

against the charge that he has been wanting in patriotism. The writer says: "In our opinion these attacks are most unfair. We have plenty of criticisms to make on the want of preparation for which the Government is responsible, and we must, when the proper time comes, press them home. It is, however, unjust to single out Lord Haldane for attack." The same writer says that the great difficulty, and one which the whole Government was responsible for and not Lord Haldane alone, was that there was not kept in store a million rifles beyond those required for visible needs. It is also to be remembered that Lord Haldane on the whole immensely increased the efficiency of the British Army in connection with his creation of the territorial force.

It has been suggested that the proper way to deal with German barbarism, piracy and murder, is for the Government to announce at once that they will hold the individuals who have authorized these crimes personally responsible for all clearly ascertained breaches of the rules of civilized warfare; and that they will, when conditions of peace are imposed, make it a primary condition that all such persons, not excluding the Emperor himself, shall be handed over to pay the just penalty of their crimes, and be dealt with as ordinary criminals.

Flotsam and Jetsam.

Apropos of the recent appointment of the Acting Chief Justice of a certain province of Canada, whose decisions have not always been received by the Bar with the favour they ought, a story is told that, on one occasion, counsel in the Court of Appeal said: "This is an appeal from the judgment of the Hon. Mr. Justice ———, but there are *other* reasons why the judgment should be reversed."

An item in a daily newspaper says, "Philadelphia lawyers and Judges are to decide whether coffee is a food or a beverage." This reminds us of the orderly officer, making his daily rounds, inquiring if there were "any complaints," and receiving from a newly-joined recruit the reply, "Yis sorr, plaze sorr, they chates me out of the thick of the coffee, sorr." It is clear that the question had been decided in Ireland long before it came before Philadelphia lawyers.