

What the World is Saying

Postal Note

The Mailed Fist has gone to the Dead Letter Office.—Montreal Financial Times.

Something We May Never Know

And now we may never find out which one of his sons William Hohenzollern was saving to be Emperor of North America.—Vancouver Province.

Germany's Criminal Failure

If Germany had only done away with Hohenzollernism ten years before the war!—Toronto Evening News.

Why Should It Be?

In Germany they are quite sure that his name isn't spelled Clemencyeau.—San Francisco Bulletin.

Armenia's Long Martyrdom

After fifteen hundred years under the harrow of oppression Armenia is at last free.—Dundee Courier.

Red Flags and White Flags

When revolutionary Germany flew red flags, the German military autocracy flew the white flag.—Toronto Globe.

Of Course

German statesmen feared chaos—in Germany. Chaos in Russia, of course, was all right.—London Nation.

One Advantage They Had

None of the inmates of the penitentiary have been attacked by the influenza; but it is a stiff price they pay for immunity.—Kingston Whig.

King For a Month

The epitaph of Bulgaria's King for a month will doubtless be "He Boris burdens briefly but with honor."—Halifax Herald.

Diabolic Horticulture

Henry Morgenthau says that the Hun philosophy is "rooted in hell." Well, the plant has always borne flowers of sulphur.—Victoria Colonist.

Exactly So

The last general rearrangement of the map of Europe was made at Vienna, but it will be made somewhere else the next time.—Edmonton Journal.

Two Vastly Different Things

First the extinct Kaiser declared loudly for "a German peace." Then he asked for "a just peace." Note the difference!—St. John Telegraph.

Human Nature

There are many Calgary people who never knew how much they really wanted to go to church until the order was issued closing the churches temporarily during the influenza epidemic.—Calgary Albertan.

The Thing That Counts

In the end morale wins wars. The big battalions count, but the spirit that animates them counts still more.—Neepawa Press.

Without Doubt

We've never heard Wilhelm Hohenzollern's views on daylight saving, but we're sure now he'd be in favor of moving the clocks back—say to July, 1914.—Napanee Express.

Ornithological Note

Turkey is left without a tail feather, and the once haughty and powerful double-headed eagle of Austria is now as extinct a fowl as the dodo.—Hamilton Herald.

A Very Ancient Custom, Indeed

An eastern clergyman says kissing is a relic of the dark ages. We're mighty glad somebody had the good sense to take care of that relic.—Lethbridge Herald.

There Is Still Wastefulness

While waste in Canada may not be as great as in pre-war days, that it is still far from the desired irreducible minimum there can be no doubt.—Monetary Times.

One of the Oddities of the War

Jerusalem was surrendered to a couple of British regimental cooks foraging for the raw material for a salad. Thus are history and comedy entwined.—London Spectator.

An Extra Dose of Culture

Liberated Belgians say German officers are much worse than German privates. This is probably true. The officers had an extra dose of Kultur.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Clumsy Treachery

One of the verdicts upon Germany that will stand forever in history is that German diplomacy was as stupid and clumsy as it was treacherous. The diplomatic trickery of Germany has been all thumbs.—New York Sun.

An Old Text Proved True

"We are a proud people, accustomed to victory," said one of the German peace notes in October. But pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.—Peterboro Examiner.

Disaster Was Coming Fast

"We Kings must stick together," wrote Emperor Charles of Austria to King Ferdinand (he styled himself Emperor, too) of Bulgaria. But the people who had been holding up their thrones refused to stick to them.—Duluth Tribune.

Promise and Fulfilment

Herr Harden recalls that Kaiser Wilhelm on his accession remarked: "I will lead you into glorious days," and then adds: "We know the glorious days now."—Portland Oregonian.

Abdul Baha Gives Wilhelm the Ha-Ha

The British have rounded up Abdul Baha, the prophet, at Haifa, and are treating him with good natured respect. In fact, old Baha is able to give ex-Kaiser Wilhelm the ha-ha.—Minneapolis Journal.

The New Cent Piece

The new one-cent piece is to be slightly larger and somewhat thinner than the ten-cent piece. One thing in its favor is that the possessor of the single coin will no longer mistake it for a quarter, when he feels in his pocket.—Montreal Gazette.

Caesar Knew the Germans

It is now 1900 years since Caesar defeated the Germans in France. When they came asking terms, he said to them: "Go back whence you came, repair the damage you have done, give hostages, keep the peace for the future."—Montreal Herald.

Something They Know Now

Hindenburg the Arrogant after the terrific Hun advance of last March said, "The first act is over." But he and the other German militarists now know that the play is not finished until the curtain falls on the last act.—Regina Leader.

A Moderate Thief

The Saskatoon Star states that a thief "stole \$30 worth of ham" from a local meat shop the other night, which causes The Vancouver Province to wonder why he took the trouble to slice it when he might have taken the whole ham.—Toronto Telegram.

