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Clean Sport

Now that the police court has been called in to settle the etiquette of the hockey rink, it might be well for all who are responsible for the honor of Canadian sport to recognize the introduction of this German element into our national games. Rugby and lacrosse are no more free from it than hockey. It is altogether against British traditions, and it tends to destroy the biggest and soundest element in our racial character—that of fair play.

There is nothing novel in asking for clean play and fair play, play according to the rules, in these games.

Sportsmen themselves of the best type have insisted upon clean play in other lines of sport and have set precedents which should be introduced, and the sooner the better, into games where team play is involved.

There is no finer sport than horse racing for those who like it, but horse racing has the strictest rules and the closest observance of those rules. A foul means that the horse goes to the horse show. The same thing is true of the prize ring. The foul fighter loses the decision.

It seems impossible to restrain the rowdy element in some players by the varying decisions of constantly changing umpires and referees. It ought to be regarded as a foul when any established rule of a sporting association is broken deliberately and a foul should be registered to the side deliberately and intentionally fouled.

Such fouls as throwing the stick in hockey or deliberately giving a man the lines in Rugby or the butt end of the stick in lacrosse should be so penalized.

We have no desire to see sport reduced to plink tea proportions, but there is all the difference in the world between vigorous, manly, sport according to the rules laid down and the crooked, German violation of rules in order to win by foul means when fair are inadequate. There is no danger that the sport will be less keen than it has been. Boxing is a better sport than the rules were modified and strictly enforced. In hockey, muscular energy will still find plenty of outlet in legitimate body checking and in the strenuous play which is possible under conditions which are at present recognized as perfectly clean.

There is more in this than mere sport. A vast mass of our population never get any other ideas of honor and fair play except what they get in sport. If our sport is not clean and fair, our people grow up with such ideas of honor as the Germans have shown in the events leading up to the present war situation. In Great Britain, and especially in England, the game of cricket has become a standard of clean fair play. King George thought it sufficient condemnation of the German methods to say that "it isn't cricket."

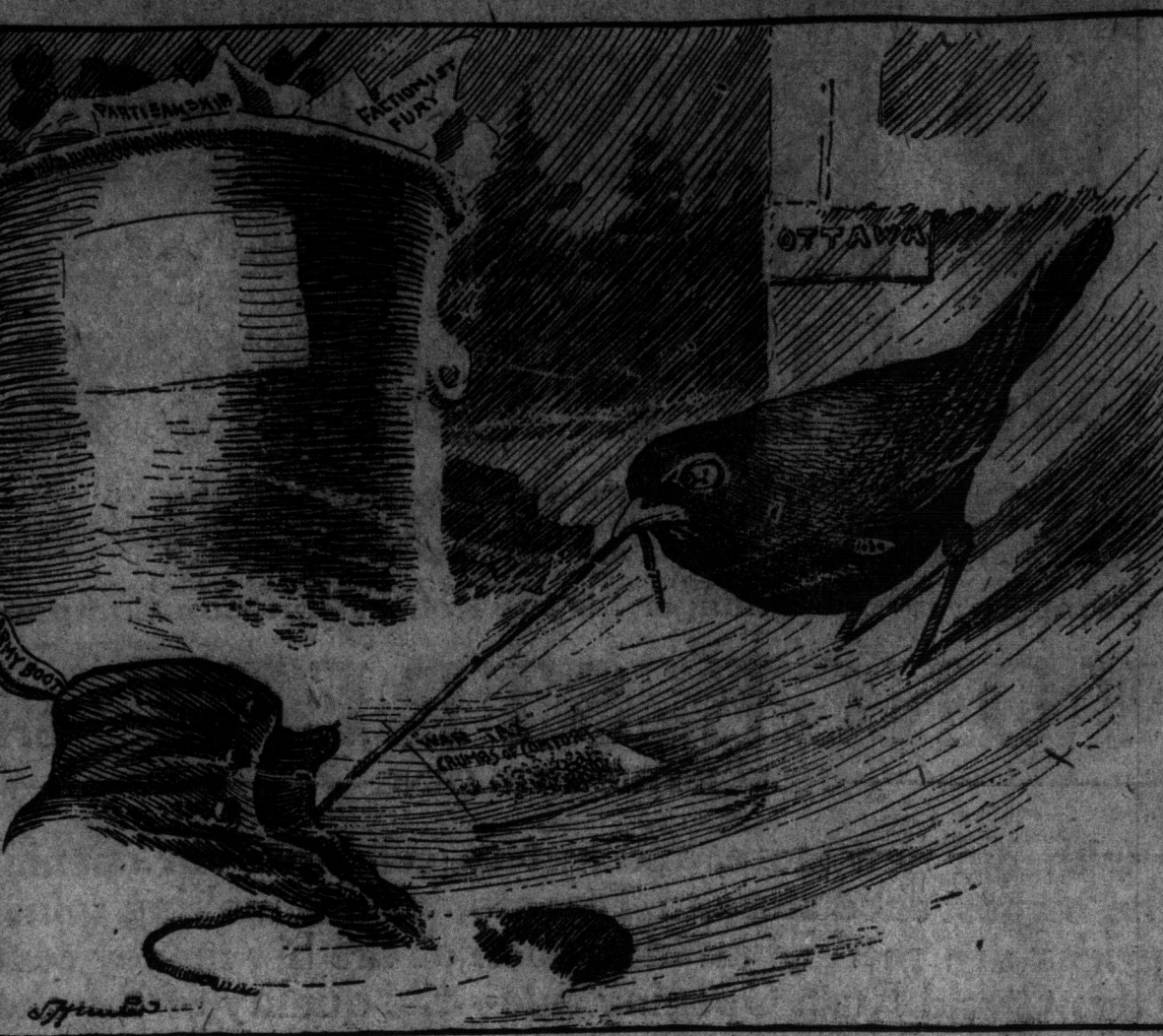
Canada should have as high a standard and be able to say, with equal force, "It isn't hockey."

