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## EDITORIALS

Some one said the other day that the present war will prepare the way for "the British people to control the world." Were that the issue, then, indeed, had the crucified nations of Britain and of the world suffered in vain and wasted their life for nought. Prophecies in the Old Testament are interpreted to mean the reunion of the United States of America with the nations and countries of the British Empire into one gigantic world-power, whose word would be law and whose force would beat down resistance. The dream is vain.

But were that dream to come true it would be a world-calamity more tragic than the war itself. There must be no world-mastership by any nation: not German, not Russian, not Oriental, not American, and, please God, not British. No nation is good enough to stereotype the national aspirations of humanity. No race is pure enough to make its life-blood the motive-power of all the world. No people are so near perfection that their culture is fit to dominate civilization. When any nation sets itself to mould all peoples after its own fixed type the Great Lord God does as He has done many times in history: He smashes the pattern and begins again.

World-power has wrought the downfall of many an empire. By that sin Germany today begins to totter to its fall. There was a place for Germany, a great place in the sun. It was the place of service: service to the minds of men, in delivering them from the false philosophies as Kant and Hegel had already done: service to the bodies of men, in making the mysteries of nature yield their secrets for human good: service to all the nations of all the world, in making the brotherhood of man in the neighborhood of races the supreme policy of statesmanship. That matchless place in history might have been Germany's had she yielded to Christ's Will-to-Serve. Instead, she was beguiled by Antichrist's Will-to-Power. By world-ambition Germany lost Paradise. How then can Britain hope to win by it?

But Britain has learned the secret of the more excellent way. Again and again has Asquith told it. Not by might, not by power, not by brute-force,

not by ambitious autocracies, not by selfish alliances, not by armed peace. That is not the new British note. All that jungle statecraft is gone, damned and doomed by its inevitable collapse into its own inescapable hell. And over against all that diplomacy of deceit Asquith sets "the partnership of the nations" in which "a place shall be made and kept for the little peoples and the smaller kingdoms—their free place in the sun."

Partnership, not antagonism! Co-operation, not conflict! Law, not force! Justice, not power! Equality for all, because mastership for none! For that Britain is ready to die. For that America ought to be fit to live. Nothing less is worth while. Nothing else matters.

### VAUCOUVER GETS A JOLT.

Result of Jitney Traffic Is Evident From Figures.

Vancouver, B. C., March 20.—A decrease of over \$2,000 is shown in the percentage payment of the B. C. Electric to the city for the month of February as compared with the company's payment to the city for the corresponding month of last year. The cheque which the city will receive as a percentage of the gross receipts on the city tram line for last month is for \$1,414.50, as compared with \$3,430.21 for February, 1914. The number of passengers carried over the Vancouver and suburban lines last month was 1,749,758, as compared with 2,985,121 for February of last year.

### SOLDIERS NEED TOBACCO.

Canadians Ask for Cigarettes—Supply Is Insufficient.

London, March 20.—A Canadian officer, writing from the front, says: "A smoke at night now is a great comfort, and it is hard to do without one. Possibly we are not entitled to anything from the Imperial government or from British newspapers, but the Canadian government evidently has not provided for us in this way." He goes on to point out that English Tommies get as many as 70 to 100 cigarettes a week in addition to tobacco, while in their own particular case, for instance, twenty smokes is all they have received.

### McBRIDE'S DAY IS DONE

## WHAT JAPAN HAS DEMANDED OF CHINA

Alarming news of the Japanese demand upon China has been emanating from the Chinese capital, but few words have come from Tokyo. Indeed, the silence of the Japanese government on the matter has been almost ominous. Even the Japanese press have been unable to secure from the foreign office any information as to the contents of the overture which it has made to China. The leading newspapers of Tokyo and Osaka are publishing Peking dispatches reporting on the Japanese demands, but as to the authenticity of these dispatches the Japanese government has nothing to say.

Yet the attitude of the Mikado's government seems to have wholehearted editorial approval from the Japanese press. In fact, as the Tokyo correspondent of the Nichibei, a Japanese daily in San Francisco, informs us, the editors of the Japanese metropolis are keenly alive to the gravity of the situation and have agreed to acquiesce in the government's policy of silence.

According to information that has reached us from Chinese sources, the Japanese proposals, since we understand, considerably modified, originally ran:

That no part of the Chinese coasts and no island off the coast shall be ceded or leased to any foreign power.

That Japan shall have exclusive mining rights in Eastern Mongolia and the right of veto regarding the construction of railways there.

That the Japanese shall be allowed to settle and trade in Manchuria and Eastern Mongolia.

That the lease of Port Arthur and the agreement regarding the South Manchuria Railway be extended to 99 years.

That China shall transfer to Japan all German mining and railway privileges at Shantung.

That Japan shall have the veto of mining, railway, and dock concessions at Fukien.

That Japan shall, in cooperation with China, control the Han-yang iron works, Tayen iron mines, and Ping-siang collieries.

That China shall purchase at least half of its arms and ammunitions from Japan, or that arsenals under Chino-Japanese ownership shall be erected in China.

That Japan shall be granted the right to build and construct railways from Nanchang to Hangchow, from Nanchang to Kiukiang and from Nanchang to Wuchang.

