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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Britain's Sea Power

WERE it not for the British Navy, Germany would today be the master of the world. Germany's preparedness, combined with her wonderful military resources, gave the Teutonic alliance a commanding advantage that all the rest of Europe could not have withstood had land warfare alone been able to determine the result. But for Britain's domination of the seas the war would be over and civilization prostrate before triumphant German militarism.

What has been accomplished by the British Navy has been carried through without a single conspicuous achievement; there has been really no decisive naval battle; there has been no engagement between warships of the first class. None the less work of the British Navy as a whole is the one decisive factor of the war.

German commerce has disappeared from the ocean, and hundreds of thousands of tons of German shipping are rusting at the piers. Germany is cut off from all trade with the outside world, and compelled to manufacture herself whatever she needs for military and civil purposes. Only her Baltic ports are open. Her colonies have dropped away one by one, and month by month her isolation is more complete.

Von Tirpitz's navy is snugly hidden in the Kiel Canal beyond the range of British guns; and except occasional sniping by submarines British shipping goes on without any serious interruption.

Thanks to this the Allies have the manufacturing resources of the world to draw upon. More than a million soldiers have been landed in France under naval convoy without the loss of a single transport until the Royal Edward met her doom on Tuesday last.

British colonial troops are transported from every quarter of the globe as freely as in time of peace. The operations in the Dardanelles have been made possible only by the British Navy, and but for the British Navy Russia would not be able to obtain supplies of ammunition and guns without which no further resistance could be made to German advance.

Some captious critics have made much of the failure of the British fleet to "capture or destroy" the German fleet as it was ordered to do when the war began. But the German fleet might as well have been captured or destroyed for all the service it has been able to render to German arms.

Misdirected Energy

IF only a portion of the energy displayed by the Morris Government had been intelligently directed, and the rest stifled, suppressed and rendered inactive this country would to-day have cause for rejoicing over having put them into power, instead of having to weep bitter tears of regret for the folly.

We have out of our superabundance of charity headed this article "misdirected energy" when we have very strong misgivings as to whether the energy were or were not misdirected.

There are people who believe that a well thought out plan of involving this unfortunate country in financial ruin was behind all the headlong and seemingly unintelligent labors of the present Government.

We are not quite sure whether the Morris Party are content to lie down under this aspersion or bow to the other only remaining alternative that of having good and honest intentions set awry by the grossest stupidity. The question is whether they prefer to brand themselves as traitors to their country and foul betrayers of the confidence of the people who elected them, or whether they would rather be regarded as a bunch of intellectual cretins who lent themselves to the manipulations of those higher up in the scale of mentality, if deeper down in the sloughs of immorality.

Whether the activity of the Morris Government were directly or indirectly, willingly or unwillingly aimed at the embarrassment of this country is purely an academic question at present, the solution of which could not in the very least degree assuage the pain which the distasteful fact imposes on us, that the ruin of the country has been accomplished.

The people's money has been wasted in wild cat schemes, in boodling and graft, valuable time pregnant with every glowing possibility has been wasted, and the credit of the country reduced to the lowest ebb.

This is what the Morris Government's activity has done for us, and who will say that the work has not been done to perfection and the country "done brown."

Are those who demanded so strenuously that Morris be allowed to "finish his work," quite satisfied? Has Morris finished his work to their entire approval? These are questions that they ought to answer. We know that there are quite a goodly few who might express themselves as highly delighted at the manner in which Morris has finished his work, but they are not those who are the wealth producers of the country, or those who are content to earn an honest living, leaving grafting to the grafters.

The Reid Co. we dare say are quite satisfied with their railway construction contracts, and their big steal in connection with that outrage known as the Willson Deal, whereby they have gobbled up millions of dollars worth of the country's most valuable assets and effectually blocked any development in the regions covered by the deal that some future government may be inclined to undertake.

It would be invidious not to name all and sundry who have had every reason to approve of the Morris Government, for we are sure they all glory in their shame, but time and space forbid us, but in order to prevent any appearance of favoritism we may say that as far as can be learned there is not a member of the House, on the Government side, but who has been very well remunerated for his patriotic devotion.

