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STANDING ARMIES

As the casualty lists grow and fine young men who left from this city and district are numbered amongst the slain, the awfulness of war is brought more closely home and the determination that wars must cease must be growing steadily. This determination for a lasting peace has, however, no bearing upon the present war situation, except that it makes the people of Canada and of the Empire all the more determined to see the thing through to the end.

We are not so much fighting the Germans as we are fighting the spirit of military conquest which so imbued the Prussians that it saturated the German people until they had come to look upon themselves as the heirs of all the ages, with the world at their feet the moment they cared to reach out the mailed fist and grasp it. We are fighting war and the makers of war, and we dare not stop fighting until they are vanquished. Then, what? Are we to retain a huge standing army in case such a war is again thrust upon us? Are we to make every man a soldier for so many years of his life, as the Germans have done?

It is early yet to discuss these questions, but they will have to be faced in the near future. The answer to them depends largely on the outcome of the present struggle. When Germany is conquered, and there will be no cessation of hostilities until she is, the terms offered by the Entente Allies will be almost certain to deal with the question of standing armies, as they will certainly deal with the question of fleets. In a military sense, Britain was unprepared for the struggle, but it is to her

credit that she was so. "Defence, not defiance," has been her motto, and only the British fleet was ready, and that readiness saved the situation.

As the war goes on, one begins to discover that, after all, Britain was prepared to wage a long-drawn out struggle, though not in a strictly military sense. Britain was ready economically, and her allies are today still in the field because she was ready. The war has resolved itself into a question of resources and economic staying power, and Britain is proving that she is the stronger. Would she have been so strong had she, like the other nations in Europe, had several millions of her young men drilling every year instead of producing? It seems clear that Britain's economic strength is largely due to the fact that her young men were engaged in business instead of shouldering guns, and that Napoleon's sneer about a "nation of shopkeepers" has proven to be the salvation of the Empire. Britain's position in regard to a standing army depends largely upon the action of the other nations and particularly upon Germany, and it seems reasonable that the settlement should see all armies brought down to the point where no one nation remains a menace to the others.

Those who clamor for preparedness do so on the grounds of national defence, and the smaller the danger of aggression by a neighbor the less the need is there for a huge army. The final settlement must be such that there will be no danger of a recurrence of such a world-wide disaster, at least for generations to come. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in his recent speech at London, Ont., sums

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up the situation very beautifully thus: "This war has got to be fought to a finish. Germany has to be fought firmly and resolutely until victory is won, but then when it is won, let the better angels of our nature again guide us in our course."

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Germany is now making war on Norway without the formality of declaring war. It is probably a deep laid scheme to stir up trouble between Norway and Sweden.

Britain has demonstrated to the United States the necessity of having a sharp censorship on all mails, by discovering that the Germans had a floating wireless station within the three mile limit on the Atlantic coast.

The Allies seem to be adopting to a certain extent the idea of H. G. Wells, the famous novelist, that aeroplanes should be used much more extensively in attack on enemy positions. Mr. Wells advocated the building of a huge air fleet for a raid on Berlin.

Constantine seems to be quite peeved because the Allies show that they do not trust him any more. The poor gentleman has only himself to blame if he is misunderstood.

It now begins to appear as if the result of the soldiers' vote in Europe is not to be received by cable but that we must wait until the ballot boxes arrive. Perhaps Sir Richard will send them via South Africa and Australia to Victoria so that the men who have been ignominiously kicked out by the people may have time to clear away some of the evidence of their "mistakes."

The London press wants the Duke of Connaught to represent the King in Dublin. He is undoubtedly the right man for the job, but it is some job.

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WEDDING BELLS

In the Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, Miss Rosa Banks was united in marriage to Captain Joseph Gay of the schooner Unity. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. W. Wright; Miss Josephine McPherson was bridesmaid and Mr. John Currie supported the groom. After the ceremony, the wedding party adjourned to the home of Messrs. Mitchell and Currie where a banquet was spread and a gathering of friends welcomed the happy couple. Captain Gay and his new partner in the voyage through life are receiving the congratulations of their many friends. They will reside on Ninth Avenue Circle.

