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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H.M. The King TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

## GERMANY MUST COLLAPSE.

The report of a few days ago that representative merchants in Hamburg were urging upon the German government the advisability of opening overtures for peace may not be true, but the fact that it has been circulated, and has not been denied, can be taken as an indication of a revival of the peace sentiment. It is not conceivable that German merchants would desire peace if they thought there was the slightest chance of emerging successfully from the struggle in which that nation is now engaged. Consequently the fact that "peace talk" is once more emanating from German sources is evidence that all hope of victory has departed. A similar meaning may be read into the German threats of a new campaign of horror to be instituted about March 1st. It is possible that Germany hopes, by such means, to drag the United States or other neutrals into war and then cry quits on the plea that she cannot fight the whole world.

A year and one-half of fighting cost Germany practically the whole of her colonial possessions. When war opened she owned the following territories abroad:

Area, Sq. miles.	Population.
Africa—	
East . . . . . 384,000	7,500,000
South West . . . 322,000	120,000
Kameruns . . . 300,000	3,500,000
Togoland . . . 33,000	1,000,000
Asia—	
Kiao Chan, etc. 2,950	145,000
Pacific area—	
Solomon Islands 4,000	35,000
New Guinea . . 90,000	485,000
Marshall Islands 160	10,000
Caroline Islands 800	75,000
Samoa Islands 1,050	35,000
	1,187,960
	12,885,000

The surrender of the Kameruns was officially announced on Saturday last and this leaves the Kaiser's Empire with only one colonial possession in German East Africa. As Allied forces are rapidly advancing on that territory its capture is but a question of time.

It has been said that Germany's desire in entering this war was to obtain room for growth, colonies favorably situated to accommodate her surplus population. Instead of gaining her ends she has lost her original possessions and after the war is over will be stripped of everything save the country in Europe now occupied by her and of that it is very likely large slices will be taken. Alsace and Lorraine are sure to be restored to France and, in fact, are as good as gone now. Northern Germany will have to contribute territory to make a rejuvenated and restored Belgium. In the East, Austria-Hungary, Germany's ally, will suffer by forced concessions to the Russians, to Italy, to Serbia and Montenegro. Bulgaria will also lose possession of hundreds of thousands of acres, while Turkey will disappear from Europe. This becomes more certain as the war goes on.

What can Germany hope to gain by a continuance of the struggle? It is not to be expected that the Entente Allies will make peace except on their own terms and it is also quite conceivable that the nature of these terms was decided upon long ago. Germany's hope in the beginning of the war was to win by sudden assault. That hope has long since departed. The advantage of preparedness which she possessed at the beginning is being overcome every day, while her offensive and defensive strength is gradually waning. It is all very well for her officials to issue statements to the effect that the war can be prolonged indefinitely, but the world knows better than that. The war must end sometime and end in disaster to German arms. The longer the process is delayed the more bitter will be the defeat when it comes, and the more costly the price to be paid. Germany must collapse and, for her, the sooner the better.

## "THROUGH GERMAN SPEC-TACLES."

The above heading is used by the London Daily Express for a column in which it presents examples of war news and war comment extracted from

the German newspapers. If the samples quoted by the Express are authentic, and there is no reason to doubt them, they probably furnish a solution for the point of view from which it is reported captured German soldiers express themselves as to the duration and ultimate result of this conflict.

The German people are not being told the truth. Germany's losses are minimized and her successes glorified until they lose all semblance to verity. And when successes are not arriving with sufficient regularity to serve the purpose, a few are manufactured for the occasion.

Some emergency such as this was probably responsible for the following account of the effect of a German air raid on Liverpool which the London Express reprints from the North German Gazette, the official newspaper published daily by the German government, and which has behind it all the authority and influence of the German rulers. Here is the story as the Gazette tells it:

"An old and valued friend of this journal, a prominent Stockholm business man, who has just arrived in Germany from England, has furnished us with a really reliable report of the effect of our Zeppelins' recent attack on Liverpool.

"He states that the damage caused in the docks and the district around them was estimated at £2,000,000 at least. Two big liners were literally cut in halves, and their cargoes of grain and explosives, which they had only brought home that very day, were, of course, utterly destroyed.

"The great railway station in Lime-street has had to be closed to traffic, with the exception of a small branch section, owing to the mountains of debris caused by the collapse of the roofs and supports which cover up the rails, and the Corn Exchange, in the very heart of the business district, has suspended all transactions, as every part of the building has been rendered unsafe.

"At every moment huge blocks of masonry are giving way and encumbering entrance halls and stairways; the tramcar service has been reduced to two or three cars in the early morning and at night, the day traffic having been rendered impossible owing to the immense crater-like cavities that have been formed all along the line.

"Over the whole extent of the great city but three schools remain open; the others have been practically demolished. Not even in San Francisco at the time of the great earthquake has such gloom and desolation been witnessed in any city as that which has seized on Liverpool.

