

Mutt and Jeff---Well, the Best of us Get Our Words Mixed up Once in a While - By "Bud" Fisher

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A COMPARISON

General Organization Has Full Command

ANSWER TO THE KAISER

Politicians Come to Field Camp When They Need Advice—Interference Barred

London, Nov. 10.—(Correspondence)—The constitution, organization and work of Germany's great general staff are described as follows by the former Berlin correspondent of the Times.

"The first principle of the German scheme (for the organization of war) is the practical exclusion of the politicians and the administration from the sphere of strategic initiative and military operation."

"On the evening of July 29, 1914, I telegraphed from Berlin that while the German official attitude remained fairly tranquil as regarded the Russian mobilization, the development of military opinion, which was making itself felt, might be difficult to control."

"This was my inference from a conversation with the German Foreign Secretary. I did not mean that the war party—that large empty phrase beloved of politicians—was pressing for war, but that the military authorities were becoming impatient at the prolongation of the crisis and insisting that no useless delays must be allowed to postpone their labors."

"A few hours afterward the Council of War at Potsdam took the vital decision. The hour of the politicians had passed and the day of the great general staff had come."

"From the day of the mobilization the government, as known in peace time, took second place. The general staff controlled and carried out the war. Its chief was in no way responsible to the Imperial Chancellor, or to any governmental or administrative influence. He was responsible directly to the Emperor and to him alone."

Strategically Supreme
"So far from advising or informing the politicians or the government, the general staff was, so to speak, strategically supreme, and so far from supplying military proposals to the politicians, was the recipient of their political or diplomatic information and was responsible for co-ordinating policy and strategy."

"When the great Headquarters' was established in the field, the ministers

came for it; it did not send emissaries to Berlin. It will be remembered that the Imperial Chancellor, the Foreign Secretary and a host of other officials spent the first period of the war at Luxembourg, and afterward in France. If the war had not lasted so much longer than the general staff had intended the ministers would no doubt, have stayed there until the end."

"Practical independence of the government is, then, a cardinal feature of the German general staff's system, and nobody will suggest that that the German system can be applied whole in a country with an entirely different constitution and with methods so different that it does not regard martial law as necessary in time of war."

"The second most striking feature of the German system is that the general staff on the outbreak of war divided into two parts, the more important of which conducts its operations on the field—at whatever point may be most convenient."

"It is just a hundred years since the staff was split into two pieces—the staff with the troops and the staff in Berlin. Every visitor to Berlin will remember the vast and ugly building of the great general staff in which the great von Moltke lived and died. It was, I believe, erected in a hurry about the year 1866, and nobody has had the time or inclination to change it."

"On the night of the German mobilization I had occasion in company with a foreign office official to search for a military censor, of whose personality or existence few people then seemed to be aware. In the course of our search we wandered all over the general staff building only to find all the lights out and the place almost untenable."

Von Moltke in Minor Position
"The real general staff had flown. Henceforward the general staff in Berlin was of minor importance, as may be seen from the fact that it is now in charge—as deputy chief-of Gen. von Moltke, who, after a few months of war, was deposed from the office of chief of general staff in the field, and succeeded by the then Prussian Minister of War von Falkenhayn."

"This change illustrates another vital feature of the German scheme, the fact that the general staff is entirely independent of the Minister of War, which performs purely administrative functions. When von Falkenhayn was promoted to be chief of the general staff he succeeded at the Ministry of War by a certain Gen. Will von Hohenborn, of whom the public never hears."

"It is not necessary here to discuss the general staff machinery, the main point is that it is, as has been said, an organism of which the arteries run all through the body of the army; and that it carries out independently the plans which it has itself devised. Its chief responsible only to the Emperor, is the centre of power, and not either an adviser or a source of information."

Gladys—Nothing. The expenses were more than the receipts. But ten of us got engaged and the minister is in for a good thing in wedding fees.

