

**NOT DISCOURAGED OVER PROSPECTS OF PEACE**

The peace committee, headed by Joseph H. Choate, continues to be optimistic, as the following very interesting statement will indicate:

The undersigned have been associated for some years in the execution of a trust to promote international peace and our duties have involved a continual survey of the efforts to that end throughout the world.

We wish to say to all friends of

peace that the dreadful war now raging affords no just cause for discouragement, no discredit to past efforts, and no reason to doubt that still greater efforts in the future may be effective and useful.

The war itself is teaching the gospel of peace through the lesson so shocking and so terrible that the most indifferent can not fail to attend and understand it.

Not only have the destruction of life, the devastation and the suffering in the warring countries passed all experience, but the cessation of production, the closing of markets, the blockading of trade routes, the

interruption of exchanges, have affected industry and caused ruin and poverty in all the peaceful countries of the world.

The universal interdependence of nations has been demonstrated and the truth forced upon every mind that the peace of all nations is the vital concern of every nation.

To cast our weak protest now among the tremendous forces that are urging on the great conflict would be futile; but the end of this war will come before long and then the great question will stand for answer: Shall the lesson be forgotten; the

sacrifice lost?

That question the belligerent nation only will have the power to answer; but every one in the world will be entitled to be heard upon it, for it will be a question of civilization, the most momentous of our era.

It seems incredible that after this the stricken people will set their feet in the same old paths of policy and suspicion which must lead them again to the same result.

Finding expression through a great multitude of voices everywhere the general public opinion of mankind should influence the minds of the negotiators who settle the terms of peace and inspire them to a new departure in the establishment of justice as the rule of international relations.

While we must not be overconfident of our individual qualifications to point out detailed methods through which the result may be accomplished we may still advocate measures which seem practicable and appropriate to the purpose.

We can see that definite rules of national conduct should be agreed upon; that a court of competent jurisdiction should be established to judge of national conformity to those rules; and that new sanctions should be provided to compel respect for the judgments rendered.

About all the motive and spirit of the new institutions should be clearly and fully, not the promotion of ambition or the extension of power, but the safeguarding of human rights and the perfection of individual liberty.

Toward this high end the courage and hope and conviction of the humblest citizen of the most distant land may contribute.

company, old fellow, but everything will pass off all right and then we will be together again. Anyway we will not recriminate; everything must be as God wills."

And so on. This letter was found when George, \* \* \* But to keep on with the tale. George's letter to Father went, in part:

"I have the fight fever again; I have become a red hot military anew and I shall sleep little tonight knowing that tomorrow we are to see some real fighting. My lascars are fully uniformed and outfitted now and we are all ready and on tiptoe. We—the officers—fear only one thing; our inability to hold our men back; they will begin charging bayonets while the enemy is a mile off unless we keep them well reigned in.

"Dorothy was truly courage. She is the finest girl in the world and I don't deserve such luck. And you, my dear parents, don't be downheartened; to the contrary be gay; be happy because your two sons are doing their duty. You are Christians are you not? Well, you know it is said that if you have faith even though it be no bigger than a grain of mustard you can tell the mountain to go and plant itself in the sea and the mountain will do it. What a lesson to learn! And what a duty it is to try to get that amount of faith. Now dear parents, don't be sad, away with tears! Be joyous! And ask God, who holds us all in the hollow of his hand, to watch over us. Have faith. Au revoir. Your son who loves you tenderly. George."

Well, George was killed in action. He fell while storming a German position and his men say he died the death of a lion.

Fred is dangerously wounded. He is a prisoner, too, in the hands of the Germans, at a place not very far from Berlin.

"Julien had a leg blown off and died here in Paris, at an emergency hospital close to the Place Vendome."

Raymond was struck squarely by a 42 centimeter shell and they have never found even so much as a fragment of his body nor a button of his uniform. He was torn to atoms, literally.

