

The Children of the War



ENGLAND—This war be-decked young Britisher's is-land nation is in its supremest fight for su-premacy.
[Photo by Paul Thompson.]



RUSSIA—Lutka Churon waits on the farm at Bakou for the word which shall mean either joy of father's return—or the orphanage.

The ultimate price of war is paid by children. When the books of empire are balanced and the accounts of war are rendered the debts are paid in mortgages on the future. The future is the particular property of the children.

In Europe's titanic conflict children are losing their fathers by the millions and the earnings of their lives to come by the billions.

Invading armies are leaving pain scarred landscapes of ruin in their wakes, where villages smolder and unplanted fields reek of the dead. Which spells hunger and homelessness for the children. And tomorrow the labor of these children must pay for the war.

These pictures, with a single exception, come from the photographic collections made by Harry B. Lachman, a Chicago painter, who has carried a camera through the war zones.



GERMANY—This sturdy little Ba-varian has all his future at stake in the war. A king could risk no more.



AUSTRIA — Bubi and his sister, Pepe'l, have been left behind in the Tyrol while father and uncles fight the Russ invaders.



ALGIERS—The daughter of an Algerian trooper far away fighting for the cause of France.



FRANCE—When the call to the colors came this girl's father left the cottage in Brit-tany, probably never to return.



JAPAN—A son of fight-ing Nippon, whose empire is reaching out to embrace the control of eastern Asia, with war taxes a-plenty to pay.



BELGIUM—This little maid's home in historic Louvain was shattered by a shell from a big gun.