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A GERMAN BOASTER.

An extraordinary story comes from Berlin, credited to one Bergmann, said to be "one of the leading industrialists of Germany, to the effect that there is no unemployment in Berlin; that the peace-time industries all over the country are settling down to work with orders for a long time ahead; and that Germany has the money to pay for the food and everything else she will be compelled to buy abroad."

If this is true the Allies will be able to secure large indemnities. If Germany has plenty of money and is now planning to go on accumulating more wealth, the Allies must see to it that this money goes to rebuild Belgium and France and Serbia and other territory laid waste by German ruthlessness. It would be a mockery of justice to permit Germany to get raw material, develop her industries and go out after world-trade while the countries she ravished were struggling to repair the waste and get on their feet again.

We may doubt, however, if Herr Bergmann is telling the truth. Germany no doubt has a splendid industrial organization, but if she had not reached the point of exhaustion she would not have accepted the armistice terms imposed upon her. However, Herr Bergmann's story is at least a good omen for the begging appeals of some other Germans for food and for less severe terms. No doubt the Allies now have reliable sources of information as to the actual conditions in Germany, although they are saying very little about it.

PROHIBITION.

Will the necessary three-fourths of the American states declare in favor of an amendment to the constitution to provide for national prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors? There are forty-eight states, of which fourteen have declared by the necessary majority in the legislature in favor of the amendment. Thirty-four have yet to vote, and it will be necessary to carry twenty-two of these. The states that have already ratified are Mississippi, Virginia, Kentucky, South Carolina, North Carolina, Montana, Texas, Dakota, Maryland, Massachusetts, Delaware, South Dakota, Massachusetts, Arizona, Georgia and Louisiana.

At the world prohibition conference in Columbus, Ohio, last week, Mr. Wayne B. Wheeler of Washington, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, said that a canvass of the situation convinced him that not only would the necessary thirty-six states vote for the amendment, but that there was an excellent prospect of carrying forty-seven of the forty-eight.

Recent revelations of the activities of the United States Brewers' Association will doubtless have a good deal of influence upon public sentiment. It was brought out last week in Washington, before the senate judiciary sub-committee, not only that the brewers had an organized boycott against firms and individuals suspected of a leaning toward prohibition, but that they were in league with the German-American Alliance, which was dissolved by resolution of congress after it had been proved to be disloyal.

In cases of boycott, the brewers not only compelled all their employees as far as possible to cease doing any business with firms on the black list, but they exerted every other possible influence to ruin them. For example, it is charged that an attempt was made to influence the architects to exclude the products of the American Inland Mills Company, which was on the list, from any plans and specifications made. Officials of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railway were asked to explain to brewery officials why orders had been issued demanding total abstinence on the part of engineers, after a train wreck that cost thirty lives. Many such illustrations were brought out in evidence.

With regard to the German-American Alliance, which was the centre of German influence and did all in its power to keep the United States out of the war, bringing upon itself finally the condemnation of congress, the evidence shows that it was closely linked up with the Brewers' Association, through whose headquarters it flooded the country with literature designed to create pro-German sentiment. Even after the United States entered the war the two organizations were associated in propaganda work.

It would not be surprising if these revelations gave a stronger impetus to the movement to put the Brewers' Association out of business altogether.

But there is a much wider movement on foot than that to secure national prohibition in the United States. A federation to promote world-federation is proposed. An assemblage of all prohibition forces in the United States is to be held within a few weeks to set the world-movement in operation. It is proposed to send delegates to other countries to promote the cause. One speaker at the Columbus conference put the case in these forcible words:

"The revelation of the war is conclusive. A democratic government in the United States was not safe as long as there existed anywhere a powerful autocracy. The liquor problem is also a worldwide problem and the reform institution which must solve it must be world-wide in scope."

Of America's responsibility in the

matter Chairman Henshaw of the Prohibition National Committee, recently said:

"America has for a quarter of a century been transporting liquors to between forty and fifty nations, as a result of which hundreds of millions of black and brown peoples of the earth have felt the influence of American liquor. Dr. Roberts, a returned missionary from China, says there is not a public house in China but American liquors are advertised on the bill of fare and served to guests. That which is true of China is true in great degree of Africa, South America, Japan and India. If there is one reason for securing national prohibition, there are fifty reasons for securing world-wide prohibition. The crime of America against herself is in no wise equal to her crime against the non-Christian nations of the earth."