GERMANY CANNOT GO THROUGH ANOTHER WAR WINTER AFTER THIS

Views of Wall Street Journal's President as Expressed in Toronto

Toronto, Dec. 7.—The winter of next year will see the end of the war, that Germany is starving now, and will collapse by 1917-18, and that Canada and Russia, by reason of the extent of their land, will be chief beneficiaries in the remembrance following the war, is the opinion of C. W. Barron, president of the Wall Street Journal, as expressed to the Toronto Canadian Club.

This war he regarded as necessary in the development of humanity, and as an Anglo-Saxon he rejoiced in the difference he found in the attitude of Great Britain and Germany. There was no song of hate in Britain.

Onus on Germany
The speaker placed the cause of the war as the commercial treaties which placed Russia under the domination of Germany and Austria. Germany understood that upon their expiry in 1917 they could not be forced again upon Russia except by force of arms. Germany thought the time opportune; she thought that Britain was engaged elsewhere, and that France was in financial trouble. But Germany had no such excuse.

The United States was without arms, and with the burglar at the door it was best for her to keep quiet. In the meantime she was making arms for Britain as fast as possible. She had never floated a half-billion dollar loan before, but she had done so for the allies, and this was only a beginning.

Cannot Stand Another
"Such financial brains as I have tell me that Germany cannot go through another winter after this," said Mr. Barron. "I put the question to Germans of highest authority as to what they expected. They replied in Britain it. I told them they would never get it. (Cheers.) With Britain in this righteous fight for principles there could be no compromise, no draw."

Three factors would cause the collapse of Germany. These were: (1) the loss of men—the Germans had lost 1,000,000 killed and 4,000,000 in casualties; shortage of food—women and children at home were now starving in Germany; and failure to finance—nations sending supplies to Germany were now demanding cash with the order, and not means gold."

The drink bill of Russia had been \$800,000,000 a year. Since this drinking had been abolished the increase in the savings deposits of the people had been more than \$800,000,000. After the war Russia would have outlets through the Dardanelles and the Kiel Canal, which would be free to the world, and a great era of peace and development was assured.

Asked as to how long Britain could go on paying \$250,000,000 a year, Mr. Barron replied:—"As long as you and I back it up."

As to Britain's ability to pay, Mr. Barron said there will be no diminution in that crisis of oil," he declared amid cheers. "So long as Britain's name on a scrap of paper is made good by her blood and treasure before the world you can put no commercial value or limit on Great Britain."

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acts and appointments. Though the man in the street rarely sees the Gazette, he frequently reads its announcements indirectly, for most of its valuable official information is immediately reproduced in the daily newspapers.

The earliest issue of the official journal goes back to the reign of Charles I, but there is a little diversity of opinion as to the exact date. Some authorities give it as Nov. 7, 1665, while others favor Nov. 14 of the same year.

There are similar publications for Scotland and Ireland, published respectively in Edinburgh and Dublin. The former was first issued in 1690, and the latter in 1711.

MARINE NOTES

The schooner William L. Elkins, which sailed from here last Friday is aground at Portland Head and is a total wreck, according to word received by J. Willard Smith, her agent here. She was en route to New York with a large cargo.

There was no insurance on the schooner. Judge Dunlop in the admiralty court in Montreal yesterday gave judgment in favor of the Ulster Steamship Company, which was suing the owners of the steamer Batican for damages sustained by the steamer Bengore Head in a collision off Cape Salmon, in the lower St. Lawrence, August 1. He said the accident was due to carelessness of Captain Green of the Batican. The amount involved was \$190,000. The judge ordered that the claim be maintained, but the amount of the damages is to be assessed by the registrar of the admiralty court.

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—R. D. Waugh was elected by acclamation to the mayoralty of Winnipeg at the municipal nominations this afternoon.

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We want to make a clean-out this month. Our prices are away down. It is to have a pair at all for \$1.98. Just decide to have a pair and come and get them.

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