas, president of the United States Signal Corps Association, has received today from Thomas J. Stewart, Adjutant-General of Pennsylvania, what is known as the Kenesaw flag, a relic belonging to the Signal Corps. This flag was used in sending a message from Sherman to one of his division commanders on Kenesaw Mountain to Allatoona Pass, 18 miles away, on October 5, 1864, over the head of Hood's army. The message was: "Hold the fort. I am coming." Lieutenant Round will use this flag in sending messages from the dome of national Capitol during the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Washington.

Martin Williams, member of the Virginia House of delegates addressed the State convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Lynchburg, last night, on "Putting the Prohibition Wheels Into Motion." Mr. Williams was introduced by Congressman Carter Glass and was heard by a large audience. Tazewell was selected for the next annual convention and Chester was awarded the midyear executive meeting. Prizes for scientific temperance instruction were won by the Eastern Shore and Danville City Unions. Memorials for workers who died during the year were held at the morning session.

W. J. Kimbrough, president of a Richmond publishing company and member of the City School Board, died suddenly last night. He attended a meeting of the board, and, feeling ill, went to a nearby drug store for medicine. Friends there proffered the use of an automobile, and while they were taking him home Mr. Kimbrough expired.

The first death in Page county from night mare, superinducing a violent attack of heart disease, is reported from Springfield district, four miles north of Luray. The case is that of a child of B. B. Sedwick, a farmer. The child was found dead in bed Wednesday morning and physicians report its death due to fright caused by the nightmare.

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