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## Claimed by Belgium.

Malmédy Is Wanted for Sentimental  
Reasons.

In patching together the picture  
puzzle of European nations to fit ra-  
cial and historical units the Peace  
Conference Commission on Belgian  
Claims is reported to have concurred  
in Belgium's demand for Malmédy.

Malmédy forms one of those alien  
racial clusters that seem to cling  
like barnacles to many a European  
boundary line.

In the case of Malmédy and the  
region about that town a group of  
Wallons was left in Rhenish Prussia  
when the historic Benedictine Abbey  
of Stavelot-Malmédy was cut in  
two in 1815. Malmédy fell to Prus-  
sia while six miles to the west,  
across the Belgian border, is Stave-  
lot.

The latter town was the seat of  
the abbey, which was independent un-  
til the Lunéville peace of 1801. The  
abbey fell to France until its par-  
tition, 14 years later. The abbey was  
founded in the seventh century, and  
later its abbots ranked as princes.

They ruled many small villages along  
the Ambleve, on which Stavelot is  
situated, and along the Warthe, which  
flows through Malmédy.

Charles Martel, grandfather of  
Charlemagne, who ruled the Franks  
while he let the kings reign on, won  
a decisive victory over Neustria at  
Stavelot, just 12,000 years ago.

Malmédy lies in a pretty valley of  
the afore-mentioned river, 20 miles  
south of Aix-la-Chapelle. The town  
had less than 5,000 population before  
the war. Dyeing, papermaking and  
tanning were its industries.

The term Wallon is used to desig-  
nate those Belgians who speak either  
French or a French dialect. The Wal-  
loons of Belgium desire Malmédy's  
restoration for linguistic as well as for  
sentimental reasons. In Liege and  
Namur a movement for the revival of  
Wallon as a literary language—for  
it had been so used until about the  
fifteenth century—was well under  
way when the war began. In the  
midst of German-speaking neighbors  
Malmédy and its environs preserved  
the old Wallon dialect, whereas  
among many Belgian Wallons it has  
been supplanted by pure French.

## Hereditary Trouble.

(Saturday Night.)

Edward Farrar, once editor of the  
"Mail," afterwards editor of the  
"Globe," and during his active ser-  
vice the premier journalist of Canada,  
spent his old age in retirement at  
Ottawa. "Ned," as he was affection-  
ately known to his intimates, was a  
heavy smoker, and has seen no reason  
to believe that it is injuring his  
health. Mrs. Farrar, who was of a  
different opinion, asked the family  
doctor to suggest that her husband  
cut down his cigars to three a day.  
She told the doctor to approach the  
subject delicately.

"Do you find smoking a strain on  
the heart, Mr. Farrar?" enquired the  
medical man.

"Not that I can notice," replied the  
great editor, biting the end off another  
Perfecto.

"How about the longevity of your  
ancestors?" continued the medical  
man.

"Well," said Mr. Farrar, with a  
twinkle in his eye, "most of my an-  
cestors came from the south of Ire-  
land, and to tell you the truth, doc-  
tor, their longevity depended on the  
lascivious of the court."

New Use for  
"Unwritten Law."

(From the Memphis Commercial  
Appeal.)

The unwritten law has come to  
strange uses. Once it was invoked  
when a man killed another because  
his home was violated, or because he  
was slandering to a point where, if he  
did not resent, he could not hold up  
his head in a community. The un-  
written law has always been invoked  
to acquit. Now we are to try  
the Kaiser according to the un-  
written law. There is no precedent, but  
the Kaiser will be tried and convicted  
under the unwritten law, and then,  
under the same unwritten law, he  
will probably be pardoned or sent  
away to an island or confined with-  
in certain limits. The trial will  
serve one purpose. It will create  
a precedent, and all lawyers, national  
and international, must have pre-  
cedents. The Kaiser will be con-  
victed under an ex post facto law,  
but so long as the sentence will not  
be carried out he will not be de-  
prived of any natural right he has.

The next time some war lord starts out  
to whip the rest of the world he will  
give pause, because he knows that if  
he fails he will be tried, convicted  
and hanged. The Crown Prince  
and future would-be world conquer-  
ors will then all be on notice.

