

mediately. In the good order of Providence this enforced truce to public effort may give greater driving power and intelligent interest to the campaign for the raising of Canada's Victory Loan.

For the last week we have fasted from pleasures in thronged halls, and if we have used our retirement aright we have given deeper thought to the issues of the world crisis, which is now at its height. What do these last days, weeks, or months of the great struggle in France and Flanders mean to us? In the hour of victory is danger if we receive the heaven-sent gift thoughtlessly.

The war has brought abnormal prosperity to some—it has brought sorrow and ruin to many others! Shall those gains which have come to you directly through the irretrievable loss and sacrifice of men and women who have as much right to the good things of life as you—shall these gains be held as something which you alone may enjoy?

Here is a thing to ponder deeply upon in these days of public truce. The news of victory, which gladdens all our hearts, is something more than printer's ink on the front page of a newspaper. It is written in blood and sacrifice on this page of history, of which we are not only the witnesses but the participants. We, too, are writing our actions on the page at this moment. We, too, must fight and sacrifice. We are not called upon to shed our blood, but we must use wisely our wealth if this victory is to be complete and we are to be worthy of the peace that has been bought with a greater price than gold.

Think quietly for a while—then go and buy a Victory bond.

#### THE "FLU" TRUCE—AND AFTER.

During the suspended animation of ~~before, due~~ to the invasion of Spanish influenza, the world is permitted to think. One of the greatest impediments to thought is noise, especially that kind of noise one has to endure at public meetings, vaudeville shows, and more particularly the silent, nerve-racking noise of the moving picture!

This strange dispensation may prove a blessing in disguise, and should enable us to accumulate a reserve of nervous energy and thought that will be needed during the coming days of transition from a state of war into a state of peace. We need these long Sabbaths, these recuperative periods, and a world that will not take a short rest is eventually forced into a long one.

We will need this store of energy im-