Occasionally there is a suggestion that Canada may relax the strictness of prohibition laws. Any such attempt should be resisted with all the force of an enlightened public sentiment.

THE CHILD AND THE STATE

The nation's dependence upon its children for future development and welfare, and its joint responsibility with parents for the development of healthy, intelligent and well-trained boyhood and girlhood, are well set forth in the letter of Mr. E. W. Fritchley, of Bombay, in today's Times-Star. He contends that the state should see to it that every child is properly fed and morally protected, even if it became necessary in some cases to supplement the scant earnings of deserving parents, or assume the care of utterly neglected children until their parents were in a position, in respect of both character and money, to discharge their parental duty. He would levy a heavy tax upon childless persons of wealth, and a child-tax of some proportions upon every childless citizen. His contention is that the profit to the state of the extra value and productivity of a life well-nourished and trained during its first fifteen years would be far greater than the cost of the necessary care. One reason for this would be that a very much smaller proportion would eventually land in prisons, lunatic asylums, infirmaries, hospitals and poor houses.

The letter is worthy of serious thought and discussion. Mr. Thomas Adams, in a recent plea for state action to improve social conditions made this startling statement:

"It is estimated on the highest authority that in North America we lose 600,000 annually by deaths from preventable causes. These are appalling figures, even today, when we are accustomed to the toll of human life which is being taken in Europe. Feeble minded children cost America \$80,000,000, and crime costs \$600,000,000 a year. A great proportion of this loss could be saved if proper hygienic measures were taken by government authorities."

Mr. Adams is not speaking with special reference to child-welfare. What he says applies to social conditions in general, and yet if the state did its duty to the children the parents would also be reached and the foundations laid "which would ensure healthy living conditions and increased efficiency in the future."

The Standard has printed two despatches purporting to have come from Ottawa, but bearing all the earmarks of having been written in the Standard office, making a vicious attack upon Premier Foster. The reason is plain. Premier Foster has exposed the grafters in New Brunswick and the Standard cannot forgive him.

The sinking of the surrendered German warships would be a practical step toward disarmament. If there is to be a league of nations there will be no longer any need of powerful rival navies. Not only for what she has done but because of her high sense of honor Britain might well be given the major portion of the task of policing the seas.

Berlin conditions indicate that German revolution is marked rather by apathy than by bloodshed. Anxiety over food is grave, and the people appear to have no energy for internal strife. But Germany has seen only the beginning of revolution. Winter and lack of food are likely to precipitate widespread disorder and violence.

A writer in the Cologne Gazette, who is described as a specialist, says there is abundance of food in Germany if it is properly distributed and rationed. He further says it is expected food prices will soon fall sharply.

Proof now comes from German official reports that Germany and Austria conspired to bring about the war, and that it was done deliberately in the face of England's efforts to preserve peace.

We venture to say that nine out of ten of the Canadian soldiers in active service would rather go across the German border than hasten home.

With Allied fleets in the Black Sea there should arise a healthier sentiment in Southern Russia.

LIGHTER VEIN

Only Left It a Comb.
"Mamma," said Bobby, "when you told the new cook to dress the chicken, she started to undress it."

Positive Proof.
"Yes, I'm getting old."
"Why, you're looking younger than ever."
"That's it. You may be sure you're getting old when your friends tell you you're looking younger than ever."

Not Easily Done.
"Say, pa."
"What is it?"
"When you tear your hair, how do you mend it?"

From the Chestnut Tree.
"The motorman usually has more money than the conductor."
"Why?"
"Because he keeps ahead, while the conductor is always behind."

Musn't Overheat.
"When feeding the furnace it's proper," said Tom.
"To give it at present a rather light meal."

Oh, mamma, I know that lady over there. She often speaks to me.
"Does she, really, darling?" answered the mother. "And what does she say?"
"She—she—well, she usually says, 'Don't you dare to throw stones at my dog again, you little wretch!'"

He Knew!
"No man can acquire money without making sacrifices," said the man who had made his.
"No," not even when he marries for it," replied the man who had tried the experiment.

