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FRANCE NOT DECADENT.

ONE thing the war has demon-
strated with impressive clearness is
that France is not the decadent nation
it was supposed to be. The world
had grown to believe that the French
people were rapidly dropping back to
the second or third row amongst the
nations. That their vitality, vigor and
color were being sapped by galety,
luxury, unbelief and physical de-
generation, was the general impression.
It took just about three weeks of the
conflict to dispel this idea, and when
the battle of the Marne was concluded
France stood out strong and stable,
winners of a fight that called for the
highest manhood. Caught unawares by
the smashing Prussian drive at Paris,
for a time it seemed as if France would
be conquered "with greater ease than
was the case in 1870. The Government,
expecting the fall of the capital, hur-
ried away to Bordeaux, and the nation
was buried in gloom. Then, at the dark-
est moment, came the dramatic turn-
ing on and driving back of the in-
vad-ers.

No doubt the leadership had had a
lot to do with the fine showing France
has made in the war up to date. It was
the lack of this, more than anything
else, that was responsible for the down-
fall of 1870. France entered that con-
flict supposing herself led by masters
of military science. When the test came,
with few exceptions, they appeared
ridiculous. The private proved himself
dashing and brave, but was so weakly
led that these soldierly qualities could
not be utilized to advantage. With
this war it has been different. Gen.
Joffre has been called too careful and
cautious, but it is the results that count
everywhere and the most searching
study of the campaign fails to show
where he has been in error to any seri-
ous extent. That he has had the com-
plete confidence of his men was shown
by their splendid steadiness during the
trying period when they were in re-
treat.

AND IT IS CHEAP.

In spending \$1,000,000 every three
days for her, Canada is paying
dearly for her indulgence in "en-
tangling European alliances," but
doubtless the Canadians of the next
generation will stagger under that
load of debt will think it cheap.
THE above is from the Detroit
Journal, which has been con-
sistently pro-German since the out-
break of the war. That seems
the simplest way to account for
the jibe, as it is not conceivable
that the people of Detroit, who are in
such close touch with Canadians soci-
ally and commercially, have so mis-
taken our motives. "Paying dearly
for her indulgence in entangling Eu-
ropean alliances," suggests that we could,
if we would, stand aside and let the
Mother Country fight it out without
any assistance from us. It is true
that Britain has never asked for, much
less demanded, our aid. It has always
been voluntary, and it is that spirit that
has made the Empire the mighty in-
fluence that it is today. But Canadians
would no more desire to stay out of a
war in which England was in-
volved, than would the people of
Michigan be the United States Gov-
ernment to declare war on some other
power. We are in this war to help
Great Britain in the sense that it
includes Australia, India, New Zealand
and all other sections of the Empire,
big or little. And as to the price, we
can't imagine any debt too heavy to
incure if it has helped destroy forever
any chance of Prussian "Kultur" being
imposed on us.

THE BALLY CENSORS.

A PUBLIC HOLIDAY to a news-
paperman is a misnomer. It
simply never occurs unless the human
machine breaks down, or the printing
machine breaks down. Christmas, New
Year's or any of the other days on
which the public in general rests are
days on which news is made as on
other days, and there is no rest for
those who have chosen the handling
of this news as their calling. Yet the
newspaperman would be the last to
consider himself a martyr to his work.
Four true reporters is never far from
the firing line. His editorial rooms are
his second home, if not his first. He
loves his work, or he would not be
engaged in it, because only those who
love newspaper work do not regard
long hours and unbroken years as a
burden remain at it. This year, since
the war broke out during the holiday
season, few men of the newspaper
staffs have had vacations. Even if
they could have had them there was
not any desire to take them when the
most important happenings in the
world's history were ticking over the
wires.

