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## THE WAR NEWS

Great Britain and France have declared that if they can prevent it "no commodities of any kind except those now on the sea shall henceforth until the conclusion of the war reach or leave the shores of Germany." The British prime minister, in announcing this policy yesterday, declared that the Allies, in spite of the systematic violation of international agreements by the Germans, had pursued a moderate course, and were now fully justified in pursuing the course laid down. Naturally great interest is felt in the view to be taken of the new policy by the government of the United States, the most powerful of the neutral countries. The American press is apparently disposed to be somewhat critical, and yet it is difficult to see how the government of that country can take serious objection to the plan proposed. Premier Asquith points out that if neutrals suffer inconvenience they must remember that this phase of the war was not initiated by the Allies, and he adds that they do not propose to assume a neutral stance or destroy their ships. All that they propose to do is to establish an effective blockade of the German coast.

Today's cables confirm previous statements that the Russians are again strongly on the offensive along the whole eastern line, and pressing back at important points both the Germans and Austrians. Germany therefore cannot afford to withdraw men from the eastern front to strengthen the position in the west.

Canadian troops are now in some of the advanced trenches of the British position and are giving a splendid account of themselves. We must now, however, be prepared to read from day to day a casualty list in which we are more deeply interested than in those heretofore published.

## BRITISH EFFICIENCY

Mr. C. Arnold Slade, an American artist, who has visited the British headquarters in France, estimates that there are 170,000 British troops in France and Belgium. He was told while there that in April Kitchener's new army of 1,500,000 men would arrive. He was much struck with the splendid hospital facilities which had been provided and were being rapidly enlarged by the British. Everything, he says, in the district around the British headquarters is under British control, and the authority of the British commanders is supreme. Summing up what he says of British methods a writer in the Mail and Empire says—

"The British power, says Mr. Slade, is absolute, but just, and quite in accord with the reasonable rights of French citizens. The British pay so well for everything that they are quite winning the way into the hearts of the French peasantry. The French troops do not pay. The artist contradicts a report he had heard to the effect that the British troops are not well fed. This is their regimen—Breakfast—Bacon, loaf of bread, chiefly from Boulogne, where the army has huge bakeries; jam, tea, tobacco. Dinner—Beef soup with vegetables and meat in it, or beef, green onions, or other vegetables, bread, tea, tobacco. Supper—Bacon, bread, jam, cheese, tea, tobacco. The troops are amazingly well equipped, he says. There seems to be nothing lacking, and everything is of the newest, latest, best, and he says of the horses, they are superb."

## GERMAN FALSEHOODS

Readers of the United States press must be considerably amused by stories told by the friends of Germany. The British ambassador at Washington has just given a reply to definite charges of brutal cruelty to German soldiers, which were made in December last by one Robert F. Meyer. This man made an affidavit to the effect that he had enlisted at Liverpool in the 14th Company, Grenadier Guards, went with them to Ostend and Rheims, and was brought back wounded to Millbank hospital, where he saw wounded German soldiers terribly mutilated. Some had their eyes gouged out, some their tongues cut out and some their ears cut off.

The reply of the British war office is that there never was a 14th Company of the Grenadier Guards, and nobody named Meyer had ever served in the Guards. Neither had the Guards ever been at Rheims. No man named Meyer had ever been a patient at the Millbank hospital, nor had any German soldiers ever been treated there.

In short the whole story was a malicious invention, circulated to offset the proved charges of German cruelty, and to create if possible in the United States a prejudice against the British. Advantage is taken of every opportunity to circulate misleading statements, and in addition to what is done through the newspaper and periodical press the Germans in the United States are circulating books, booklets and leaflets, giving utterly false news concerning the war and its cause. Fortunately public sentiment in the United States is not easily misled.

## AMERICAN OPINIONS

One Admiral Bowles, formerly of the United States navy, and recently the head of the Fore River Shipping Co., says he is convinced that Germany will be ultimately successful in the war. He has returned from a two months business trip in Germany, and in an interview with the Boston News Bureau says that the Germans have immense reserves of men and arms; that they have an immense food supply; that the people are a unit in this war; and that the chance of a successful invasion of England does not lie only against the American government, but against the people of the United States.

Quite different views are expressed by a prominent Bangor man in a letter to the Commercial. He says—

"The end may probably be reckoned now in months rather than in years. Germany and Austria will be beaten. Austria will be split in two. Russia will get a part. What may be called Slavic Austria will go in part to Roumania and in part will form a new Slavic state or states. Italy as well as Roumania will enter the war, and Italy will get the upper Trans-Adriatic, including Trieste, Alsace and Lorraine will go back to France, which may also receive as indemnity the five billion francs she paid to Germany in 1871. Belgium also will be recompensed. Russia will have both Prussian Poland and Austrian Poland, besides some Hungarian territory and Turkey."