Slight of Hand.
Fitz Jones—Did you go to the revue last evening, Percy?
De Brown—No. I attended a slight-of-hand performance.
Fitz Jones—Where?
De Brown—I went to call on Miss Le Smythe, and offered her my hand, but she slighted it.

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HAS RESIGNED.



F. B. McCurdy, M. P. for Colchester, N. S., has resigned both as parliamentary under secretary of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and as chairman of the Invalid Soldiers' Commission.

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CALLS IT WORLD'S GREATEST AND MOST PRESSING PROBLEM

To the Editor of The Times-Star:
Sir—The world was never faced with national problems more varied, and of greater moment, than it is today. Among these are the financial problem, the liquor, gambling and immoral problems, the educational problem, etc. But none are so great and of such vital importance with reference to the nation's future welfare as the man power problem.

The present awful war has reduced the male population considerably, and for years to come every male child's life must be looked upon as a valuable and indispensable asset, and should therefore receive the care and attention which is necessary to secure the best results from such a life.

Nations cannot afford to have any more wasteful, and everything which leads that way must be diligently removed, so that each life may have a fair chance of reaching its highest possibilities. It seems an astonishing fact, but it is a fact nevertheless, that in the past the breeding of cattle and horses has received almost greater attention than the rearing of children—children with immortal powers of action and influence either for good or for evil. It is not the darkest blot on the civilization of today that, in the most enlightened countries of the world, there should be found tens of thousands of children, regarding whom their nations have assumed no responsibility, except to accommodate their lives when wrecked, in prisons, lunatic asylums, infirmaries, hospitals and poor houses?

Is This Your Bill?

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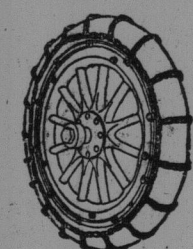
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protected from the influences which lead to degradation and poverty.

5. In the cases where the above reports are favorable, the cure of the child should be left entirely with the parents.

6. Where the reports as to the parents' conduct and sense of responsibility are favorable, but their income is below a living wage, state aid should be rendered, either by securing more remunerative employment for the family, or by giving such allowance as may be necessary to keep the child or children in fit condition.

7. Where parents are found whose moral and financial conditions are such as to show a sad lack of parental responsibility, the state should assert its national right to adopt, protect, and develop the neglected child, and should continue to do so until the parents are in a position, in respect of both character and money, to discharge their solemn responsibilities. There are tens of thousands of children who are both physically wrecked by disease, and morally wrecked by degrading surroundings, long before they reach their teens. Such children become a drag on the nation, and, on the face of it, it is far wiser to assume their care for the first fifteen years of their lives than their keep for the rest of life.

8. A very heavy tax should be levied on every wealthy childless person, as it is but fair that such wealth should be the main contributing factor to the betterment of the nation's man power, through which power their wealth has been, and continues to be, protected for their own solitary enjoyment.

The responsibility of aiding the nation in producing the best fed bodies, the most enlightened minds, and the cleanest characters the nation can possibly have produced, largely through the surplus wealth of the wealthy, should be borne home upon this section of the community. The extra value and productivity of a life which has been sufficiently nourished and carefully trained, say during the first fifteen years of its existence, is incomparably greater than the cost of its support during those early years. It starts with a distinct asset in the way of a base, which is likely to give it strength and purpose in reaching the highest goal it is possible for it to reach.

Then, too, we should not forget the decidedly superior bodies and minds which the offspring of such protected children are likely to have.

Heaps of money has been spent in the past on brick and stone monuments of kinds throughout the empire. Should not money in future be spent in the erection of the best monuments any nation can possibly raise, namely, clean, upright, powerful, thinking and acting citizens?

We have been giving millions a day for the destruction of an enemy power; may we not give one million a day for a few years in constructing the best man and woman power for the future of our nation, which would, in the next decade or two, help in solving the tremendous financial problems which now face us.

Yours, etc.,
E. W. FRITCHLEY.

COUNTY COURT.

The county court, His Honor Judge Armstrong presiding, was engaged all day yesterday in the trial of the case of Harry McEllan, who is charged with stealing invalid port wine from a C. P. R. car at Fairville. Attorney-General Byrne is conducting the prosecution and D. Mullin, K.C., is counsel for McEllan. Considerable evidence was taken during the two sessions and the case will be resumed this morning at 10 o'clock.