## LANGUAGES AT CONFERENCE.

French has the preference at the  
Peace Conference, but each delegate  
is free to speak in his own language.  
There are expert interpreters who  
quickly turn the other languages in-  
to French, or translate anything for  
the benefit of delegates who do not  
understand.

## Who Made the Bombs?

(Washington Post.)

The suggestion has been made that  
the bombs found in the mails and re-  
ceived by a few of those to whom they  
were addressed bear evidence of being  
of German origin, possibly imported  
from that country. It is stated that  
anarchists in this country could not  
obtain the fulminate of mercury used  
in their manufacture. The bombs are  
strikingly similar to German marine  
mines that were laid along the Ameri-  
can coast during the war.

It is not at all unlikely that either  
the bombs or the material for making  
them came from Germany. It is by  
no means improbable that the dis-  
tinct plot was of German inspira-  
tion. It is quite in keeping with the  
German method of propaganda,  
which was so strikingly in evidence  
here before the United States entered  
the war. Nor is it inconceivable that  
the present German government  
should be willing to see the United  
States thrown into turmoil through a  
series of crimes, employing for this  
purpose, by devious ways, such will-  
ing tools as the anarchistic radical  
organizations that have gained a foot-  
hold in America.

Yet it is not necessary to seek a  
German origin for the crime. The In-  
dustrial Workers of the World have  
preached violence. Unattached indi-  
vidual radicals have urged terrorism.  
The bomb has been openly proclai-  
med as the proper weapon of the pro-  
letariat. Whether the materials for  
making the bombs could be obtained  
in this country or not, the fact re-  
mains that they were at least mailed  
here and that somebody in this coun-  
try prepared the list of intended vic-  
tims and managed the programme of  
distribution.

An officer of the newly formed lab-  
or party of Chicago has declared that  
the discovery of the bombs was "a dis-  
tinct plot to discredit the labor and  
radical movement, a plant by the hire-  
lings of Wall Street." That has a  
familiar sound. It is an old cry. It  
may fool a few misguided followers,  
but it will not impress the public. It  
is so utterly absurd that it reacts  
upon those who utter it.

## Drowned in Treacle.

Floods are reported all over the  
country, and many extraordinary ex-  
periences are being related by persons  
seriously inconvenienced by these  
overflows. But strange as many  
of them are, none could parallel what  
has now come to be known as "the  
great treacle flood."

This occurred in New Orleans a  
few years ago. By some mischance a  
number of huge treacle tanks suddenly  
burst their contents, and the treacle  
flooded all over the low-lying portions  
of the city. The substance, by its  
sticky nature, resembled an octopus in  
its grip, and those who were caught  
in it shared a horrible fate of drowning.

A few years ago a similar catas-  
trophe happened in London. A flood  
of beer broke loose from a brewery,  
and 9,000 gallons rushed in a cataract  
down the streets, overtaking and  
drowning many people.

In Pennsylvania, U. S. A., they have  
a day known as "black day." In the  
anniversary of the great oil flood in  
that town. The disaster occurred in  
the year 1892, and when the tanks  
burst there were terrible scenes in the  
streets. Many parts of the city were  
seriously damaged and between three  
and four hundred people were drown-  
ed in the oil.

## Wills on Wallpaper.

Apocryphal the recent case of a will  
being written on a piece of wallpaper,  
it may be noted that, so long as the  
proper formalities required by the law  
are complied with, it is immaterial  
what the will is written on.

Taking advantage of this fact, one  
eccentric testator elected to write his  
will on a door, and the executors had  
no choice but to have the door unscrewed  
from its hinges and carried into court  
to be proved.

"Mary, all that is mine is thine,"  
was scribbled on a torn luggage label  
and held to be valid as a will, while  
a wealthy American grocer wrote his  
bequests of thousands of dollars on a  
piece of brown wrapping paper.

Another eccentric testator wrote  
his will on the lid of a collar-box, in-  
side which he placed his cash and  
securities.