All this goes to prove that the gen-
tleman who select the news—the bally
censors, so to speak—are not news-
papermen. Even though the world gets

bumped out of its equilibrium, they will
not be at the office to transmit news to
the bally newspapers after it has
been submitted to them for the space
of 24 hours from 2 o'clock of the day
before Christmas until 9 o'clock of
Christmas night. It is a fine old
British tradition that Christmas should
be observed fittingly, especially by
those who are accustomed to much
leisure. But the British public will
be slow to appreciate the cutting off
of official news for more than a whole
day, at a time when the world is on
the tiptoe of expectation for word of
the result of the daily fighting. It
may be impertinent to criticize the
censors, but the newspaper
publishers of the country will regard
such an unnecessary action as more
stupid than brilliant. The men in the
trenches have their work to do on
Christmas. And the people of the
British Empire also serve in many
ways, although they seem to stand
and wait. Women in this city are
giving up their Christmas Day to make
the soldiers more comfortable. Mil-
lions of dollars have been sent by the
readers of newspapers, in many in-
stances through the direct appeal of the
newspapers. But the censors must
throw down an important duty because
the thing is such a bore.

THE NEW RUSSIA.

THE wonderful thing about Russia
today is that it is a land seething with
revolution and disruption a year ago
has been united by the war. It may
be said that till 1914 there were a
Russian Government (bad), and a Rus-
sian people (good). Now there has
been born the Russian nation, great,
united, sober and terribly strong. Nihil-
ist, Cossack and old-fashioned pietist
fight without a jar or a hitch, as one
great organism. And, almost more
wonderful still, the Pole and the Jew
are one with the Russ in hatred of the
Teuton, assailant, and determination
to wipe him out. It is a holy war of
Orthodox, Catholic and Jew against
the butchers of humanity that has be-
gotten a nation.

MR. RIDDER'S PLEA.

HERMANN RIDDER, editor of New
York Staats-Zeitung, gives voice to
sentiments which will find an echo
in many hearts at this time. He is
the editor of the principal paper pub-
lished in the German language in
America, and while his paper has been
barred from Canada, the following will
be endorsed by those who may almost
hope Mr. Ridder has had his eyes
opened to the folly of defending Prus-
sian militarism, Kruppism and Kaiser-
ism:
Previous to the war millions of
human beings in Europe were
marching shoulder to shoulder,
steadily and surely, along the road
to a better and nobler day. Hop-
fulness, like a cloth of gold, was
being spun to stretch from the
North Sea to the Mediterranean and
from the Atlantic to the crests of
the Great Mountains. The cause of
freedom and of social betterment
was progressing, if not fast enough
to satisfy the most impatient social-
ists, at least advancing within the
steady bounds of liberalism. Some
of us had even perceived broad
rifts in the clouds of militarism
and autocratic feudalism that had
blanketed the international develop-
ment of peace and good will among
men.

How doomed to disappointment have
we been! The majority pray-
ing for peace have been powerless
in the hands of the minority cursing
us with warlike fanaticism that has
blinded the international develop-
ment of peace and good will among
men. We have cast aside the burden
of mankind. For each step we
have been stumbling forward, each
step won with such infinite pains
and sacrifice, we are now hurrying
backward at a pace that numbs
the heart. How we shall have to
fight to regain that lost ground.
Our sons and our sons' sons will be
forced to stagger under the bur-
den that a few in an insane moment
have placed upon them all.
Christmas is approaching, but the
carols of that sacred day will be
muffled with the ache of a million
broken hearts. The terror of it is
with us all the day and all the
night. There is a day of reckoning
to come, when the books will be
balanced and then God pity those
whom humanity shall hold respon-
sible for this sacrifice.

