

GERMANY SEES THAT AMERICA IS NO FRIEND

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 14.—In a long article dealing with the possibility of the United States playing an important role in the conclusion of peace among the European powers, the Cologne Gazette continues the "peace movement in America is not inspired by Germany" and that "American bankers with German names in urging the desirability of peace render a doubtful service to Germany."

Such language, the newspaper says is likely to be misconstrued as an indication that Germany is exhausted by the war, and it adds, such rules and notions only tend to injure German credit with neutral states.

MUST FACE FACTS.

Despite all friendliness with America, the Cologne Gazette continues, Germans must not allow themselves to be deceived, and they must look in the fact that America cannot be an arbitrator in the fight between Germany and Great Britain.

It would be an ostrich policy, the newspaper declares, not to recognize that public opinion in America, taken as a whole, is entirely friendly to Great Britain. It may be argued, it says, that the American government has observed the strictest neutrality, "but one can be neutral in an indifferent way, and on the whole American neutrality has been favorable to Great Britain."

The newspaper then says: "In view of all this we cannot have in America the confidence which we ought to be able to repose in a power which would act as an impartial arbitrator in regard to an arrangement of peace."

FEAR PREJUDICE.

"We cherish no feeling of irritation against America because she is friendly to England. Such a feeling is only natural, as Great Britain is America's motherland, but it is just for this reason that we fear prejudice, and we must in a friendly but firm manner reject America as an arbiter."

TURKS REPULSED

IN CAUCASUS

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 14.—8 a.m.—An official communication the Caucasus says: "All day Friday, fighting occurred on the front extending through the villages of Pyrusk, Amer and Tutak (southeast of Erzerum). The enemy was everywhere repulsed and pursued beyond the Euphrates River."

Fernand Tromeur of Port Providence, Mackenzie River, walked 1,300 miles to the nearest railway station to report for military service and left Montreal for New York as one of a party of French reservists.

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The Kiddies Christmas Tree fund was enriched on Saturday afternoon by a contribution of \$11.25 from the staff of the G.T.R. freight office, and the committee is now hopeful to secure sufficient funds to remember all the children whose names have been sent in, and who have been found after investigation to be worthy. There have been many calls on the purse strings this year for benevolent purposes of many kinds, but no undertaking is more deserving of support than this movement to make this Christmas a happy one for the wee tots. They have been waiting with delight for many months back the day when Santa Claus comes, and can you imagine their disappointment if he should not make his usual visit. No great amount of money is needed, but a small subscription from a large number of people will make the event a truly civic one, and the tree will not be spoiled for lack of funds.

To The Editor

APPROVES IDEA.

Editor of the Courier:

Sir,—I notice in the local news column of your paper of the 10th inst, that it is proposed to form a symphony orchestra from the volunteer orchestra that took part in both the children's patriotic concerts. According to remarks passed after the performances, and the good impression made, the proposition would be greatly appreciated by music lovers of this city. Taking into consideration they only had three rehearsals, and were under strange conditions, they played exceptionally well, and proved a great attraction on those occasions. Under the baton of a capable conductor for a time, there is no doubt that they would show that they are capable of producing far better results, and the making of a first class organization. It's a thing we very seldom have the pleasure of listening to, and it's the kind of music that calls for attraction. Let us hope that this suggestion will meet with approval by the members of the volunteer orchestra, and the next time they make their appearance, there is no doubt they will show themselves greatly to advantage. I remain,

Yours truly,
A MUSIC LOVER.

LOCAL RELIEF WORK.

To the Editor of the Courier:

Sir,—Many cases of absolute want are reported from all parts of the city, and the concerted action of the social units at present at work seems so far to have proved ineffectual. Complaints are to be heard daily of the visitors appointed of whom it is stated that zeal for economy oversteps their appointed mission. Also a complaint commonly heard is that instead of relying on their own judgment, the visitors are prone to heed gossip and their poverty-stricken cases and refer to past episodes which often do not have any bearing on the case under inspection. It is thought a more systematic and generous-minded group of workers could find ample room for helping without questioning the antecedents and previous lives of unfortunates whom they seem to feel are such by choice and not by compulsion.

Children are reported by school teachers to lack underclothing, yet all the social service people seem to be able to do is ask "if the husband at any time took liquor." Many, however, are wiser, but instances of the above type are too frequently reported, and let it be understood that families of six cannot be supported on two weeks' work with an intervening period of another before employment for by personal observation, a family will have \$4.50 to live upon when \$2 of the city's \$6.50 goes for rent.

It is not to be expected that people owning houses are to allow them to sit rent free, but it is strange that with the timely intervention of Chief Slemm, has in some cases saved a family from being placed on the street.

In conclusion it might be of interest to know just what consistency of giving is exercised, there being little helpfulness in an issue of flour, apples and potatoes if the family does not possess the wherewithal to provide the extras, which are used for baking and cooking, and as to the issue of coal, many indignant details are being made by honest men and women that on receiving a load of coal they sell it to their neighbors.

Would it not be a wise suggestion to have representatives of labor organizations or shop committees make a return of cases under their notice. One result one could expect is that they would fully understand the needs of the case being of their social status and would make an impartial review of its circumstances.

