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How Long Till the End of Efficiency?

Even virtue may become a vice, and it is well to remember that every virtue carried to excess becomes a corresponding vice. Strength in excess has its defects, and the strong man has to balance his defects with negative qualities.

It would not have been believed that the Germans, who had boasted for half a century of their Kultur, would have shown such savagery as the world stands against over in Belgium. But so it was. The Germans grew all to one side, like the handle of the jug, and they forgot to introduce the element of balance in their Kultur.

There is another phase of their system which may develop a peculiar result one of these days. It is their efficiency. We have heard about it till we are nearly sick of it. We have seen it in practice. We know they have it, and we have envied them. We have also imitated them, and we have introduced such efficiency as we are capable of into our institutions.

The German army is like Oliver Wendell Holmes' "One Hoss Shay." It is equally efficient in every part. The officers have been trained to the last point in everything that makes for the transcendent military virtue. But there is no compensating element, and when efficiency breaks down there will be nothing to replace it.

We hear constantly the reports of the results of efficiency in every department of German government. All the food in the country is classified and cataloged and sold in the proper quantities at the proper prices. All the metal in the country is inventoried, and Mrs. Albin's pot and Mrs. Deutscher's brass kettle is regulated and when it is needed. We have just been told that a Hun airman has been shot down and found to be using a Canadian machine gun captured at St. Julien. This is efficiency. Wherever there is a need it is provided for there is shortage of men they are strengthened with men from somewhere else.

Automatically efficiency runs its course and supplies whatever is lacking with whatever can be transferred. The process will go on as long as it is possible to continue it. Then, one day, the wonderful system of efficiency will come to an end. There will be no more material to strengthen the thin places. There will be no more substitutes for food and no more metal to scrap. Everything will be equally strong—and equally weak. Like the one-hoss shay, it will all go to pieces at the same time. There will be a universal disintegration, and the German Empire will resolve itself into its component parts. The Kaiser will cease to be a component part.

Canada's Main Transcontinental Depot is in Toronto

Some weeks ago The World drew public attention to the transcontinental service inaugurated by the Canadian Government in connection with the Grand Trunk, the Tinsmithing & Northern Ontario (owned by the province) and the Transcontinental (owned by the Dominion), and all, more or less, a public ownership arrangement.

HAS HE ANY BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS FOR WILHELM THIS YEAR?

The people of Canada own 40 per cent. of the Canadian Northern and therefore this new service will be a second instance of transcontinental railroad-building, more or less, on behalf of the nation. It is a beginning and will grow.

But the significant thing for the people of Toronto is that two great new transcontinental services are starting from this city and that one of them, the Canadian Northern, is very much of a Toronto enterprise and represents 10,000 miles of railway construction clear across Canada, first thought of, and finally completed, by two Toronto men.

The World does not pretend to say what the outcome of these two new services will be, but it is a fair inference at this stage that the business of Toronto will be greatly improved as a result. And Toronto now becomes the main eastern station of Canadian transcontinental traffic.

A Big Problem.

The Wilson administration will find itself at the next session of congress up against a general demand for more effective military preparedness on the part of the United States. Secretary Garrison of the war department, and Secretary Daniels of the navy department are said to favor an advanced program in the way of national preparedness and defence, but their chief maintains a sphinx-like silence.

A year ago Mr. Wilson, in his annual address to congress, took the position that a citizen soldiery would sufficiently protect the country, and Mr. Bryan, then his chief advisor, spoke of 1,000,000 men springing to arms in a night. The latter has since passed from public life, somewhat discredited, and Mr. Wilson may have learned some lessons from the great war. The suspicion, however, lingers, that he is a pacifist, and that the "military party," as they are sometimes called, will receive little encouragement from the White House.

It must be remembered that although the United States is utterly unable to wage an offensive war, and probably cannot defend herself against an invasion by a first-class power, she is spending every year a large amount of money on the navy, and the navy and the pension list. The enormous outlay upon pensions is properly enough charged to military expenditures and combined with the army and navy estimates, causes those expenditures to consume nearly one-half of the public revenue.

Those who opposed battleships in the past are to some extent vindicated because the navy as it stands today is helpless without submarines, torpedo destroyers, colliers and other auxiliary craft. Moreover, the present war has taught the lesson that an ocean marine is no less essential than battleships for the successful carrying on of a big war. Secretary Daniels says he should have 500 sea-going merchant vessels subject to requisition, but how they are to be provided unless the ship purchase bill passes, no one has yet attempted to explain.

All agree that the coast defences should be made more powerful and that the coast guard should be increased. The standing army at present is certainly too small for a country of 100,000,000 people. After deducting the troops stationed in the insular possessions and the canal zones and the coast artillery, the mobile force of the United States army is reckoned at about 12,000 men.

To enlarge the army means an enormous expense, as the American soldier is said to cost his country \$1000 a year. Then again there is the question of properly drilling the regular soldiers, who ought to be brigaded in large camps in the neighborhood of big cities. The labor unions oppose any such military demonstrations, and many toy gunnisons scattered all over the continent.