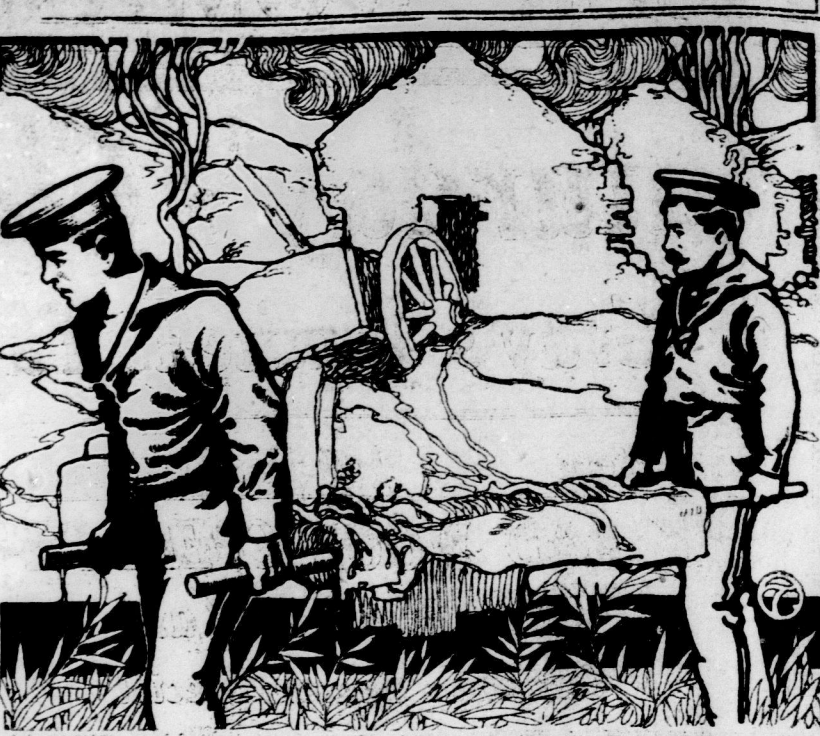
JETTISON.

JETTISON is throwing goods over-
board, in order to save the ship.
The London Times commenting on
the conduct of the Germans in bombarding
unfortified coast towns in England,
says: "We shall not discuss the pre-
scriptions of international law, because
the Germans jettisoned alike all
principles of international law and all
dictates of society."
Long before the Germans bombarded
the English coast towns they had no
principles of any kind to throw over-
board. Their first and greatest act of
atrocious murder, the invasion of Bel-
gium, has been condoned by the whole
world. That act proved that they had
no principles that they could jettison or
throw overboard. It will take Ger-
many many years to atone for its con-
duct towards Belgium or cause the
civilized world to either forget or for-
give it.

GERMAN SCIENCE.

THE ignorance of these Germans
who set up for such oracles of
modern wisdom and culture is some-
thing impressive. In his later work,
"Our Future," which has had an enor-
mous circulation in Germany, Bernhardi
makes the astonishing assertion that
England's grand object in attempting to
destroy Germany is to get the coast
clear for an attack on the United
States. "The danger of an Anglo-
American war is immeasurably great,"
he says. "The differences between the
two countries are so great that Eng-
land must constantly calculate on the
possibility of an Anglo-American war."
This is as funny as the pipe dreams
of Indian uprising, Canadian civil war,
and the eagerness of Britain's over-
seas self-governing dominions to secede
from the Empire. All these things
were prophesied by the Kaiser's diplo-
matic experts. The truth about Ger-
man culture is that the German is a
plodder, who works ahead systemati-
cally in some special groove, but when

DAILY WAR PUZZLE



Hunting for the wounded. Find two wounded soldiers.
ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE—Upside down in front of Dragon.
Upside down behind Dragon.

OUR POETS OF WESTERN ONTARIO

BELGIUM.
(FRANK BROWNE.)

Thou battlefield of Europe, one needs still
Think much of the old fields, the rough, the lost
Since Caesar turned from Gaul, or impetuous host
Of Marlborough swept red ruin from a hill
At Ramillies and Oudenarde; or shrill
Slogan at Houdeng presaged the onset
That closed the hundred days—thou battle toiled,
Blood drenched great realm of men invincible
Aye heroes all in this thy stricken hour,
Our hearts do yearn, towards thee, queenly great
As France when snatched she Bourbon tyrannies:
As Switzerland and the Venetian State,
As Poland in her final agonies:
Bayard of nations, great art thou as these

THE SPRING.

