

THE WAR.

THE NURSES OF THE BLITZ.

"Are beyond all praise." Her Majesty's words.

I.

They give their all, by danger undismayed,
Lending Love's strength to those that helpless lie,
Powerless beneath the terror of the sky.
The pitiable targets of a raid.

II.

They soothe the aged in their mute despair,
And calm the frightened children, roused from sleep,
The while their fearless eyes cool courage keep,
Despite the blazing horror of the air.



KING PETER II OF YUGOSLAVIA AND HIS MOTHER,
QUEEN MARIE.

III.

They serve unceasingly through arduous days,
Through the tense nights of cataclysmic dread,
Unmoved though wings of Hate are overhead,
Supremely selfless, and beyond all praise.

IV.

Many the path of Death have calmly trod,
Knowing that greater love than this, hath none.
Proving in Life and Death that what is done
"Unto the least of these" is done to God.

H. TREVELYAN-THOMSON.

"The Yugoslav Nation has found its Soul."

Those of us who ardently sympathised with the valiant
Serbians in the Great War shared their grief and indignation

when recently their Regent bowed the knee to Hitler, and sold the Yugoslav nation into bondage. But not for long. In Belgrade the anti-Government forces burst into open revolt, and the young King Peter decided to take control of his country. The King and the Army have now charge of the country with the support of the whole people, who are inspired by an intense love of freedom, won after monumental struggles.

Our Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, has publicly pronounced the policy of our country in the following promise:—

"The Yugoslav nation has found its soul. A revolution has taken place in Belgrade and Great Britain will give all the aid in her power to those who are defending their native lands, the heroic Greeks, the Turks if they are attacked."

It is interesting how blood tells. The only three Kings who have stood firmly against tyranny in their own countries are all descendants of the late Queen Victoria, a woman of undaunted courage.

Our own King George VI, great grandson; the King of Greece, great grandson, and the heroic boy, King Peter II of Yugoslavia, great, great grandson.

Serbians, Croats and Slovenes have rallied round his Throne, and will need all the practical support we can give them.

Babes and Sucklings.

During recent raids babes and sucklings have suffered death and disaster, one little wonder being rescued after five days' burial under *débris*. But, alas! both parents found dead. No doubt, this babe will find many kind friends.

These deaths of people buried alive are specially distressing. The attacks on hospitals have been very serious during the past month. Doctors and Nurses have proved themselves specially heroic upon every occasion.

Prisoners and Captives.

Prisoners and captives should ever be kept in mind. We need not trouble about the enemy because those who fall into British hands are generously cared for, but we do need to use every effort to minimise the misery of those who fall into the clutches of the enemy.

Do not forget the prisoners rescued from the *Altmark*, nor listen to the excuses of neutrals.

The Red Cross and Prisoners.

Lord Iliffe, presiding recently at the half-yearly meeting of the executive committee of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund, announced that contributions to the war fund had now passed the £5,000,000 mark.

The bulk of the money received had been already spent and the fund's immediate need was to collect a further £2,000,000 by the beginning of September.

Major Arthur Abrahams reported that, of the total sum received, about £4,200,000 had been already expended. Over £1,000,000 had been spent on the purchase of stores, and about £1,500,000 had been devoted to food and comforts for prisoners of war.

Everything possible is being done to organise relief to prisoners in Germany, but the utmost vigilance is required

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