And Andre, the bookkeeper, poor Andre who had fallen in business and was absolutely on his uppers when Father took him in and gave him a job, married and father of a boy of eight, writes:

"My Dear Monsieur Father: People know me as a failure and the people are right. I am. I have always been a poor provider and a near-do-well albeit a well meaning one. I am afraid after this I shall be worse off than ever for I have one leg less than I used to have. Still I am quite satisfied so. I feel I have at last done one little useful thing. I have suffered a great deal since they amputated my right leg some 12 days ago, and I suffer now. It's a strange thing, though, for I who am such a terrible coward, love to feel this pain, for it keeps me reminded of the fact that I, the near-do-well, even belong to the multitude of the glorious. Do not tell my wife I have but one leg. She does not know it as yet and I rather she should not until I am out—if God wills it that I shall ever be."

**MISFITS**  
By F. P. N.

A penny doesn't amount to much; but if the price of bread in New York City alone was raised from 5 to 6 cents it would mean a cost of \$16,500,000 more annually for bread in that city.

A girl's affections are worth something in Maine, a good place for old maids to immigrate to. A young lady there has just recovered a judgment for \$116,000 for breach of promise.

The atmosphere smells of spring-time.

Anybody can be some kind of a critic.

What's the odds how a man is killed in warfare just so he is killed. That's what all sides are after. The whole thing is so brutal that dum-dums don't cut much of a figure in the business anyway.

A Corvallis man holds his hands up in horror at a man who fixed his rose bush on Sunday, and then went home and started out in his auto for a joy ride in the country for his health and communion with nature.

One of the schemes of the state legislature seemed to be that all so many new circuit judges that the lawyers of the state of a political turn could have a job.

An eastern mayor has become so notorious that he has gone into yau-deville. His name is Shank, no relation to Shrank Shaak referred to by Shakespeare, but just a common every-day potato eater with a sonorous voice.

"Give us a Rest," is the title of a saloon button back east, and the saloon has never given the public any rest as a foundation for the request.

One thing about Kellaher to admire is the fact that he is not afraid to stand alone, as much as he deserves to frequently.

Continuing publicity is what keeps the wheels of business rotating. Not every one can get it free like Ford.

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**HOW EUROPEAN WAR STRUCK A TAILOR SHOP**

By William Phillip Simms.  
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Paris, Feb. 2.—(By mail to New York)—In the Boulevard Montmartre there is a little tailor shop which I have known for nearly seven years. Would you like to hear how the war struck it? And would you like to hear how it and its personnel have fared?

First, at the head of the house is an Englishman, naturalized French, a typical short, chubby John Bull sort of man, whose hair is now fast turning gray. This is father. Next are his two sons, George, the elder, and Fred. George spent two years of his 26 in England and two more in a fashionable tailoring shop on Fifth Avenue, New York. He was given a pretty good education before he took those "post graduate" courses, for his father has always intended that George should succeed him as head of the house. Fred, who was just finishing his military service in the French army when the war broke out, was cashier in the shop, the business office man. George was about to be married when the war came on, but Fred was only in love and not engaged.

After these come Andre, a bookkeeper, Julian, a cutter, and Raymond, a salesman. The latter has just married an English girl, chum of the girl George was engaged to, and the four were looking forward to happy times together. They had leased apartments in the same building.

Then the war broke out. George, Fred, Andre, Julien and Raymond all marched away, George as second lieutenant of reserves, Fred and Raymond as sergeants, the others as privates. Only Father, an old cutter too aged to answer the call, and a salesman too delicate for service, remained to keep the business going. Unable to do this they closed the shop from August 1st until now.

Today I had a long talk with Father. He is not sad, as he has every right to be; rather he holds his head higher and there is the light of something finer and nobler in his eyes. But I must not go too fast with the story. Father showed me three letters. The first was from Fred, the younger son, to his brother, George. Part of it read:

"My Dear Georges; Courage? Why of course we will have it; but what I am thinking of at this hour, old man, is you and Raymond. It would be devilish hard to get along without you and I am making a demand on God that if it comes to that it must be me and not yourself. It simply must happen like that, that's all, for you, you lucky rascal, are affianced and your girl, lucky too, must not be made a widow.

In my pocket I am carrying letters from all those I love best. Like that I somehow feel that I have them close to me, even here in the trenches. In his letter Father says—good Christian that he is—"fix your eyes on the stars, my son, and they will talk to you of God!"

"I'm sorry we are not in the same

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