## Aftermath of the War.

The dodging of loose mines left  
floating in the sea after the war must  
continue for some years to be a  
recognized incident of ocean travel.  
The ocean was sown thick with these  
agents of destruction while the war  
was on, and by no means all have ever  
been accounted for. Such things re-  
main actively dangerous for a long  
time even after submergence in the  
sea, and while the chances are heavily  
against a vessel's hitting one in the  
vast expanse of water traversed be-  
tween the continents, the remote  
danger is there and some such thing  
might happen.—Lowell Courtier-  
Citizen.

C. OF E. ORPHANAGE GARDEN  
PARTY.—Active preparations are  
now being made for the Church of  
England Orphanage Garden Party,  
and a meeting of the Men's commit-  
tee will be held at the C. L. B. Arm-  
oury at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening.

## The Bonfire Chain.

Some time ago The Morning Chroni-  
cle, in calling attention to the pro-  
posal, originating in London, for an  
Empire chain of bonfires, to celebrate  
the signing of the Peace Treaty, sug-  
gested that Nova Scotia should take  
part in this unique and impressive  
demonstration. We mentioned cer-  
tain points on which bonfires might  
be lighted, and we are glad to know  
that our suggestion is meeting with  
a favorable reception. Arrangements  
have already been made for bonfires  
at Blomidon, on the "Look-Off," on  
the Big Gore Hill, in East Hants  
County, on the "Ridge" back of Wolf-  
ville, and on the face of the North  
Mountain to the westward. Present  
indications are that the Annapolis  
Valley will make a brilliant display  
to signalize the historic occasion of  
the conclusion of peace.

We hope that similar arrange-  
ments will be made along the South  
Shore, in Eastern Nova Scotia, in  
Cape Breton, and in every section of  
the Province. As we pointed out  
already, this may be done through lo-  
cal initiative, with regard always to  
the protection and safety of adjoining  
forest land. We suggested that the  
Forest Rangers should be consulted,  
and we hope that their active co-  
operation will be enlisted.

The suggestion has been made that  
it might be more convenient to defer  
the lighting of bonfires until the night  
following the day on which peace is  
signed. That will depend largely upon  
the hour when the final act is com-  
pleted at Versailles, of which due  
notice will be given. In the mean-  
time we would strongly urge the local  
authorities in every district where  
there is an outstanding hill or moun-  
tain, to make their preparations so  
that on the night of this glorious  
day in our history the glad news may  
be flashed from hill to hill like the  
beacon signals of old.

Newfoundland, we may add, has  
taken up the suggestion, and we have  
no doubt that the Ancient Colony will  
join Nova Scotia in a spectacular dis-  
play, worthy of the great event.—  
Morning Chronicle.

## Why Women Fear Mice.

"No house without a mouse," says  
the old proverb. No woman he does  
not worry, is a modernized version.

Why should the strenuous, athletic,  
equal-to-man type of modern woman  
be timid of the tiny brown nibbler who  
scuttles to his hole at the least alarm?

Expert opinion says it is due to heredi-  
tary fears. It is contended that  
woman's fear of mice arises from their  
being classed as vermin. The fact  
that rats carry disease and plague is  
not disputed. Mice may not be so  
dangerous. Their bites and scratches  
are trifling. But they carry disease  
and dirt, and a baby sleeping in a  
cradle, for instance, may suffer in con-  
sequence. Mothers have for ages been  
affected by this dread, and it seeking to  
protect their offspring from contact  
with mice have unconsciously, we are  
told, bred that feeling of nervousness  
which has provided the comic artist  
with his periodical picture.

## Her Hard Choice.

(Edinburgh Scotsman.)

Mr. Plowden, the well known Lon-  
don magistrate, now retired from the  
bench, has a great repertoire of good  
stories. His favorite one relates to a  
case in which he appeared as counsel.  
In the course of this case he had to  
cross-examine the wife of a notori-  
ous burglar. "You are the wife of  
this man?" he asked.

"I am," she replied.  
"You knew he was a burglar when  
you married him?" he proceeded.

"I did," she admitted.  
"How could you possibly marry  
such a man?" Mr. Plowden witness-  
ed.

