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UNCLE SAM NERK.

The resignation of Secretary Bryan is the sensation of the hour in the United States, and is generally accepted as meaning that President Wilson and the other members of his cabinet have determined upon vigorous action in the case of Germany. Mr. Bryan is apparently a "peace-at-any-price" man, and a man who in a great world crisis fears war more than he loves righteousness is not the right man in so important a position as that which Secretary Bryan held. His withdrawal at this juncture is in the real interests of the peace which can only be assured to the world by the complete destruction of the power of Prussian militarism.

There is naturally much speculation as to the action to be taken by the United States in the event of a declaration of war. Readers on this side were amazed to note some time ago that some English papers expressed a hope that the United States would not declare war. It seems perfectly obvious that if she came to the aid of the Allies the quantity of munitions of war manufactured for them in the United States would be enormously increased, while her fleet would be very useful in guarding commerce and supporting those of the other Allies. In time, if needed, she could supply an army, and transport it in the German steamers now interned at American ports. Moreover, the moral effect upon the few remaining neutral nations would be very great, notably in the Balkan region. However, we have yet to read President Wilson's last note, and to learn how it is received in Berlin. There seems little doubt that Germany will continue defiant, and that diplomatic relations will very soon be severed. The question of the attitude of Germany in America in the event of war has been discussed with much interest. Mr. Herman Ridder has openly declared they would be loyal to the United States, and Mr. Rudolf Bernhard, president of the Deutscher Kriegsbund von Nordamerika, with a membership of twenty thousand sons of German war veterans, says:—

"In the event that war should be declared between the United States and Germany, a thing which I do not look for, we will find German-Americans to 'man' existing under the Stars and Stripes and fighting against the Fatherland."

The German Catholic Union of Baltimore, with a membership of 8,000, sends a resolution to the president saying:—

"While proud of our German ancestry, we know only one flag, the flag of our country, and we tender to you, the standard bearer, our undivided loyalty."

Current Opinion says that "Similar expressions from many other German-American sources indicate that if Berlin is counting on America's impotence as a result of the divided loyalty of German-Americans, she is making another mistake similar to the one she has already made as to the feelings of the Belgian people, the Italians and the Boers of South Africa."

SEVENTY YEARS OF SCIENCE

The Scientific American has marked its entry upon the seventieth year of its existence by the issue of a special illustrated number of some eighty pages which is a treasure house of historical interest in connection with the development of science and its application to the material needs of man. There is a particularly fine collection of photographs of famous scientists and discoverers, as well as group views illustrating stages of progress in the application of new inventions connected with transportation, industrial, agricultural and domestic service. Referring to the date of its birth, in 1846, the Scientific American says:—

"The telegraph and the reaper had just been born. There was no telephone, no motion picture machine, no oil refining industry, no electric incandescent lamp, no wireless telegraph, no flying machine or airship, no typewriter, no automobile, no electric railway, no Bessemer steel, no phonograph, no passenger elevator, no steam turbine. Why continue the list any further?"

It is certainly a remarkable list, but the Scientific American goes on to remind us that science and invention are still young, and that "what we have witnessed is but a mere episode in the evolution that still lies before us," and that "if we compare ourselves with those who will record the achievements of science a century hence, we in this day may seem to have progressed but little beyond the stage when the moon and the stars were to mankind but lanterns hung on a great tent wall and not separate worlds in infinite space."

Remembering what practical science has accomplished in the last seventy years he would be indeed a bold individual who would venture to predict what the next century will develop, when the great world war is ended and peace established on a basis that will render human ingenuity free to pursue new paths of discovery in the world of science. The Scientific American describes the invention of the steam engine as "the most significant event in the annals of achievement, dividing time into two distinctly defined eras," and says "it may well be

said that the entire history of man's material endeavor counts forward or backward from that comparatively recent event." One era was marked by manual and the other by power operations, and by the change mankind was profoundly affected in all its relations.

Reviewing the period from 1840 it is noted that between 1840 and 1880 the reaper, the vulcanization of rubber, the sewing machine and the telegraph were perfected. Between 1870 and 1880 came the telephone, the dynamo and the arc lamp. In the next ten years came the trolley car, the incandescent light, the automobile, the typewriter, the cash register and the skyscraper. Before 1880 electricity was sparingly used, but the decade following that year witnessed amazing development of the use of electric energy.

From the general review one turns with growing interest to the story in succeeding pages of the seventy years of invention, from the reaper and the telegraph to the wireless, the moving picture machine, the airship and submarine. It is a wonderful story of man's achievement, and especially interesting to those past middle life, within whose lifetime such vast and world-changing results have been accomplished. "The world is now to enter upon a new era of progress, repairing the waste of war, reaching out into new worlds of thought and new realms of enterprise, discovering new servants of man, and producing what are now but dreams to accomplished facts. To quote again from the Scientific American:—

"What discoveries and inventions we have still to see and record. When we think that at the time the Scientific American was started it took three weeks to send a message from New York to Liverpool, and three months to Calcutta; when we think that only yesterday we marvelled at the application of other and chlorine to surgery, at the feat of telegraphing across the ocean without wires, at the bigness of the Panama Canal, at the opportunity of reviewing the skeleton beneath the living flesh with the X-rays, and the spectacle of a man flying in the air swifter than any bird; when we think that it has been our privilege not merely to see these and many other miracles and to translate them into print so that the wonder of them and the beauty of them might strike all men, who can blame us if we contemplate our future task with a feeling almost akin to awe?"

Major-General Hughes wants another 35,000 men. Recruiting must go more briskly if New Brunswick is to furnish its quota. Why not enlist the aid of the ladies as recruiting officers?

The Austrian official report sneeringly describes the Italians as "plundering Garibaldians." If the latter live up to the name of Garibaldians, they will make it hot enough for Austria.

Who does the Standard expect to believe its yarn that participation has not marked the administration of the affairs of the militia department? Its own readers know better and so do the Liberals. The Standard simply makes itself ridiculous.

When the Standard says the Times advocated a coalition government for Canada, it says what is not true. This paper has urged, however, that Sir Robert Borden accept the offer of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and instruct his followers to cease all partisan activities still after the war, a policy in the carrying out of which the Liberals would most heartily join.

By a vote of 808 to 74, the Presbyterian General Assembly has agreed to send the question of church union to the presbyteries and congregations. The vote shows a large gain for union since the last meeting of the Assembly. At a time when Paget, Mohammedan and Christian are fighting side by side in a cause which Canadian Christian churches believe to be the cause of humanity and of God, the trifling differences which separate sects do not appear to be of very great importance. The church is entering into a larger world, and it is to accomplish great results, it must get rid of small prejudices and concentrate on the vital things in religion.

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Payment for life rafts for the ferry steamers was authorized.

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