The spoils of office have been scattered with lavish hand, and if there is ground for complaint at all among them it is only because some have received bigger plums than others.

Alcohol and Insurance

ARTHUR HUNTER, Actuary of the New York Life Insurance Company, has this to say regarding abstinence from alcoholic drinks:

"In my judgment it has been proved beyond peradventure of doubt that total abstinence from alcohol is of value to humanity; it is certain that abstainers live longer than persons who use alcoholic beverages. The low mortality among abstainers may not be due solely to abstinence from drink, but to abstinence from tobacco, and to careful regard for one's physical well-being.

"Among the men who admitted that they had taken alcohol occasionally to excess in the past, but whose habits were considered satisfactory when they were insured, there were 289 deaths, while there would have been only 190 deaths had his group been made up of insured lives in general. The extra mortality was, therefore, 50 per cent, which was equivalent to a reduction of over four years in the average life of these men. If this meant that four years would be cut off the end of the average normal lifetime of each man, there are many who would consider that 'the game was worth the candle'; but it means that in each year a number of men will die at an earlier age than they should."

These actuary statistics are based upon facts which cannot be gainsaid; and consequently are beyond cavil. The drinker and the men who are engaged in the liquor traffic are now regarded as "hazardous risks," consequently Insurance Companies are charging higher premiums for insuring them.

Mines and Other Things

WE have repeatedly made reference to the Department of Mines and Agriculture; and we are going to keep jogging the memory of the Powers that Be regarding certain recent happenings in the Department with a view to house-cleaning, in the interests of the public.

We now ask what action, if any, has been taken with regard to that claim-jumping affair. This demands an explanation, and we hope the Department will rise to the occasion, and let in the light on what seems a singular transaction.

It matters little what respectability attaches to the parties in the drama. If there are mining laws in this country, they must be observed. An explanation from those interested would allay a good deal of unsavory gossip, and at the same time would be reassuring to the legitimate prospector that the mining business in this country is not the special preserve of the privileged few.

If the Department will not condescend to get down to business, and let us know just what has happened, or is happening, it will devolve on us to give publicity to known facts in connection with certain much-talked-of mining deals, which may be a source of unpleasantness to some very respectable parties.

Are these people dabbling in mines in this Colony who are 'above the law'?"

Are stool-pigeons being used to obscure the identity of actual promoters?"

Are all the transactions connected with certain ventures, such as would bear publicity in an evening paper?"

These are questions which should be answered in order to meet the gravity of the situation.

The Best Medicine is Free

Providence Journal:—Last year this country spent more than half a million dollars on medicine. Few of us would dispute the usefulness of some of these, but there can be no doubt that a good many people take more medicine than is good for them. After all, the best remedies for most ills are fresh air, exercise and freedom from worry.

Finishing His Work

PREVIOUS to the last general election a hiring editor called upon the electors to allow Morris "to finish his work." The said hiring afterwards perpetrated a volume made up of newspaper cullings and certain unreliable data to show forth the political virtues of his "boss" (for the nonce), which volume was virtually paid for by the people of this Colony in the shape of political sops.

Now we have the spectacle of the finished work! The great tragedy has been enacted; and the players have been rewarded. Thousands have been filched from the public treasury to "meet" the demands of the players; and the last page of the *Magnum Opus* of Morris is being written. Newfoundland has been immolated to the manes of political greed; the coffers are empty; and she stands shorn of every asset.

The work is finished; and the autonomy of the eldest daughter of the British Empire has about run its course unless the incoming government of Unionists will be able to perform a miracle.

Hiring scribes have been enriched beyond computation; and they are now seeking a jumping-off place to catch the next train for—Heaven only knows where.

Nobody wonders that hiring will abandon a cause when it ceases to be popular; but yet we feel sure that the people of this Colony have now had a surfeit of bunco-steering journalism, and when the new deal is consummated, they will without the shadow of a doubt, mete out the punishment to betrayers of the interests of this unfortunate country, which they deserve.