Brain and Machine

When the German war machine was set in motion it at once disclosed its efficiency. For over forty years it had been preparing the combined ability of highly trained organizers and a meticulous care for every detail of its intricate mechanism had built it into a weapon of tremendous power. True, it stumbled over the doom of Belgium in its effort to make that nation a tacit ally in its campaign against France. But when its pulse was recovered it rolled along with the same confidence in its own invincibility and flooded Germany and the world with tales of its prowess in the field. Then, suddenly its triumphant progress was stayed within half of the goal. It came within sight of the spires of Paris, halted, retreated, failed to stem the French counter-attack, and for months has simply sought to hold what remained of its early gains.

One important point the makers of the German war machine overlooked. They had it ready, they had the plan of campaign ready, they had made provision for everything but an unforeseen derangement of their strategy and tactics. When this came something was lacking—the element that could instantly readjust the plan

JUST BACK FROM TRUCELAND—THE GLOBE ROBIN FINDS A WORM.



to the altered circumstances. The German war lords apparently imagined that when the hour came so would the man and that he, too, would be the product of militarism and the educational system it fostered. There they deceived themselves, for great military leaders are born, not made, however much their genius may be cultivated and extended by practice of the art of war. In proverbial parlance they put the cart before the horse, to their own discomfiture.

Germany and Neutral Nations

Notwithstanding its verbal truculence, Germany's last official despatch to the United States is really an appeal for mercy, for liberal treatment in the straits that have come as the result of German aspiration after world power. Because Germany is helpless at sea except for the few and partial successes that must inevitably attend the operations of her submarines, she asks that the United States suspend international law in her favor. Whoever is responsible for the German note pleads that while free trading between a neutral and a belligerent nation has hitherto been not only permissible but sanctioned, it ought to be suspended because Germany wantonly declared a war that involved a nation with superior sea power.

The effrontery of this appeal is apparent. Neutral opinion has rightly charged Germany with the sole and undivided responsibility for this most unjustifiable of wars. It has recognized and persisted that the outbreak was attributable solely to Prussian lust for world dominion and that the victory of Prussia carries with it the direct of all possible menaces to the rights of the small nations of Europe and the world. Neutral nations in the early stages of the war, when the Prussian war machine was in the ascendant and its wielders infatuated with confidence in its ascendancy, have seen every rule of international law violated, all considerations of humanity disregarded and the victim of manly tolerance and condoned. Now when the government that waged war without scruple finds itself faced with certain defeat, it implores neutral nations to come to its rescue and snatch it out of the pit it dug for its opponents.