"Well, it was like this," the witness  
explained confidentially: "I was get-  
ting old and two chaps wanted to  
marry me. It wasn't easy to choose  
between 'em, but in the end I married  
Bill there. The other chap was a  
lawyer, same as you, sir!"

## Wants Different Styles.

The Consul General of Japan at  
Honolulu has forbidden his country-  
men to wear kimono on the street.  
He explains his order as being part  
of a campaign he is waging to in-  
duce his people to adopt European  
styles.

## Which Is Which?

(From the Toronto Star.)  
A contemporary refers to the left  
bank of the Rhine as the east bank.  
This is natural in a new country,  
where we think of explorers and set-  
tlers going up a river. In Europe,  
however, you are supposed to be go-  
ing down the river, and the left bank  
of the Rhine is the west.

## MESOPOTAMIA.

The inhabitants of Mesopotamia  
are not Arabs, but descendants of  
the old Babylonians and Assyrians.  
Before they were conquered by the  
Arabs the natives of the Tigris and  
Euphrates valleys spoke Syriac, a  
dialect of the Assyrian language.

Get the Tang of Spring  
Into Your Appearance.

No need of our friend the swallow  
to let us know that the hot days are  
near, when our young chaps are  
around.

Most every young man these days  
is welcoming King Sol with a change  
from Winter attire.

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A Hat, brighten up your appearance  
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An Acceptable  
Document.

(From the New York Herald.)  
Whatever difference of opinion  
there may be concerning the practi-  
cability of a League of Nations, there  
can be none over the inspiration of  
the terms upon which Germany is  
permitted to have peace. These are  
dictated by Retributive Justice. There  
should be no misunderstanding of  
this fact; certainly there can be none  
in the part of the fugitive Kaiser in  
his exile or of his once valiant war  
lords, now indulging in crinoline  
and recrimination among themselves.  
or of officials of the old regime, or of  
the camouflaged new regime, or of  
the masses of the German people.  
They, one and all, now understand  
that the peace they are to have—the  
only peace they can have—is one of  
acknowledged and accepted defeat.  
Americans it is a peculiarly happy  
coincidence that the terms of this  
peace should have been formally pre-  
sented to the emissaries of the Ger-  
man Government and the German  
people on Lusitania Day. No other  
document of history has had the wide  
reading that will be given to this  
treaty of peace. The statement of its  
main provisions and summarization  
of its other contents, printed to-day,  
will be eagerly devoured in every cor-  
ner of the world to which a written  
language reaches; and no person  
whose sympathies were not with Ger-  
many in the great conflict but will  
see justice in the demands to which  
the German people must accede. Cer-  
tainly the American people will ap-  
prove those terms, as they will the  
spirit of the treaty as a whole. The  
peace it provides in respect to Ger-  
many is a "victor's peace" principal-  
ly in the sense that the treaty seals  
a victory for right and justice.

## The Signing.

(From the New York Tribune.)  
Will the Germans sign? They will.  
They will grumble; they will whine;  
they will flit the air with mangled  
gutturals; they will invoke the names  
of the Fourteen Points and call on  
Thor and all the denizens of Valhalla  
to shake their spears. But they will  
sign. Manoeuvring for delay will  
occur. It is necessary for the Ebert  
government, none too stable, to ap-  
pear highly indignant. The delegates  
will sigh and they will sob; they will  
bewail the sad fate of poor innocent  
Germans, surrounded by ravenous  
wolves; there will be an ecstasy of  
self-pity. But they will sign. They  
will sign largely because of Papa  
Foch. There's a man whose glance is  
not liked. Germany had a taste of  
him not only at the Marne, but in the  
wood of Compiègne, when the armis-  
tice was prepared. It is realized that  
he is not an easy man to argue with.  
He is fond of such words as "uncon-  
ditional surrender," and it feared he is  
capable of again giving the order  
"Forward!" They will sign. There is  
talk of trade isolation if signatures  
are withheld. The threatened boy-  
cotts do not alarm. What gives con-  
cern is Foch.

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GET IN COWS.