

Posterity Will Not Hold Those Guilt- The Dangers From less Who Are Working For a **Smash-up of National Govt.**

Asquith Stands To-day Between Us and Poli-tical Chaos---He is the Man of the Hour and Has the People With Him.

The greatest need of England to- mania is still hanging fire, but Cousin careful calculation which includes. day is peace-peace at home. The Jonathan is talking big, and appears figures as to the mine-carrying capaccackling of geese on one historic oc- to be meaning business at last-at any ity of submarines, the number of casion saved ancient Rome, but the rte, to the extent of breaking off revoyages of submarines and mine-laycacheling and squabbling of politicians lations--if Germany does not cave in ers, and the number of mines located will not save the British Empire. I as regards her submarine piracy. That and destroyed. Admiral Degouy behave not lost faith in Mr. Asquith. all the best and most intellectual peolieves that the presence of these en-He is a great man and a great patriot, ple in the States, from New York to gines of destruction will be formidwith a great gift of sound, compre- San Francisco, are with us in their able danger for ships for several years hensive judgment, and as such a lmir-sympathies and prayers has been strik after peace comes.

ably fitted to hold the balance as be- lingly shown by the message which "Quantities of mines," this naval oftween the demands of our military has just come across the Atlantic ficial declares, "are carried away chiefs and the requirements of our signed by 500 leaders of American from their anchorage by the currents economic situation. Mr. Asquith thought, including nearly all the em- into the wide ocean, perpetuating the stands between us and political chaos. [inent men of the new world, and even danger, perhaps, but diminishing im-That in itself is worth several army some of German blood. American pol- mediate risks; quantties, of others. corps, for unity, like national solv-liticians, educationists, bishops, judges, drift ashore, where they are immedis indispensable to victory. lawyers, and writers-all, in fact, who ency. iately made harmless. The fisher-Those who are working for the break have an opportunity of arriving at a men, whether they like it or not, and up of the National Government are clear and ndependent judgment on often to their great peril, capture a incurring a heavy responsibility, and the issues at stake-are agreed that, great number in their nets. posterity will not hold them guiltless even on the evidence offered by the Adjustment Complicated if perchance disunion leads to disas-Germans themselves, the interests of "The adjustment of the exploding

humanity and of Germany herself de- apparatus of the engine is not The Political Crisis.

German submarines and minelayers. place an estimated number of +1.000 mines each month in the waters of which they were planted-is dealt, with interestingly in a report prepared. by Rear Admiral Degouy, after a

"The logical defense against the

sowing of mines broadcast would be

to go to the origin of the evil-to

strike the Germans in their ports-

demolish their pirate nests and block-

"As to the floating mines set adrift

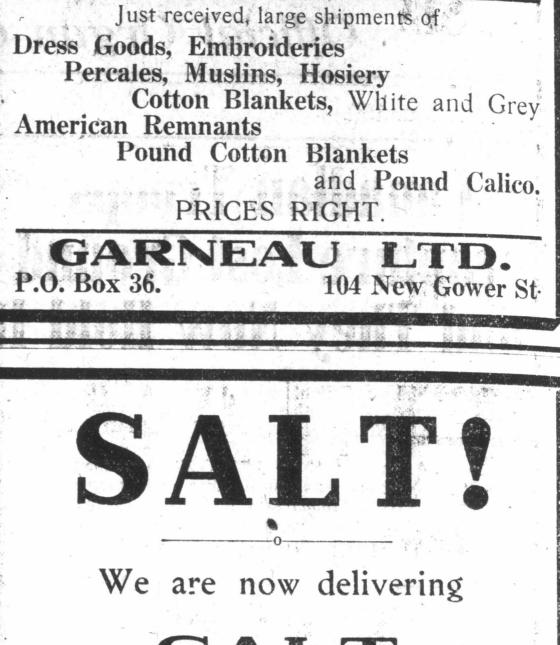
in contradiction to the conventions of

The Hague, it would be well to watch

and an expective attitude.