It is evident that some widespread discontent is present in regard to social administration, and while there are many cases under care, there are many who are yet struggling along unknown.

Yours,
ONE WHO KNOWS.

PROHIBITION DEFEATED.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Dec. 14.—An indication of the defeat of national prohibition is given in a preliminary count of the poll made public here as follows: The vote in 56 license districts gives for national prohibition 199,860; for national continuance 299,587. In twelve no license districts the vote for national prohibition is 40,689, and for national continuance 366,774.

Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 276.

Miss Gladys Garvin is visiting with friends in Dundas.

Mrs. Ethel Ataway left for England yesterday.

W. P. McKay, of Chicago, was a week-end visitor to the city.

Howard Wilcox of Detroit, spent the week-end in the city.

Miss E. Hall of Ottawa, is spending a few days in the city.

G. H. Pole, of the Inland Revenue, at Guelph, spent yesterday in the city.

Alexandra Fraser of Ottawa, was a week-end visitor in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Paterson, were week-end visitors in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Preston, spent the week-end with friends in Hamilton.

Dr. C. H. Sauder, of the Temple Building, spent the week-end with Preston friends.

Mr. P. H. Allman of Whittaker and Allman has returned from Burke's Falls.

Mrs. W. A. Hollinrake and Miss V. Charlesworth were Woodstock visitors over the week-end.

Lieut. George Cockshutt, of the 25th Brant Dragoons, now in training at Toronto, was a visitor at the parental home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Duncan spent the week-end in Hamilton, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Knox, Robinson street.

Miss Dorothy Brown has been successful in passing her primary music examination at Hamilton with first class honors.

Miss Edith White, very popular here, has left to sojourn at Ailsco Craig prior to joining her brother in Vancouver, where she will take up her residence.

Vern O'Neill of Woodstock, and who is now in training with his brother, Percy O'Neill of the city, in Toronto, was a week-end visitor in Brantford.

Miss Janet Carpenter of Brock St., was delightfully surprised last week when she was the recipient of a shower, given by a number of friends in view of her approaching wedding.

A jolly evening was spent by a number of girls on Friday last at the home of Miss Lena Simpson, Park Ave., when a miscellaneous shower was given for Miss Nettie Kennedy. Many were the pretty gifts for the new home. The clever little hostess, Miss Simpson, was responsible for the unique programme and a very dainty lunch brought to a close a most happy time.

A large number of members were in attendance at the Y. W. C. A. Literary Club Saturday afternoon when a very good programme was given. Kipling was the author taken, and two very bright, clever papers were read by Miss Nettie Kennedy and Mrs. Jones—Current Events, Mrs. Geo. D. Watt. Several of Kipling's poems were read by Mrs. Oldham and were much enjoyed by all present. Mr. Norman S. Mauley again delighted all, singing several songs in splendid voice, Mr. Lloyd Dymond playing. The afternoon was altogether one of the most enjoyable given by the Club.

A SAD CASE.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—Because he had no money to pay the funeral expenses of his child, which it is claimed died without receiving needed medical attendance at birth, Mark Woodbury, a blacksmith of Park avenue, threw the body of the infant in a creek in East London. He was arrested and in the police court today pleaded guilty. Woodbury was remanded a week for sentence.

BELLOC ON WAR'S LENGTH.

Will End Within Three Months When Allies Invade Germany

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Hilaire Belloc, the author and critic, speaking before the American Luncheon club on Saturday, said:

"Three endings to the war are possible. It may end in a Latin-Slav victory, or a Prussian victory or a draw. Of these three possibilities a draw is the worst, for it would hold over the head of Europe the dread of a cycle of wars."

"I receive many letters and more spoken inquiries every day as to when the war will end. I do not know, nor does anybody else, but I think it may be taken as a rule of thumb that it will end within three months after the foreign troops have obtained a firm foothold on German soil."

A SONG BOOK FOR THE MIL-LIONS.

When we joined the syndicate of newspapers engaged in the distribution of "Heart Songs" we had no idea of the immense popular demand for a song book. The work seems to have been fairly craved by the people all over the country. Several hundred thousand have already been distributed, and we are informed that the numerous editions will run into the millions before the demand is satisfied. With a million throats singing from "Heart Songs" every night—the nation is certainly experiencing a genuine song revival. And it can hardly help but improve the taste of the masses in matters musical. For this relief from "rag-time music" thanks! Our coupon published daily in this paper, will run in just a few days more as our supply is nearly exhausted.

HAS A BRITISH CREW

CALLAO, Peru, Dec. 14.—The German steamer Rhakotis of the Kosmos Line arrived here to-day, but did not communicate with the shore. The Government is reserved as to what action it will take in the case of the steamer, which was the crew of the British coal ship South Wales, which was sunk off the coast of Chile some time ago by the German cruiser Dresden, after the Dresden had appropriated her coal.

A STANDARD BRANCH

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—A new financial institution entered the Montreal field to-day with the opening of a branch of the Standard Bank of Toronto in the Yorkshire Insurance Building on St. James street. Notice of the bank's intention to open a branch was given to the Montreal clearing house some time, and formal action accepting the application for membership was taken at a meeting of the clearing house committee this morning.

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50c, 75c, \$1.00 to \$2.00

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