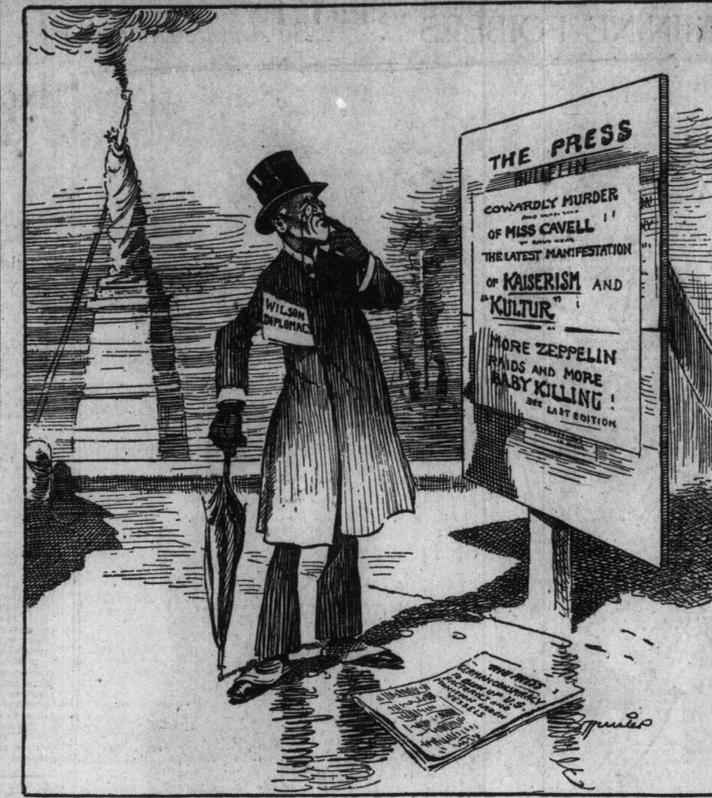
In a recent carefully thought out article, Hon. William Howard Taft, who was secretary of war for a number of years, and afterwards, as president, commander-in-chief of the U. S. army, declared that the expense of a large standing army was prohibitive. He practically advocated strengthening the navy and equipping the country merely for defence against invasion. Yet we submit that every first-class power should be in a position to land an expeditionary force in some other country if necessity requires.

The present war may help the United States to some extent by teaching her to manufacture munitions of war in large quantities, and by the number of men who will ultimately return to that country after having served in the armies of the allies. Possibly also many immigrants coming to the United States after the war will have seen actual service and be useful in case an army should hereafter be raised by voluntary enlistment.

Electrification a Success at London

All the dismal prophecies made by The London Advertiser and other opponents of public ownership, when Sir Adam Beck was advocating the operation of the London and Port Stanley Railway by the municipality have been falsified by the results. A cheque for

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COUNT VON BUELOW ON PEACE MISSION?

REPORT THAT HE WILL GO TO THE UNITED STATES IS, HOWEVER, DENIED.

GRAIN TO BE CARRIED BY INTERNED VESSELS

BRITISH GOVERNMENT RELEASES THREE SHIPS FOR NEEDS OF CANADA.

FACTS OR THEORIES?

MISS MACMILLAN HAS NOT GIVEN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN SO MUCH PRESTIGE AS PERHAPS WAS EXPECTED. SHE STRUCK THE WRONG NOTE FOR CANADA. HER APATHY TOWARDS THE FACTS OF WAR DOES NOT STRENGTHEN HER ARGUMENTS FOR THE THEORIES OF PEACE.

CABINET CRISIS

THERE HAS BEEN LESS TALK ABOUT THE FRENCH CABINET CRISIS THAN ABOUT THE

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LONDON, Oct. 28.—An emphatic denial that Great Britain was engaged in any peace negotiations, direct or indirect, was made by David Lloyd George, the minister of munitions, in reply to a question in the house of commons today.

Mr. Lloyd George spoke for Premier Asquith when the question of whether official exchanges of views had been carried on between Berlin and London with the possible object of the conclusion of an early peace, and whether inquiries of similar nature had been made by official representatives of any neutral power.

"Certainly not," was the reply of the minister of munitions. "The words of the prime minister still hold good," he added, referring not only to the question of peace negotiations, but to the query as to whether the premier still adhered to the declaration in his Guild Hall speech that Great Britain should not sheath her sword until "the freedom of Europe was secured."

"We shall not think of entering any peace negotiations except in concert with our allies in accordance with the agreement made in September, 1914."

On Sept. 5, 1914, Great Britain, France and Russia pledged themselves not to conclude peace separately, and that when terms of peace came to be discussed, no one of the allies will demand conditions of peace without the previous agreement of each of the other allies.

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LONDON, Oct. 28.—Suggestion advanced in a question in the house of commons today that the government might take steps to trace and confiscate private securities in England of the German emperor and rulers of German states, and hold them as security for damage caused by Zeppelin raids, does not meet with the approval of Premier Asquith.

The premier informed the house through David Lloyd George that he did not consider that the scheme offered a practical method of deterring the enemy from further violations of international law.

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BERLIN, Oct. 28.—At a meeting with representatives of all parties in the Prussian Diet yesterday, the chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, discussed the price and distribution of food. He stated that since certain food commodities were less abundant than in normal times their prices must be regulated in order to guarantee suitable distribution. It was necessary also to restrict the price of potatoes owing to the superabundance of this crop.

All who were present at the conference agreed that there was on hand a sufficient supply of food for the country's needs.

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