

If the power of Britain be destroyed, the glory of Canada has departed. Now we are a free, self-governing nation; none daring to make us afraid. Then, if the conqueror have his will, we shall be a vassal state, lifted to the most humiliating eminence that has ever been occupied by any people in this hemisphere. We might be mocked with the device of "independence." The voice might be the voice of Canada; but the hand would be the hand of the oppressor. For those who have supposed that the dollar mark is the infallible sign of effective politics, there would be enough of it and to spare, in tribute paid to the Junker, and exacted to the uttermost farthing.

The process of Germanization would be the more intense because of our nearness to the United States. In Germany's mighty effort to realize world-domination, she would gain something very like a strangle-hold on the future of the United States. The scheme of invasion of the United States, disclosed in one of the books which reveal the strength and brutality of the German menace to the world, was born of an appetite which will not be slaked until it is utterly destroyed.

French Would Not Score.

Germany is counting this very day on her children and their allies spreading a deadly infection through this land. She is making vast, costly, and, in part, successful efforts to win the goodwill of our republican neighbor—not merely for the great gain that is in that goodwill to-day or to-morrow; but because the plan of world-domination contemplates a period in which the remaining great English-speaking country shall be taught its place; first as one that speaks the detested tongue that has girdled the world; and second, because its doctrine of democracy continually flouts the sacredness of that divine right of autocracy on which alone a world domination may unshakably be built.

With Canada as a base, the Germanization of the United States might be subtly attempted. Unthinkable as the Germanization of Canada seems to us,

it would seem quite feasible to an autocracy that had laid Europe at its feet, weltering in its own irredeemable blood. Whatever of Britannic pride had given luster to our growth would now have been eradicated from our breasts. We should be among the fallen, smitten and afflicted. The varieties of our alien population would be counted by the conquerors as a precious asset; and not as our possible aids of a return to the old Britannic status. The French in Quebec would no more frighten them from their effort than the Gallic character of Alsace and Lorraine frightened them forty years ago.

Effect in United States.

The magnitude of the economic burdens assumed for railways and other works immediately prior to the war would have to be carried, as well as the imposts of the war itself. The marvelous organizing power and scientific knowledge that have made in one generation the second commercial power in the world, Germany; and has created one of many economic marvels in the sugar beet industry would be turned into Canada—it is only four years since a German came to me with a tempting scheme for settling New Ontario with skilled beet growers.

Enough people would be enriched by the new commercialization to make the submergence of the former patriotism an unformidable undertaking. In it the division of ourselves into the kindreds and tribes and tongues for when the Upper Canada Bible Society already prints the Scriptures in over seventy different languages, would be exploited to the maximum.

Where so-called statesmen, through machine political practices, have sought to make unpatriotic partisan votes, the Germans would seek to make aggressive Germans. Their encouragement would come from their knowledge of our inexcusable failure to consolidate these alien elements into a robust, intelligent, well-informed Canadianism. With the stones which, before the war and during the war, we had neglected, they would make reinforcement for the concrete of the