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CHANGED VALUES.

In days to come, the battlefields of Flanders will bring fortunes back to many who have been ruined in the struggle. Cemeteries, churches, mills, breweries, etc., which have been the scenes of fierce conflict, and are now complete wrecks, will, when the war is over, take on new values. Tourists will visit Flanders in many thousands every year for years to come, and will gladly pay for the privilege of exploring the ruins on the various fields.

Up to last August, the field of Waterloo was a little gold mine, but its value must have dropped to a mere nothing. Waterloo was a mere incident compared to the present war, and, as an attraction to tourists, it must give way to Dixmude, Nieuport, Ypres, the Yser Canal, Neuve Chapelle, Carency, Langemark and many other historic spots. What Canadian would dream of touring Europe without visiting Langemark?

For a century, the inhabitants of the little village of Braine-la-leude have made a living acting as guides to the field of Waterloo. Today, their occupation is gone. Waterloo will never be forgotten, but, as a place of interest to tourists, it has been completely wiped out. The occupants of the farm of Hougoumont for many years have paid a big rent for the buildings and orchard, but have done no farming. The orchard, in which 1,500 of Britain's bravest sons are buried, was never cultivated. The revenue came rolling in steadily from visitors from all corners of the globe, who willingly paid for admission. In the hall of the farmhouse stands a grandfather's clock, just as it stood on that eventful June day a century ago, and through the case is a century-old bullet hole. Some years ago an American millionaire offered \$3,000 for that clock, because of its history, and the

bullet hole. Bullet holes must be very much lower in value today.

The old farmer used to make a considerable sum selling old bullets, buttons, etc., which he had found on the field; today they are valueless; such things are to be had by the ton. The old ruined chapel, behind the farm was always visited, and its stones chipped by relic-hunters. It cannot hope to compete with Louvain, Rheims and Antwerp cathedrals, and the forts of Namur and Liege.

The ex-guardsmen who used to stand on the top of the Lion monument, and recount the story of the historic fray, will be out of a job. Waterloo will always hold its place in history, but as a wage-earner it is no more.

SIENKIEWICZ'S VIEWS.

A remarkable letter from Henry Sienkiewicz, author of "Quo Vadis" and innumerable other novels, was read before the Philadelphia Polish Committee of the Emergency Aid Association, a translation of which appears in the Philadelphia newspapers of recent date.

The great Polish writer looks upon the United States as the keeper of the world's conscience; the one great power which stands steadfastly for justice and law rather than force, as the rule of conduct to govern the nations in their relations with each other. Here is one paragraph from this remarkable letter:

"It seems that the principles of Christian love and brotherhood, banished from Europe, had to cross the ocean in search of refuge, and they found it in the hearts of the American citizens. Their generosity has saved thousands of unfortunates from starvation, but the task of America is not yet accomplished; with God's help she will in the following years become the conscience of the world, and propagate the

ideas of justice, such as the triumph of law over force and the restitution of freedom to all oppressed nations, the realization of those principles being the sole guarantee of lasting peace and of a happy future for mankind. The higher the United States will raise this standard the greater and more blessed will be their worldly mission. It is a difficult task, but the American nation is generous and powerful enough to accomplish it. The eyes of the civilized world are now fixed on America—especially those who suffer look up to her with hope."

Many people of belligerent nations, looking solely to the ultimate triumph of their own arms, condoning anything and everything which might aid to that end and impatient with any checks interposed, refuse to see in the American protests against invasions of international law anything save a sordid greed for trade. The Polish writer, with a broader vision, sees behind it all the insistence of this country on justice, on humanity and on law as the rules of conduct for all civilized nations.—Seattle P.-I.

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Seattle, June 11.—Bringing to Seattle the news that he had succeeded in Canton, China, in raising \$200,000 for half the expense of establishing a large silk mill on the waterfront of that city, to be known as the American-China Silk Manufacturing Company, Mark Ten Suie, Seattle merchant, returned here on the steamship Sado Maru. Two hundred thousand dollars will now be solicited in Seattle for the balance of the \$400,000 for which the company is incorporated.

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REGINA'S VACANT LOT GARDENING SCHEME

Regina, June 11.—So popular has the vacant lot gardening scheme become that it is now proposed to operate a co-operative canning industry in Regina to take care of the surplus vegetables raised by the vacant lot gardeners and in private gardens. The scheme is the outcome of the vacant lot garden committee, and will be outlined at the next general meeting of the association. It is said that there are two thousand more gardens in cultivation in Regina this year than in any previous year in the city's history, and as a result it is expected that vegetables will be plentiful in the fall. Under the proposal which is being advanced by the manager of a large plant in the city, the gardeners will be assured of a market for all the vegetables they may raise. The proposal, which is on the co-operative basis, is to adopt the latest and most scientific method of canning by which a thoroughly sanitary and high class product may be guaranteed. This will prevent any glut on the market in green stuffs, and may be regarded as one of the most important announcements made by the vacant lot garden committee this year.

DANCING MASTERS BAN TANGO AS BARBAROUS

San Francisco, June 11.—The bunny hug, grizzly bear, turkey trot, Argentine tango, glides and similar terpsichorean contortions are vulgar, barbarous, worthy of eternal relegation to oblivion, and must go, according to the dictum of the International Association of Dancing Masters, as delivered at the first session of a six days' convention now in session in this city.

To make sure of the passing of the present fads, the sixty-five leading dancing masters of the United States and Canada, who are attending the convention, announce that they will evolve a new dance which is to be a "happy medium" between the fox trot, the canter waltz and the one-step on the one hand and the old-fashioned waltz and two-step on the other.

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