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### THE PREMIER'S SPEECH

That was a striking sentence in the speech of Premier Lloyd George, at the American Luncheon Club meeting yesterday in London, when he said: "Prussia is not merely not a democracy, Prussia is not a state;—Prussia is an army."

Ever since the first Frederick began to build up an army as a means of gaining for Prussia the foremost place in the North German Confederation, the yoke of military has been more and more firmly fixed upon the necks of the Prussian people and of the German Empire which was created by the army. As the years passed and Germany achieved greater and greater things, the army became more the emblem of German civilization. It was also the weapon which, assisted by the navy, was to win for Germany the domination of the world, for the benefit of the military autocracy by which its movements were directed and the fate of the nations was to be decided.

But now the world is awake, the nations are aroused, and the great democracies, which now include Russia, will not rest until the German menace has been disposed of for all time. The military autocracy must go. Its shadow has darkened the world too long. The British premier sees the fall of Turkish despotism as well as of the Hohenzollern dynasty. That was a glowing word-picture in which he referred to the Canadians and other divisions attacking with the dawn.

"The great nations represented in the struggle for freedom—they are the hereditary of the dawn. They attacked with the dawn, and those men are marching forward in the full radiance of that dawn, and soon Frenchmen and Americans, British and Russians, ay, Serbians and Belgians, Montenegrins and Roumanians, will emerge into the full light of a perfect day."

Mr. Lloyd George welcomes the United States because of the service she can render to the world while the war lasts, but more for what she can do at the conference table when plans are to be formulated to guarantee the future peace of the world. The sound of the tramp of Prussian legions is to cease in the world, and the heralds of peace go forth on their beneficent mission, proclaiming the will of the people of free nations undisturbed by fears of conquest.

The American people will welcome the eloquent tribute paid to them by the British prime minister, and it paves the way for closer and more sympathetic co-operation on the part of the great Anglo-Saxon peoples not only in the war, but for all time to come.

### THE GERMAN PRESS

The German press professes to be vastly amused at the expense of the United States and its army. Two years and a half ago, there was a "contemptible little British army." Today Germany does not sneer at the British army, but her picked troops retire before it from positions they had deemed impregnable. These sneers at the American army will serve a useful purpose, though not in the direction Germany would wish, and it is so to stupid she would refrain from derision, for her present course will offend the pride of the American people and stimulate them to more determined effort in the war. It is quite true that the United States could not today send a well trained army overseas, but if she desired to do so she could train a great army of men and equip them within six months and have them ready to strike. What she can do at the present moment and what will really be more effective against Germany is to utilize her navy, help to the submarine, and throw her tremendous energy into the task of supplying her allies with food and munitions and war materials of every sort. If the war continues long enough she will have an army large and well enough trained to turn the scale against Germany. Having a larger population than Germany she can call up powerful armies, and her soldiers will be found, like those of Canada, to be equal to the severest test.

Of course the sneers of the German press are for effect in Germany. If the people can only be persuaded that it is impossible to defeat them they will go on fighting. The fact cannot be overlooked, however, that they are feeling the pinch of famine, and must be beginning to realize something of the desperate situation into which they have been led by the war-lords. The boast of one German paper: "Let the rest of the world come as well—we will beat them all," is so utterly foolish that we can hardly imagine the writer expecting anybody to share his views, or that he himself entertains such views. German-Americans in the United States say there will be a revolution in Germany after the war. If it does not come before the end of the war it will be because the German press has been able, with the aid of the censor, to go on fooling the people.

If you cannot carry a gun perhaps you can handle a spade or a hoe. Join the gardening brigade and help to mobilize the vacant lots.

### CONSTANTINOPLÉ

The Toronto Globe prints the following interesting summary of the situation in Turkey, and the outlook in regard to that country's further participation in the war:—

"The defence of Constantinople, which General von Mackensen is reported to be organizing, will tax all the resources of the Ottoman government. It is unlikely that Turkey, for the remainder of the war, will be willing or able to aid any of her allies. Since the war Turkey is said to have mobilized in all not more than a million and a quarter men. Of these half have been used up in the fighting at Gallipoli, Armenia, Mesopotamia, Arabia, Egypt, and by the ravages of disease to which Oriental armies are subject. About half a million men are now available, but as these are scattered over the various fronts in the Near East—the bulk of them operating in Asiatic Turkey—the task before the Ottoman government is much greater than that undertaken at the Dardanelles. To the regular forces in the field may be added fifty thousand Turkish reserves, about two hundred thousand conscripts of the 1918 class, already called up, and a reinforcement of sixty thousand Austro-German troops which have been kept at Constantinople to maintain order and to prop up the present government. Enver Pasha, the evil genius of Turkey, will all Mackensen in the task of re-organization, but the people of Turkey have no love for the Germans. According to military experts, Constantinople will fall as soon as the combined British and Russian armies bring their guns to bear on the city from the Asiatic shore opposite. But heavy fighting may be expected before the British smash their way through the Cilician Gate—the pass through the Taurus Mountains, near Adana, which is one of the strategic keys to the Turkish capital. The other two—Erzerum and Trebizond—are in the hands of the Russians. German troops are guarding the approaches to Constantinople. The immediate plan of the Allies in the Near East is to destroy the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia and Persia."