For a nation that made itself a law unto itself, that wantonly invaded a small, contented and prosperous country without pretext of exile, that drove peaceful people into exile, that did not murder them—whether men, women or children—for such a nation to ask and apparently expect the extension of benevolent neutrality, affords just another proof of the self-deception that is the necessary prelude to ultimate defeat. Germany is suffering today, not primarily because its foes are using all legitimate weapons to crush aspirations that threaten the foundations of democracy and freedom, but because Germans sought to impose themselves, their ideas and their "kultur," on the world. What that "kultur" means every neutral nation knows, and among these are nations that have every reason to fear the heavy hand of a people who believe that might makes right. That adds to the burden laid on the United States. As the greatest of neutral powers it is in a measure the guardian of all, and in formulating its policy it should have regard not only to their trading rights but no less to their future when the storm of war passes.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

As the outcome of an address by Rev. Father Gillies, a Toronto Catholic Total Abstinence Society, has been formed. About 175 members have taken the pledge. One officers elected are: President, Rev. Father Gillies; Vice-President, Rev. Father Gillies; Secretary, Rev. Father Gillies; Treasurer, Rev. Father Gillies; and so on.

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GERMANY ADHERES TO BERLIN DECREE

United States Not Really Neutral is Reply to American Protest.

STARVATION FACED

To Take Counter Measures Against Britain by Laying Mines at Sea.

Canadian Press Despatch. BERLIN, Feb. 18.—The German reply to the American note makes the following announcement in its German "blockade":

"The procedure is in no way directed against legitimate commerce and legitimate shipping of neutrals, but represents solely a measure of self-defence, imposed on Germany by her vital interests against the blockade of her ports, which is contrary to international law, and which so far no protest by neutrals has succeeded in bringing back to the generally recognized principles of law as existing before the outbreak of war."

"All these announcements have been made as has been admitted, in order to cut off all supplies from Germany, and thereby starve her people. The German Government feels itself obliged to point out with the greatest emphasis that a traffic in arms, estimated at many hundreds of millions, is being carried on between American firms and Germany's enemies. Germany cannot help pointing out that it, together with the entire public opinion of Germany, feels itself to be severely prejudiced by the fact that neutrals, in safeguarding their rights in legitimate commerce with Germany, according to international law, have up to the present, achieved no results, while they are making unlimited use of their right by carrying on contraband traffic with Great Britain and our other enemies."

"Germany, after six months of patient waiting, sees herself obliged to answer Great Britain's murderous method of naval warfare with sharp counter measures. If by Great Britain, in her war against Germany, hunger as an ally for the purpose of imposing upon a civilized people of seventy millions the choice between destitution and starvation or submission to Great Britain's commercial will, then Germany today is determined to take up the gauntlet and to answer with all the means at its disposal the importation of war material to Great Britain and her allies."

"Acting from this point of view, the German admiralty proclaimed a naval war some weeks since. It expressly defined Germany, so far as possible, will seek to close this war zone with mines, and to later half of this number reported to have been surrendered, and the revolt is said to be abating."

PARLIAMENT AT ROME WAS OPENED QUIETLY

Canadian Press Despatch. ROME, Feb. 18.—The Italian Parliament opened today. There is no indication of any immediate debate of importance, concerning the international situation. The government posted troops to prevent crowds gathering and there was no disorder.

EAST PRUSSIA CLEARED IS BOAST OF KAISER

Canadian Press Despatch. London.—The president of the Province of East Prussia at Königsberg has received the following telegram from Emperor William, who has been on the eastern battle front: "Our beloved East Prussia is free from the enemy."

\$225 Niagara Falls, Ont. and Return, \$270 Buffalo and Return, Saturday, Feb. 20.

Tickets Good Leaving Toronto via Grand Trunk Railway at 8:10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, and valid to return on regular trains up to and including Monday, Feb. 22, 1915.

Secure your tickets at city ticket office, northwest corner King and Yonge streets. Phone Main 4209.