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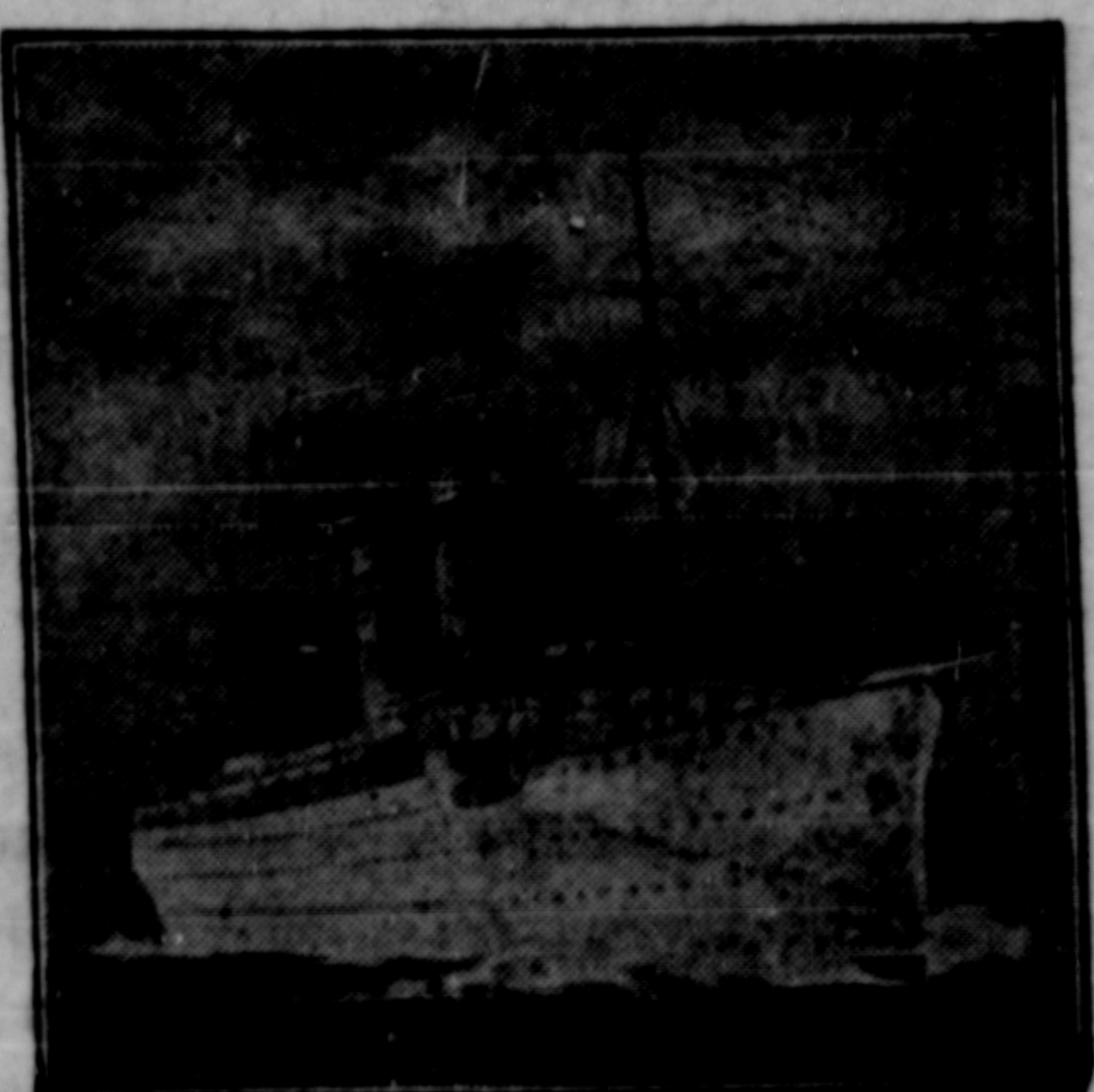
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