The Times has received several letters relating to daylight-saving from citizens whose names are not signed to their communications. Letters are frequently received from anonymous correspondents. It is desirable that all controversial letters be signed. Every practical newspaper man knows how easy it is to start an interminable controversy between persons who are concealed behind a nom de plume, and who are apt to grow into the belief that any anonymous correspondent is found willing to use a newspaper as a club with which to work out a personal grudge. It is therefore desirable, even in regard to such matters of public interest as daylight-saving, that those who write content to the publication of their names. There is no disposition on the part of the press to prevent the expression of opinions, tersely and fairly set forth, and signed communications carry more weight. One correspondent opposed to daylight-saving makes assertions without submitting any proof whatever. Another might contradict them quite as assertively, and also omit the evidence. Let us have facts and names.

The New York Times says: "Canada has a new reason for pride. It was great good fortune for her that the taking of Vimy Ridge, for which the Allies had poured out so much of their blood, fell in the long run to her. April 9, 1917, will be in Canada's history one of the great days, a day of glory to furnish inspiration to her sons for generations. Her new ally salutes her and rejoices with her."

The members of the city council expressed themselves somewhat freely yesterday regarding the huge government expenditure at Halifax and the difficulty of getting anything worth while done for St. John. The point is well taken. We ought to have had by this time a new harbor at Courtney Bay, and some of the National Transcontinental terminals there, as well as the great ship-building plant.

### HEADACHES

Thousands of men and women suffer from headaches every day, other thousands have headaches every week or every month, and still others have occasional headaches, but not regular intervals. The best doctor is often unable to find the cause of many of these headaches, and in most other cases, knowing the cause, he does not know what will remove it, so as to give a permanent cure. All he can do is to prescribe the usual pain relievers, which give temporary relief, but the headache returns as usual, and treatment is again necessary. If you suffer from headaches and have been unable to remove the cause, take anti-kammit tablets, and obtain the greatest possible relief. You can obtain them at all drug stores in any quantity, 10c worth or more. Ask for A-K Tablets.

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"Your oldest brother is at the front, of course?"

"Oh, yes; he's got the Victoria Cross," she answered.

"And your second brother—how about him?"

"He's at the front, too. He's been twice wounded."

"And is your youngest brother, the 17-year-old Harold, also in the trenches?"

"No," she said. "He's minding India."

Binks had only recently bought the new sixty-horsepower Dierhard and when his chauffeur ran it into the garage with all the tires cut to ribbons he was naturally annoyed. It is probable that he used language.

"Alfred," he cried, "what the blacking blue moon do you mean by bringing the car home in that state?"

"Very sorry, sir, I couldn't help it. It was an accident. I ran over a beer bottle."

"Ran over a beer bottle? Why, surely you could have seen anything as big as that and have avoided it?"

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Washington, April 13—America's most immediate offensive campaign against Germany—the furnishing of food and supplies to the Allies—with the ships to transport them—is taking shape. The Treasury Department, the Department of the Interior, the Shipping Board, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of War are joining hands in the effort. Many of the incidental departmental questions connected with the problem were discussed at a long session of the cabinet today.

The shipping question is commonly regarded by high officials of the administration as perhaps the first in importance of all of the projects which must be expedited, and prominent among the factors involved is the use to be made of the German ships now lying in American ports. A formal decision as to the disposition of the German vessels is expected daily. In the meantime agents of the Treasury Department and agents of the Shipping Board are making a thorough inspection of the ships in order to determine the nature and extent of the necessary repairs, and estimates on the time which they will require will be submitted as soon as the investigation has proceeded sufficiently. It is understood that the government agents are already in formal conference with ship-building concerns on the matter.

While it is understood that all of the details of the questions have not been determined, it is also understood that all German merchant ships now lying in American ports will be utilized as carriers to defeat the German submarine campaign as soon as they can be put in shape. From what can be learned of the administration's plans in this regard the government will be utilized as a matter of course without compensation all shipping owned by the German government or owned by the corporations which have a governmental character. Those which belong to private individuals or firms, it is understood, will be pressed into service, but the German owners will probably be reimbursed after the war. The question as to what is to be done with the Austrian vessels now in the hands of the federal authorities probably will not be determined until it becomes evident whether Austria

will join in making war on the United States.

To Buy Interred Ships.

A plan is also being considered to offer to purchase from the Cuban government the three German ships which are now being held in Cuban harbors. The suggestion has also been made that if Brazil decides to enter the war a similar agreement with her might be reached. Neither government, it is understood, has been approached on the subject.

While the work of putting these German ships in shape for active service is going on the Shipping Board, whose plans for building a thousand wooden freighters of from 3,000 to 3,600 tons have now been approved by the president, is rapidly putting its programme into effect. Contracts have been let and plans for standardizing parts have been completed. It was learned today that the president is considering asking Major-General George W. Goethals to take general charge of the work of building these vessels. Although General Goethals has had no specific training as a ship-builder, it is believed that his ability as an organizer would be of tremendous value to the nation in the rapid consummation of these shipping plans.

Manning New Ships.

One of the problems which has yet to be solved in constructing a merchant marine capable of conquering the German campaign to isolate England, that of furnishing crews to man the vessels, has not yet been completely solved. Officials in touch with the situation, however, believe that the International Seamen's Union can be depended on to meet the demand, and that its members from all of the Entente nations, particularly Great Britain, as well as from the United States, will rally loyally to man the new ships. Although it is realized that the United States alone cannot immediately furnish enough trained sailors, it is believed that co-operation between the United States and the Allied Powers will be able to take care of the need. The experience of the shipping companies now engaged in running the submarine blockade has demonstrated the complete readiness of seamen to volunteer for the work.

There is no disposition on the part of the administration officials in charge of the shipping programme to minimize the seriousness of the German menace to shipping. It is realized that German submarines are now sinking more freighters than are being built, and that submarine crews are constantly growing in effectiveness as they gain experience. They are confident, however, that with the German steamers, some of which can

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