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Floating Mines



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mand the defeat of the Central Em-simple, and its apparatus for stabil The Cabinet crisis, which will pires. Such a manifesto has a deep ity at the proper depth doesn't alprobably have developed, subsided, or moral significance, full of hope for the ways work. To produce its full efbeen postponed before these lines are future of civilization, and it will be re-fect, the mine must be held at a ead, is not, unfortunately, a good membered for ever to the credit of the depth of three to five yards. If the augury of an early termination of the great Western Republic. stabilizing apparatus doesn't work war: If there were any solid grounds Plucking the Eagle it will descend too deeply or will

for expecting a collapse within the But what will Wilson do? Has he come to the surface, where it will be next few months our Ministers would any real intention to fight for the readily discovered and destroyed. not be quarrelling about the future rights of his countrymen at sea, or is Where no stabilizing apparatus supply of recruits; Mr. Lloyd George he thinking only of his coming tussle used, floaters are required, and they would not again be threatening to re- with the bellocose Roosevelt for the also, are easily discovered by good sign, and Colonel Winston Churchill, Presidency? He has given orders for observers. Moreover, mines too close the stormy petrel of our politics, the overhauling of the Navy, which to the surface have not the maximwould not be back again on the front the Kaiser will at once pronounce to um destructive effect

Opposition bench. It is proverbially be contemptible, because lacking his "Notwithstanding the said to be dangerous to swap horses own millions. Is all this and all the that reduce to very small propertions in midstream; but, at the same time, clever Note-writing which has been the mines that really explode out of nobody would propose such a thing if going on ever since the sinking of the the 12,000 laid each year, they constiall danger were past. Whether or not Lusitania mere window-dressing for tute a formidable danger that will not Mr. Asquith's Ministry will go, to be electioneering purposes? The old disappear for several years after the succeeding by a new "ginre" Coali- dodge in American politics was to war is over. All the mines that drift ition Government, headed by Mr. Lloyd twist the British Lion's tail. for, in to sea risk some day or other encount-George, with Winston, the pushful, as other wards, to give "sass" to Eng- ering a ship. Such accidents have alhis right-hand man, and perhaps land, but to-day that won't work and ready occurred, as in the case of the Fisher back again at the Admiralty, I should not be surprised if America's French battleship Bouvet, destroyed it is impossible to say; but the bare only share in the war turned out to by a drifting mine at the Dardan possibility of such a change just now a mere competition between Wilson elles.

shows that there are a good many more streams to be crossed before the Allied armies reach the Spree, on which proudly stands the capital of the Huns. What the Dutchmen Think.

But although peace-international peace-in my opinion is not yet on the way I don't think it is at all strange that Amsterdam should report that the question of ending hostilities is being discussed with increasing persistency in the commercial circles of Holland which are of course. close touch with the military and economic position in Germany and Austria. Gradually, but perhaps only very gradually, things in those countries must be going from bad to worse. While the enemy fails to obtain anything like a decisive victory at any point, East or West-while, indeed. Verdun follows Erzerum, and the fall of Trebizond heralds the approaching end of the Turkish Empire -there is no doubt that bereave ment, anxiety, and scarcity are wearing down the spirit of resistance in the civil population of the Central Empires, and creating a condition of war weariness which, sooner or later.

may reconcile the people to the downfall of the Hohenzollern and the Hapsburg dynasties, and the total destruction, as Mr. Asquith has it, of

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ade their coasts so closely no minelaver could pass. The allies, how-Motor Gasolene in Wood and ever. have adopted a plan of action Steel bbls and cases. that particular circumstances have Polerine Motor Oil (in 5 gall. W dictated that is probably the most eftins) @ \$2.95 each. fective possible, in spite of logical Special Standard Motor Oil speculations that might indicate the (in 5 gall. tins) @ \$2.90 contrary. History alone can decide each between the partisans of an active

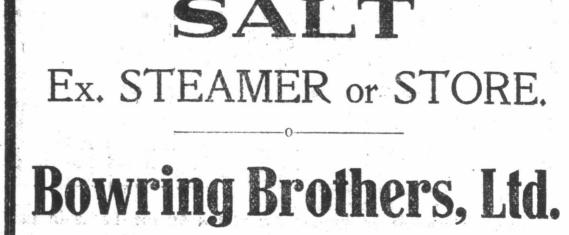
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