That in case of necessity China must call upon Japan alone to preserve its integrity.

That in appointing foreign officials to military, financial, and police services, China shall give precedence to Japanese.

That privileges such as are enjoyed by other nations regarding the establishment of missions, churches, schools, and hospitals, and the purchase of land in connection therewith, shall be granted to Japanese.

That Japanese press do not say whether the terms of the Mikado's overture are correctly reported in the Peking dispatches, but are Continued on Page Three

## TOM WHITE CORRALS ALL THE CAPITAL I'S IN EXISTENCE

IN HIS RECENT BUDGET SPEECH HE DOLED THEM FORTH AT THE RATE OF SEVEN I'S EVERY THREE MINUTES—JEALOUSY OF GEORGE EULAS FOSTER.

(BY H. F. GADSBY.)

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Tom White's Hard Boiled Ego was the feature of the budget debate. As the country is going to spend three hundred million dollars this year the Finance Minister's yolk is not easy and his burden is not light.

Tom had two bites at the budget—one when he brought it in, the other when he defended it. The first time he allowed his colleagues to share the blame but the second time he sopped up all the glory for himself. In the interval he had had time to reflect that he was the active thinker of the Borden government and the only orator outside of Sir George Foster, who is apparently under a Trappist vow to remain silent until the Liberal majority in the Senate has been wiped out. That being the case, Tom has to do most of the talking, and, the laborer being worthy of his hire, he naturally grabs whatever laurel wreaths are coming. It does not often fall to a man to be so full of himself so long after he has left college.

"I was obliged to find the money," "I saw my way through then as I see it now," "How do I raise my revenue?" "I have not changed my methods of bookkeeping," "I inherited those legacies," "I always finish stronger than I begin," Seven I's in three minutes by the watch—after that I lost count. It reminded me of the Oddfellows lodge, that big I staring at me from every sentence. The Finance Minister's speech was three and a half hours long and was as thick inlaid with I's as the Milky Way is with stars. It was pious as a lawn with dandelions. The I's came out in a sort of rash like an attack of measles. It would have gone badly with Tom if the I's had struck in—anybody could see that.

Dr. Neely, who is quick at figures, took the trouble to go over the first three-quarters of Tom White's speech. The result was amazing. He found in it four hundred and thirty-nine I's, not including me's and my's. That would be five hundred and seventy-two I's for the whole oration or two and a half I's a minute. Cicero never did anything like it. Cicero was a shrinking violet beside Tom and nobody has ever accused Cicero of not being able to hold up his end. As for Demosthenes and Daniel Webster and Henry Clay and Jimmy Simpson and all those other modest fellows, Tom White simply has them backed off the map. Not one of them comes within 50 per cent of Tom's average.

Up to Tom White's appearance on the stage Sir Charles Tupper held the Canadian record for the first personal pronoun. The campaign of 1896 was fought largely on that ground. There was a famous meeting in Massey Hall, Toronto, at which Sir Charles was cannonaded with I's from the gal-

leries. But he was a brave old battler, was Sir Charles, and he delivered his speech to the reporters, who got all the I's in that the audience had refused to hear. It didn't do Sir Charles much good because it extended his fame as a wielder of the pronoun and wherever he went after that it was there to meet him. On being put to the vote the I's did not have it. On the contrary the noes carried the day and Sir Charles retired to his well earned leisure. But there was some excuse for Sir Charles, he was an old man, full of years and honors, he had stood before kings and had dined off solid gold plates with the Emperor of Austria. In short, he had something behind his I's, something to make his I's blaze, something to dazzle the I's of the public. He had been collecting I's for a long time, good I's mostly, not a glass one in the whole lot, and he was justly proud of them. But Tom White is a young man yet, only three years and a half on the job, and why his I's should flash at the sight of a current deficit of \$120,000,000 nobody knows.

The Hard Boiled Ego from which the Finance Minister suffers has been a fatal thing in history. It was Cain's ego that got him into trouble with Abel. It was Saul's ego that gave Abel his chance. It was Louis the Fifteenth's "I am the State" that prepared the way for the French revolution. If it wasn't Louis the Fifteenth's it was Louis the Fourteenth's—at any rate, it was one of those bow-legged chaps that they name the furniture after. It was Berkeley's "I think, therefore, I am" that balled up philosophy. Brutus stabbed Julius Caesar for far less than Tom White did. Up to that time Caesar crossed the Rubicon—that is to say, up to the time he changed his party—he had related his moving adventures by flood and field in the third person. Search the commentaries or the Bellum Britannicum from cover to cover and you won't find one I that Caesar allots to himself. Like Xenophon and other prudent generals, he always marches in the rear of his narrative. But after Caesar crossed the Rubicon without getting his feet wet he probably began to refer to it as "my Rubicon" and "my Republic" and so got in wrong with the other members of the kitchen cabinet who were cooking up the conspiracy. The records seem to show that Caesar actually said "I" only three times—veni, vidi, vici—but evidently that was two I's too many, for the boys certainly bumped him on the Ides of March. It has always been my opinion that if he had used the editorial "we" the Black Hand Club would have let him off. It is not only safer and more dignified, but it distributes the responsibility, as it were. Caesar neglected this

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