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#### THE AMBITION OF JAPANESE IS TO SHOW THE WORLD

To Support and Protect Highest Ideals of Civilization, Says Premier.

Tokio, Dec. 1 .- In an article entitled "Japan and the European Armageddon," Count Shigenobu Okuma, the Prime Minister, writing in the Japan Magazine, about the war, says some forceful things about Japan's relations to the West.

"It will be our one ambition at this time," he writes, "to show the West what it is slow to believe, that we can work harmoniously with great Occidental powers to support and protect the highest ideals of civilization, even to the extent of dying for them, Not only in the Far East, but everywhere else that may be necessary, Japan is ready to lay down her life for the principles that the foremost nations will die for. is to be in line with these nations that she is at this time opposing and fighting what she believes to be opposed to these principles."

The Premier continues: "She entered the alliance with Great Britain to stand for and die for what Anglo-Saxons are everywhere ready to defend even unto death. It is Japan's aim and ambition to participate in all worldmovements toward noble diplomacy, international relations, and the principle of equal opportunity and peace, and to prevent by all proper means the outbreak or continuance of bloodshed between nations. Japan's relation to the present conflict is as a ternal development and at the defender of the things that make for higher civilization and a more permanent peace."

Count Okuma devotes a considerable space to an historical resume of the causes of the present international war. Speaking generally, he thinks that war is al- the following two years. ways due to an unevenness of advancement in the progress of civilization, which, like water, must find its level. When its force is obstructed there will be violence and bloodshed. War also is a result of the pressure offered in resistance to the growth of civiliza-

Speaking in particular, the Premier is inclined to find the root of the present war in the weakness of the Balkan peninsula.

"Like China," he affirms, is a seething crater in the world' diplomacy. From conditions apparently insignificant in themselves, half the world can be set on fire and plunged into distress and decimated."

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### CONDITIONS AFTER THE WAR---GREAT SCARCITY OF CAPITAL

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States among those of the great food.

United States. mand for it; and the effect of a tected and assured. changed situation in this respect upon the larger interests of the GERMANS AND BRITISH country, in common with the rest of the world.

Before the outbreak, these war- They Talk Back and Forth, Hold strained their credit to the breaking point, to provide for insame time maintain their enormous military and naval establishments. The combined debts of the five principal nations now fighting amounted, in 1912, to more than \$23,000,000,000. They borrowed several billions more in

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will all these expenditures and Civil War. only have begun.

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war closes, leaving half a conti- homes and industries lie in ruins. armies. It is possible to render nent in ruins, killed or maimed And it is just this possibility that roads impracticable by long industries and dead and wounded we should now acknowledge, range fire from heavy guns

to be rebuilt? What are to be The largest single industry in ping a shell on the road itself. the new conditions under which the United States is the tilling of "A combination of craters such we as well as others will have to the soil, and this will suffer the as those made by large high powlabor? and how may we, by wise least of all. Our farmers are er explosive shells, and deep mud, forethought at this time, save gathering crops of unprecedented forms an obstacle difficult of neourselves from consequences abundance, and marketing some gotiating by motor transport." which affect our own country as of them at the highest prices rewell as others; from mistakes ceived in recent years. Whatever If England had a land-going that may well, if not avoided, else the survivors of the war navy or Germany a sea-going write the name of the United abroad may lack, they must have army, things might be different.

sufferers by this war? asked Mr. The next industry is the oper-J. J. Hill, the well known Cana- ation of the railroads of the dian-born railway man. His an- United States. After analyzing the swer is of interest to Canadians, United States railway problems, for the factors concerned are Mr. Hill remarked: The railroad similar in both Canada and the is the sap of the industrial tree. It is the speed regulator of in-Mr. Hill said in part: One com- dustry. It is the thermometer of mon factor will enter into any ad- credit. Its stability, its prosperjustment after hostilities have ity, its ability to confront with ceased, no matter who may be confidence a totally new era in victors. This is the relation of the capitalistic and credit condithe supply of capital to the de- tions of the world must be pro-

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Shooting Competitions and Exchange Tobacco-A Safe Spot.

London, Dec. 1 .- Light but interesting touches from the battle front are contained in an account from the pen of a British eyewitness, under date of November 23, given out by the Press Bureau.

The account speaks of the trenches of the opponents as being at some points only forty In the first thirty days, their yards apart. The English and borrowings or anticipations of Germans talk back and forth, credit through note issues ran holding shooting competitions again into the billions. As soon and exchange tobacco, much aftas peace approaches, not only er the manner of the American

forced loans have to be consoli- "There the positions are not dated and secured on some basis unwelcome to our men," the acto avoid national bankruptcy, but count says, "for they at any rate the financial strain will really are secure from shell fire, the hostile artillery being unable to The billions upon billions worth shoot in the fear that it would |\* of property destroyed will have to hit its own infantry. Indeed, for be replaced. Whole cities must either side, a trench close to the be rebuilt. Whole agencies of enemy often is a safer spot than

#### Tacit Agreements Made.

Tacit agreements among the tion of wealth will be lessened by men so situated are often made, \* Prince Rupert Hotel, 2nd \* the total labor product of the the report says, a notable one be- \* avenue. workers who have given their ing for permission of the reprelives during the conflict. There sentatives of either side to venwill be such a relative scarcity of ture from the forts to heat tea ] available capital as the world has on a smouldering fire at a farm. not seen for a century or more, Friend and foe continued to make \* avenue. while the demand for it will be use of this for days, until for greater than the world has ever some reason the Germans broke the truce and put a bullet in the Cash and credit in the United shoulder of one of our men, States, Canada, and elsewhere, thereby cutting off the supply of

#### Jack Frost Busy.

Cold weather has frozen the perience. There can be no relief slush, improving the conditions from outside, for the condition in the trenches in one sense, the must be world-wide. The ine- account goes on, but the drop in quality of capital to the work to the temperature makes the men be performed will be a world con- so stiff that many have to be a mile, more or less, from the dition. It may affect us almost lifted out of the trenches when relieved and others are sent partly frozen to hospitals.

Beyond the hardships inflicted on individuals, Colonel Swinton says the change in the weather THE DAILY NEWS chiefly has affected aerial reconnaissance and transport. The freezing makes the roads better. and the clear, crisp atmosphere aids the aviators to see the landscape more freely.

#### Getting After the Hindus.

The Germans in one place are using a 42-centimetre howitzer against the British left, it is said, and the report tells of the capture on November 21 of a German aeroplane bearing circulars calling on the Hindus to desert.

Two more aeroplanes were brought down on November 23, one after an aerial fight in which a British aviator was wounded.

This German machine was captured but the other succeeded in landing within the German lines.

"Some of the roads behind the enemy's front line in one quarter. Col. Swinton writes, "have, it is believed, become impassable owing partly to the weather conditions existing before the recent drop in the temperature and also What is to happen when the as seriously as those whose to the attention of the allied men, the whole structure of the study and endeavor to prevent. either by shelling any object that world's activity and intercourse Railway Sap of Industrial Tree. attempts to pass or merely drop-

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