Their Own Medicine

For two generations the rulers of Germany and all the German professors have proclaimed that the test of war is infallible, and that a nation that has been defeated is by that fact proved unanswerably to be inferior, and deserves no consideration. How do the German intellectuals like their own medicine?—Philadelphia Record.

Senatorial Ingratitude!

If Queen Isabella had not pawned her jewels to finance Columbus' voyage of discovery there would have been no United States of America. If there were no United States there would be no Senate. Ergo, those thirty-one Senators who refused women the right to vote owe their jobs to the generosity of a woman. What an ungrateful lot they are!—Chicago Evening Post.

Why Insult Charlie Chaplin

Max Harden has referred to W. Hohenzollern as "a film hero." We might add that W. Hohenzollern's eldest son, when he attempted to fill the role of a great general, showed himself to be a Charlie Chaplin—we might say that, if it were not so grossly unjust and insulting to Charlie Chaplin.—Saskatoon Star.

Schools

Good schools are the best investment in all the world for public money. The common schools are the best hope of humanity. When the time is reached when every child shall be going to school, when every child shall be kept at school or training of some kind until 16 or 18 years of age, the millenium will begin to be possible. And by nothing else will it ever begin to be possible.—Ottawa Journal-Press.

Low Cost of Living

One of the employees of the Canadian commissioner's office in Yokohama has written in for an increase of salary from \$9.75 to \$12 a month, as he has a wife and five children, and the cost of living is going up. What is the steamship fare to Yokohama? Or how's swimming?—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

Divorces Applied For

The dear old Senators will have plenty of entertainment at Ottawa next session. So far there are 28 applications for divorce to be considered. Sympathy and sentiment will, as usual, exert a greater influence than justice can command. Canada's divorce laws are sadly in need of revision.—Brantford Expositor.

An Erroneous Description

Lieut. Jack Munroe, the Cobalt miner and expugilist, has written a book on the war, in which he describes the famous Cloth Hall at Ypres as being "made entirely of cloth." This suggests that John must have been in the vicinity when the French were rigging up some extensive camouflage.—Ottawa Citizen.

Germany's Fundamental Vice

The fundamental vice of Germany which brought this tragedy upon the world is the fact that she recognized no divine laws, nothing superior to her own self-will, no sovereignty to which she should be loyal. The only law she knew was the law which Germany enacted. She did not recognize laws which the different states united to enact, although she was united with them in the enactment.—Boston Transcript.

In Regard to the Bolsheviki

Scientists are telling us that restriction in the use of many articles of ordinary use may have untoward results. This is confirmed by the actions of the Bolsheviki whose pictures convince us that these gentlemen have probably been inspired to their deeds by their very evident divorce from ordinary or household soap.—Vancouver Sun.

Education

Dr. Shipley of the British Educational Mission said a great thing when he gave voice to this utterance: "It is not what you are educated in that is important. It is whether or not you have a trained brain. Education gives a man power to take the initiative, to be resolute and to hang on when others fail."—New York Tribune.

Piper James Richardson

The case of Piper James Richardson of a Manitoba regiment, who played his companions over the top and has secured the V. C. for so doing, recalls another historic incident of like nature in the Afriidi war. Piper Findlater did a similar thing on that occasion and continued the skirling of the pipes after he was struck down. He also obtained the highest decoration in the gift of his Sovereign for the brave deed. The memories of both will be honored for all time to come.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Wilhelm and the Mohammedans

The British are firmly established in Damascus. The incident must recall to the Turks the occasion of William Hohenzollern's visit to the same city in 1898, and the address delivered by him in which he made some characteristic statements. Perhaps the most amusing of these now was that in which he declared: "The three hundred million Mohammedans scattered over the globe may be assured of this, that the German Emperor will be their friend at all times!"—Manchester Guardian.

Age Limit for Ministers

The Methodist Church has fixed the age limit at 70 years for officers to the conference. It was Cicero who said that he was very thankful to old age because it had increased his eager desire for conversation, but the likes or opinions of the ancients are no longer accepted. But isn't there a passage in Ecclesiastes to the effect that carefulness bringeth age before the time? Are we to no longer take counsel of the elders?—Guelph Herald.

Canada's Pension Officials

The Canadian war pension office will be in existence for the next half century. During the next few years its duties and its clerical staff and other machinery must increase. One can see no more reason why Chairman Ross or Chairman McLean should insist on making appointments to this staff by their own personal choice than that any Minister should have gone on making appointments to the staff of his own department without regard to the Civil Service Commission. If the abolition of patronage is a good thing in other departments of the public service, it is good for the pension administration.—Canadian Finance.

The Exploded German Myth

The German ambassador to Constantinople told Ambassador Morgenthau, of the United States, during the first days of the war, that the German military machine could never be defeated. "It takes thirty years to produce the sort of generals now leading the German army," said he. This opens a field of speculation: Were the Teuton generals overdone or underdone when the war broke out? We know now that they would have been done brown by Foch, Haig and the rest but would they have improved with age like other cheese? Here is a question for post bellum controversy for years to come.—Calgary Herald.