JEWISH POLITICAL ASSOCIATION. The Jewish Political Association has elected the following officers: President, Joseph Singer, Vice-President, M. P. Goldberg, Secretary, B. A. Suttin, Treasurer, J. L. Suttin, and so on.

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ANXIOUS TO KEEP KNOWLEDGE PRIVATE

Controllers Favor Judicial Inquiry Into Charges Against Hydro System.

MOORE PARK BRIDGE

Will Not Be Built This Year and Item is Cut Off.

Controller Foster is still anxious to have a judicial investigation into the W. C. C. charges against the Toronto Hydro-Electric System. The controllers are all in favor of an investigation, but the mayor does not want it to come before a judge, so that private companies can get inside information regarding the hydro. They will take a few days to consider just what action they will take.

Expenditure for car tickets by the city departments is a strong point with Controller Foster. He does not think that the expense in this direction should be large, on account of the city owning so many automobiles. When the medical health estimates called for \$5000 for car tickets, he drew a long breath.

At its meeting a few days ago the property committee did not deem it advisable to appoint a sub-committee to consult with Commissioner Clifton regarding the operation of the civic auditor. The controllers yesterday decided to recommend that a committee be appointed.

The bridge in Moore Park for the purpose of continuing St. Clair avenue will not be built. The works department estimated that it would cost \$345,000, and the controllers cut the item out yesterday.

The board of control last year received \$185,700 and spent \$140,187, making a deficit for the year. The board has a credit balance, however, of \$35,513.

The board of control recommends the leasing of the Beaches library in Kew Gardens. The item will come before the council on Monday next. Applications to the Municipal Loan Association are falling off. Three hundred loans have been made to date.

INSURING AGAINST U.S. FIGHTING THE TEUTONS

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Feb. 18.—Insurance was placed at Lloyd's today at 30 guineas per cent. on policies covering the liability against war between the United States and Germany within six months. One month ago the premium for this same risk and period of time was five guineas per cent.

Excellent Train Service to Montreal, Via Grand Trunk Railway. Leave Toronto 8:00 a.m. daily, arrive Montreal 6:45 p.m. Pullman sleeping cars, club compartment car.

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GERMAN MINE DESTROYS NORWEGIAN STEAMER

Nordcap of Hugesund Founders in Baltic Sea and All Crew Drowned.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Norwegian steamer Nordcap according to the Exchange Telegraph Co.'s Copenhagen correspondent, has struck a German mine in the Baltic Sea and foundered. All her crew perished. The Nordcap was a steamer of 322 tons and was owned by Wrangell & Co. of Haugesund.

The crews of one Danish and three Norwegian ships at Aarhus Denmark, refused to sail for England and left their ships.

How can anyone doubt the concentrated strength, the mental and physical refreshment, in a bottle of O'Keefe's "PILSENER" Lager, when Prof. Gaermer—in his famous book—"Manual of Hygiene"—states that "one quart of beer is equal in food value to three and one-tenth pounds of bread, and one ounce of meat."

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Handkerchiefs 25 dozen, Excelita, flannel, in fancy bordered designs, Regularly \$1.25, for .75

Negligee Shirts 35 dozen, English make, Oxford and Zephyr, all neat patterns, and all sizes up to 18 inches in the lot, Regularly \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, for .75

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COUNSEL FOR NERLICH SEEKS INFORMATION

Conditional Order Granted, But Information Must Be Shown to Chief Justice Mulock.

Chief Justice Mulock yesterday granted a conditional order to furnish the defence with particulars in the treason and conspiracy charge against Emil and Hedwig Norkel to I. F. Hellmuth, K.C., the prisoner's counsel, the condition being that the information in the order shall be shown to his lordship and meet with his approval. The defence may not be altogether satisfied, it was pointed out.

L. F. Hellmuth began his argument by stating that his clients could not see how they were to have a fair trial, since they had not received particulars sufficient for a proper defence.

A warm argument ensued from the fact that E. E. A. DuVernet, K.C., crown prosecutor, had certain letters in his possession of which the defence had not had a copy, and upon the information in these letters they were held as conspirators.

The defence claimed that if such letters were in the possession of the crown they had never passed their hands or seen them.

The trial will commence Monday at 11 o'clock in the criminal assize court.

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