This writer points out that the excess of population of the Allies over Germany and Austria is nearly a hundred millions, not including India, while their wealth is billions greater. They also hold the sea and are not shut in. They are equally brave, and the alliance between them is not likely to break up. On the other hand Austria is the weak link in the German chain, and Germany will be beaten, he believes, from that side. It is safe to say that the views of the last mentioned writer contain vastly more truth than those of the man who has come back from Germany, not unwilling, it appears, to circulate the misinformation which the Germans are so anxious to have circulated in the United States.

The German attempt to blockade the British Islands has thus far proved to be a miserable failure.

Italy has demanded another apology from Turkey, this time for the arrest of an Italian agent and the seizure of his correspondence at the port of Jeddah. Of course Turkey will apologize.

In the opinion of The Standard the Hon. William Pugsley appears to be the only issue now before the people of this part of Canada. If only Dr. Pugsley could be destroyed politically, The Standard and its friends would be relieved of a great deal of worry, and much uneasiness.

Mr. J. Hamilton Ferns, chief assessor of Montreal, delivered a very interesting address last night on the subject of taxation, and it remains to be seen whether the citizens will take his advice and get together and provide a better assessment system for St. John, or whether they will continue to play at cross purposes and by failing to get together perpetuate the present system, or get a worse one.

The total receipts of the Patriotic Day were about \$5,000. This is a splendid tribute not only to the generosity of the citizens but to the organization effected by the ladies of the Royal Standard Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, and those associated with them. The result of the day's canvass shows that there is an abundance of money in St. John for the support of all worthy causes.

The British House of Commons yesterday listened uncomplainingly to the enormous cost of the war, which has averaged \$7,500,000 per day. Whatever the cost, and however long the war may last, the government will have the undivided support of the people. Canadians should take note of this paragraph in his speech—"The gravity of our immense task increases each month. The call for men has been responded to nobly, both at home and throughout the Empire. That call has never been more urgent than today."

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"Well, for the land sake," ejaculated the girl. "How is it givin to know whether you want things hot or cold?"

—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

When E. H. Southern and Julia Marlowe were playing in a western city last season an old couple stepped up to the box office and the man said—

"Playin' Shakespeare here, they tell me."

"Yes, sir, replied the ticket seller."

"What's the show tonight?"

"As You Like It."

"Well, that's what I call accomodatin'," said the native. "Seem' as you give us our choice, mother and me'll have Romeo and Juliet."—Chicago News.

A salesman had taken a large order in the north of Scotland for a consignment of hardware, and endeavored to press upon the canny Scottish manager who had given the order a box of Havana cigars.

"Now," he replied, "Don't try to bribe a man. I couldn't take them—and I am a member of the kirk."

"But will you accept them as a present?"

"I couldna," said the Scot.

"Well, then," said the traveler, "suppose I sell you the cigars for a nominal sum—say sixpence?"

"Well, in that case," replied the Scot, "since you press me, and no' liking to refuse an offer well meant, I think I'll tak twa boxes."

Queen requests are often received for prescriptions which might puzzle either doctor or chemist far more skilled than the proprietor of the ordinary drug store. Here is one recently reported. It is a note from an excitable mother, whose nerves were apparently as much in need of treatment as the digestion of her infant.

"My little baby has et up its father's parish plaster. Please send an anecdote by the enclosed little girl."—Youth's Companion.

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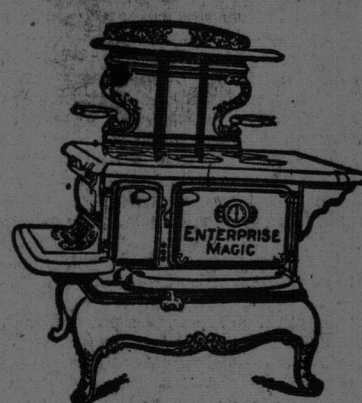
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## IN PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, March 1.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier tonight has reason to agree with Old Marse Jossing, "De world do move." For the past four years the Liberal chief has listened hour after hour, while the parliamentary welkin rang with Conservative railings against wider food markets, free food, and other economic doctrines as "disloyal, unpatriotic and calculated to do all kinds of damage to institutions, national and imperial."

Today he must have been almost startled to hear Sir James Aikins, from the front Conservative benches, proclaiming that "there must be no restriction of markets for our agricultural products,"

and that it was the bounden duty of the government—a duty of true patriotism—"to do everything to increase and widen our market for food products, to encourage production and to develop the agricultural industry."

He must have had this surprise further intensified when Mr. Merner, another Conservative member, vigorously travelled the same ground, and when the hearty Liberal cheering, which greeted the declarations, was augmented by considerable genuine applause from many supporters of the government.

Mr. Cockshutt submitted his resolution authorizing the government to exercise "supreme control" over the price and export of foodstuffs in the present war crisis. He argued that, while industrial enterprise was largely at a standstill, products of the farm were getting prices never equalled before.

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