"At night it is like the abode of the dead, none but police carrying electric lanterns being seen in the inky black streets. There are no theatrical or cinema shows, and no taverns even are open after six o'clock in the evening, the people having all hurried home to pass the night as best they may in their coal cellars or underground kitchens.

"This grim tribute to the efficacy of our airships will, of course, be pool-pooed by the English Press. For that we are quite prepared, but their lies cannot deprive us of the intense satisfaction of knowing the knowledge that we have found the way to pierce Albion to her vitals at last."

The Daily Express makes the comment that, except for the fact that since the war broke out there has never been a German Zeppelin within forty miles of Liverpool and, consequently, the account is absolutely false in every line, there is little fault to be found with the story. "It may encourage Germany and it does not hurt us." It is, however, a fair and reasonable sample of the reliability of the "war news" to be found in newspapers published by the authority and under the direction of the German government. The reason for such a course is obvious.

## THE UNITED STATES' POSITION.

That the United States and Germany are liable to come to a clash very soon over the question of submarine warfare is now admitted by some of the American newspapers. The New York Herald, under the title "Nearing The Brink," has this to say: "The developments of the next few weeks may be momentous for the United States. The public should understand that, although a crisis has so often been averted by strong inclinations to find a peaceful way out, the crisis is coming when there must be an adjustment or a chance in measures."

"Indeed, every indication based upon semi-official statements from Washington, Berlin, London and Paris is that this government is inevitably heading

toward a clash over the broad question of submarine warfare.

"The velvet glove has been discarded at the State Department. Count von Bernstorff, at a time when relations of even a coldly friendly character between this country and Germany hang by a slender thread, has been given a slap in the face for violating the elemental ethics of diplomatic conduct. This country has told Germany that she will not consent to the sinking of merchant vessels, even though they be armed for defence, unless they are given warning and unless other basic rules of international law are complied with. Germany intimates that her original order stands. On the heels of this comes a statement that the 'last word' has been said about the Lusitania. Germany evidently means what she says. Now it becomes necessary to wait and see whether this government also means what it says.

"If the United States does mean it, then an impasse has been reached, and there is only one way out. This is the plain truth, and making all due allowance for 'ifs' and 'provisos' there would seem to be a likelihood that the German Ambassador will not much longer tarry at Washington."

## Concerning Recruiting

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 22. To the Editor of The Standard:—Sir,—I read with regret certain editorial remarks made in your article "What Women Can Do" in this morning's issue.

What right, for instance, has the employer to attempt to discriminate against the employees when he is not in the ranks himself? It is the plain truth, and making all due allowance for 'ifs' and 'provisos' there would seem to be a likelihood that the German Ambassador will not much longer tarry at Washington."

I should think that no local business man would have the heart to begin such treatment after the ridiculous response made in an effort to form a business men's platoon.

Four out of four hundred business men were willing to go, and when a certain honest speaker at the recruiting meeting immediately following, mercilessly criticized their indifferent attitude he both voiced the opinion of the working classes and showed the employers of labor in their true light.

As long as military service is voluntary there should be no hint or attempt at coercion by word or deed, and any ill-timed remarks or acts by speakers or employers who should show the way themselves, serve only to antagonize the rank and file.

It is very rarely that one man can know another's exact circumstances or conditions and there appears to be extremely too much random platform oratory which overshoots the mark and wounds the feelings of many who have been rejected.

## A CONTRIBUTION FROM ST. JOHN.

That St. John ladies do not confine themselves to local work alone, but are ready to assist in any good cause, is shown from the following taken from the Quebec Telegraph:

"Thirty pounds of kid gloves, kid and leather of various styles, have been received by Mrs. Alexander Gorr, of the Duke of Kent Chapter, I.O. D.E., from Mrs. Richard J. Hooper, of St. John, N. B., the same to be added to the Quebec Telegraph Glove Fund. Mrs. Hooper has collected these thirty pounds of kid from all over the Province of New Brunswick, and has forwarded them to Mrs. Gorr, to be sent with other collections for the Daughters of the Empire in Quebec to headquarters in London. Mrs. Gorr is also in receipt of a quantity of gloves from her many friends in the United States which will also be forwarded shortly, demonstrating that the Telegraph's appeal has been widespread."

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But she aint got 10 years more sense,  
And I bet I'll have more than wat she's got,  
10 years hence.

Most peepi wood be glad  
If shes no powder on thare nose,  
But if Gladdie finds out thares nun on hera,  
Rite up to put sum on she goes.

Her felloes name is Mr. Parkies  
And he comes about twice a week  
And they both go into the parlor  
And set on the sofa and speak.

Wants a week he brings her candy  
And I go in and get sum of it,  
And wen he goes she aint upstairs  
And I cant find out wat bekums of it.

She can make pritty good pineapple pies  
If sumbody eits makes the dough,  
And thares 8 paces of shoes underneath of her bed  
Setting thare all in a row.

Wen she calls up sumbody on the telephone  
And starts to listen and tawk,  
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