Fighting In Garden of Eden

THE battleground where the British forces are opposing the Turks is the site which archaeologists claim to be the spot where the Garden of Eden existed centuries ago. The exact position lies between Annah and Hitt, on the Upper Euphrates, which is now the centre of the Turko-British struggle. The former home of Adam and Eve now resounds to the roar of howitzers and the tramp of armed men.

Many sacred scenes of Bible history are involved in the British campaign against the Turks in Palestine. One of the most sacred lakes in the world, the Sea of Gennesaret, or the Lake of Galilee, is in the war zone. It lies not far from Nazareth, and it was from it that St. Peter and the fishermen of the country gathered their livelihood. Here was also the town of Capernaum, famous for its miracle records.

The hills round Nazareth are now fortified by the Turks, and the sacred ruins of Capernaum are threatened by mines and air bombs.

The sites where Moses received the Ten Commandments and all the stirring events of the Israelite wanderings in the wilderness occurred have seen the horrors of war.

The Turks are conducting their campaign with utter indifference to the claims of sacred buildings and territory to be spared from destruction.

The village of Gaza, where Samson carried away the Temple pillars, and the town of Hebron, where Abraham was buried, lie in the path of the retreating Turkish army, and it is doubtful whether the soldiers will refrain from destroying these sacred sites.

Cold Storage For Bread

Cold storage bread is the latest innovation in the commissary department of the farm at the University of Minnesota. It has been found that bread placed in cold storage will keep entirely fresh for at least five days. As a result, the number of bakings at the institution has been materially reduced.

The World's Press

"One Vast Whole"

London Daily Express:—It is absolutely essential that we should look at this great struggle as one vast whole. Germany is feeling the financial strain of the great struggle more and more insistently. No one will sell anything to her except for gold. Another winter campaign will see her bankrupt, and the winter is rapidly approaching. We can afford to accept set-backs and temporary defeats with undisturbed courage and unruffled faith in ultimate victory. Only our own shortcomings can preserve Potsdam from destruction.

Russia's Endurance

London Times:—Suppose that after a longer or shorter resistance Brest-Litovsk were to fall, and the other Polish fortresses were to be captured one by one. Would that break the courage of Russia and induce her to submit to the enemies of her greatness, of her race, and of her Church? We look for an answer to her past history, to the conduct of her troops and people in the darkest hours of the present war, and, above all, to the indomitable temperament of her sons. She has sustained terrible blows in the campaign, as she has often sustained them before. But now, as in the past, she has shown how to endure and to return them. Now, as in the past, they have but purified and strengthened her invincible faith in her own destiny.

Germany's Big Mistake

Philadelphia Ledger:—The German fleet is as if it did not exist. Its submarines have sunk merchant ships and murdered non-combatants, but the military effect of their successes is nil. Its battleships remain in port. The few that were foolhardy have been captured or sunk. The German flag has been driven from the ocean. A rich commerce has been destroyed. Moreover, German methods of warfare have aroused bitter indignation and resentment all over the world. If every German merchantman were now released, it would take years to regain what has been lost. With the memory of the Lusitania graven deep in our hearts, how many Americans would sail again on a German liner?

Canada's Privy Councillor

London Daily Chronicle:—Sir Robert Borden's presence at the Cabinet meeting can have few, if any, precedents in modern times. The Canadian Premier was there as a privileged spectator and participant in the proceedings. It is true that the present Cabinet is itself an abnormal body; it is composed of leaders of different parties, and is more of a War Committee than a Cabinet in the usual sense. Nevertheless, the precedent created by Sir Robert Borden's participation is one which deserves attention, especially in its Imperial bearings, and it may not be without consequences ultimately.

Economy is Discipline

London Daily Telegraph:—We know not only that we can meet the financial challenge of our enemies until the last rag of the credit of the Central Empires has disappeared—if two great modern States persist in accomplishing that form of suicide—but that we are entirely resolved to do so. But we have also to understand, more fully than it is understood even yet, that there has to be discipline on this side of the war, as on every other, if the nation is to come out of the struggle without permanent financial injury. That discipline is economy—rigid economy all round, in the State as in the household; a complete readjustment of ideas in regard to expenditure on the part of every class of the population.

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