

THE WAR.

GETTING READY.

Father declares the world is sunk in chaos,

I don't know what that means ;

But Tony says we'd better be an army

And camouflage with screens.

It will be fun to drag the gun

Behind the laurel bushes,

To turn it round and pound and pound

The foeman when he pushes.

So Simon thinks he'd better drill an army

And lick it into shape,

In case the Government should send us orders,

Tied up with grand red tape.

But Susan sighs and Audrey cries,

They think we'll have reverses ;

Well, like as not, we may be shot,

And they must be our nurses.

We're keen as keen to do a lot of damage,

We'll shoot the foe afar !

But up to now we have not even seen them

And don't know where they are.

We mean to fight with all our might,

We'll make a gallant story,

But Father says, unless you're dead

You cannot hope for glory.

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Children Exposed to Risk.

The interim report for 1940 of Dr. W. Allen Daley, Medical Officer and School Medical Officer for the County of London, states that up to November, 1940, no evidence had been found among children of nervous disorder or shock arising from air-raid experience and that they have borne the stress of air raids as successfully as adults, or more so.

A Versatile Genius.

Our indefatigable Prime Minister, wise in his generation, may be burning the midnight oil at 10, Downing Street, one night, the next we hear he is in Washington. So much for energy, of which so many politicians are devoid.

Then we learn he is busy in President Roosevelt's study, and later electrifying Congress and the Canadian Parliament with his rousing oratory. He also accepts a new hat which is not unbecoming, and sets the fashion in neckties.

United Nations.

To quote *The Times* : "Mr. Churchill's return to Washington has been followed by two momentous announcements. The conference between him and President Roosevelt and their advisers, the parallel conversations with the Washington representatives of other Governments, and Mr. Eden's visit to Moscow have enabled the Governments of the 26 nations now fighting against aggression to bind themselves in a common pledge. They will employ their full resources, military or economic, in the war ; they will co-operate with the other signatory Governments ; and they will make no separate peace or armistice with the Axis Powers. They subscribe one and all to the 'common programme of purposes and principles' set out in the Atlantic Charter. By so doing they undertake to continue their co-operation after victory has been won and to ensure that the world shall be able to garner its fruits in peace and security. Under the leadership of the British Empire, the United States, Russia and China are now gathered the peoples and the resources of the greater part of mankind. It is the most powerful combination in the history of the world. Its strength will be irresistible eventually when it has mobilised and co-ordinated its forces."

Help for Russia.

Mrs. Winston Churchill is to be congratulated upon the splendid success of her Fund for Russia. The first million is available. Hurrying on with million number two. Sacrifice something in its support. Donations to Mrs. Churchill, Red Cross Fund to Russia, St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

How about it?

"Torture and Terror and Treason."

To the Russian people all the free spirits in the world offer homage. Rivers of blood are flowing in defence of their country and the liberties of humanity, and every report demonstrates the valour of the women. The ultimate triumph of Russia over the common enemy in spite of "Torture and Terror and Treason" must not for a moment be doubted.

The Treatment of War Casualties.

Mr. Brown, Minister of Health, during a recent tour of Brighton's emergency hospital services, spoke of preparations to treat war casualties. He said that for restoring the injured there were four types of special treatment centres, 21 orthopaedic centres and three classes of fracture departments.

This brought the organisation to 426 departments, with additional ones in preparation. "In essentials," he added, "this organisation has come to stay."

No work can be of greater national importance and nurses are an important factor in its success.

The Independence of Abyssinia.

The Emperor of Abyssinia, Haile Selassie, most dignified of war victims, has our unqualified admiration, and an agreement between the British Government and the Emperor for the independence of Abyssinia should be of the most generous nature. We have not forgotten the relish with which those young Mussolini bandits "potted" the defenceless natives from the air.

The Extermination of Nations.

The attempted extermination of thousands of hostages, many of them young students, in Poland and Jugoslavia, by the Germans, is in the opinion of M. Nintchitch, Foreign Minister in London for Jugoslavia, an attempt to exterminate the whole of these brave peoples. Thousands have been shot, but the Jugoslavs fight on. "Long live England!" resounds from one end of Jugoslavia to the other. By his courage and intelligence, the young Paladin, King Peter, has won universal sympathy in this country. It will be a day of rejoicing when he reascends his throne, as he is sure to do.

Typhus Patients Murdered.

The horrors of the Russian campaign will never be estimated, and the outbreak of typhus amongst the German troops in Poland has demonstrated the barbarity of the Nazis. As no facilities were to hand to deal with their suffering, it is reported the sick have been murdered by hundreds. Nothing can surprise the world in the criminal record of German methods of war.

Keep Sympathy Alert.

The long list of casualties published by the War Office remind us day by day of the grief and despair of hundreds of our fellow-creatures. What of our duty? It is good to think of these things, and to make sure we are doing all in our power to lessen, if possible, the losses of others—although we know some griefs cannot be consoled.

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