Merrily, merrily, lifts the spring;
Blush of a rose the summer time.
Late, ah late, the ripening
Out autumn fruit brings winter rhyme.
Tell me, O late sown ear of corn
What are the tares that beset the field?
Is the strength of youth as the strength of man,
Are the strongest they who the latest yield?
The length of its course the stream must flow,
And often the tales of the years are told.
'Tis a footpath path that the pilgrims go
As the years grow old.
Blush of a peach is the cheek of a girl,
Withered and wan the cheek of a crone—
The many who chase the wind-blown curl
Leave the grey alone!

it comes to large generalizations and
far-reaching views, the very test of
true culture, he is a child. He can in-
vent a cannon to batter down steel and
concrete, but his report on foreign
politics is material for an appendix to
a new edition of Grimm's Tales.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Tipperary seems a little bit nearer.
The Berlin version of that raid will
be as surprising as the raid itself.
When it keeps hanging around zero,
it's the meanest of mean tempera-
tures.
These snappy mornings the prosaic
pancake, and the simple sausage are
positively idyllic.
It has been said of the Kaiser that
he imagines himself a modern Caesar.
Well, the majority of that breed were
madmen.
Premier Borden says that he has not
read a paper for weeks. Wonder if he
missed the Conservative press' slam
at Sam.
That German squadron took a chance,
and succeeded, but the cemeteries are
filled with folk who slanted over thin
ice once too often.

Harry Thaw looms up again, his case
having reached the Supreme Court.
Evidently the only way to be rid of him
is for the United States to enter the
war and send him to the front.

President Wilson has been credited
with quietly using his influence, to
good effect against the gentle Ger-
man practice of dropping bombs on
women and children. What will he
say to the bombardment of sleepy,
old English coast towns, that never
did anybody harm?

[Grand Rapids Press.]
He came down the garden path, a
sad, sorrowful figure. She watched him
with anxious eyes.
"How did that fellow get there?" she
asked.
"He took it all right," replied the
young man.
"Oh, I am so glad, George," she cried.
"Are you?" he replied, frowning for-
lornly by her side. "Well, I can't say
that I am, dear. At first your father
wouldn't listen to me."
"Why didn't you tell him that you had
two thousand five hundred dollars in
the bank, as I told you to?" she ex-
claimed.
"I did, after all else had failed," an-
swered George dejectedly.
"And what did he do then?"
"He asked me to marry him," replied
the young man, passing his hand wearily
through his hair. "He borrowed it!"

POOR GEORGE.
[London Clarion.]
In this great adventure we are equal.
In this struggle for national life, we re-
ally all of us. The strength and life of all
is the strength and life of all. The treas-
ure of each is the treasure of all. Who
only gives his superfluous pence, who
compared with him who gives the coun-
try his life. The least we can give to

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Christmas Chimes
Take a lesson from the submarine,
And explode some Christmas cheer
where it is least expected.
No, Maud, we hardly think "The
4 of Modern Crocheting" would be
a suitable gift or a boy of 15. We sug-
gest "Bertha, the Beautiful Boller-
maker."
He is a poor guesser who doesn't
know by this time what he is going to
get.
If many more men are called to the
front, mistletoe will become unneces-
sary as a Christmas decoration.
The saddest thing we know of is a
bachelor in Toytown with a roll, and
nobody to spend it on.
Christmas giving is simply the over-
flowing of Christmas living.
We chipped the mince-meat last
night.
We caught them looking at a window

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PUZZLE.

[Washington Herald.]
What does Channy Clark mean by
"half crazy," but "Americans to the
core"? Are we all that way?

PROBLEM.

[Washington Herald.]
Smart New York society is divided
over the question whether a woman
gets to look like her lapdog, or whether
it is the dog that acquires its mistress's
features.