

What the World is Saying

More Ships Needed

Get the boys home quickly, they are marrying in England at the rate of 1,200 a month.—Kingston Standard.

A Community Advantage

No Canadian community, however small, should rest content till it has a collection of good books which it can call its own.—Canadian Bookman.

The Two Georges

Both in parliament and monarchially the British people seem inclined to "let George do it."—Ottawa Citizen.

The New Canada

It cannot be otherwise than that Canada will fill a great place in the eyes of the world during the years that are next to come.—Canadian Finance.

True

The worst punishment that could befall Germans would be a civil war in which they treated one another as they treated other peoples.—Boston Transcript.

The Cost of the War in Money

A band of dollar bills 240 feet wide around the world was the cost of the war—some two hundred billions of dollars.—Monetary Times.

The Irreparable Losses

What do indemnities amount to, even though they run into the billions, when they are placed beside the casualty totals?—Christian Guardian.

The Blinkered Huns

Some Teutons are kicking because the new Premier is a former harness maker, forgetting that Germany travelled in blinkers these forty years back.—Saskatoon Star.

The One Thing Lacking

Germany had over two hundred thousand spies in the United States. There was nothing lacking in the German Intelligence system except intelligence.—Vancouver Province.

Retribution

Germany needs a strong man, but Germany must suffer the results of a system which discouraged strong men unless they worshipped the sword.—London Truth.

A Just Demand

The mothers of Lille demand the prosecution of the German Commanders who carried away their daughters. And who would dare refuse the mothers of Lille such a petition?—Duluth Herald.

One Point of View

In war chivalry is the best policy, not only because it is decent and right, but because there is such a thing as getting licked. Germany is sorry now that it overlooked this important point.—New York Globe.

Last Year and This Year

Last year was one of the most wonderful years in recorded history. This year is one which it is in the power of men to make equally wonderful.—Minneapolis Journal.

Not to Have Been Foreseen

Edmund Burke denied that a whole nation could be indicted, but he could not foresee that such a nation as modern Germany could be evolved after centuries of so-called civilization.—London Daily Mail.

Typically Hunnish

Herr Ebert complained that Joffe, the Russian Bolshevik Ambassador, carried on propaganda at Berlin. Times have changed since Bernstorff was decorated for his operations at Washington.—Providence Journal.

Not As He Meant It

German ships are now landing troops in the United States, as the Kaiser predicted they would do, but they are not exactly the kind of troops the All-Highest had in mind when he made the boast.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Adaptable Rabbit-skin

The 6,000,000 rabbit pelts auctioned at St. Louis, Mo., for \$500,000, will duly be transformed into seal coats, collars, muffs, and other garments. There will never be a scarcity of high-class furs while the humble rabbit is in existence. And he increases famously.—Regina Leader.

The Plain Truth

The German rich lived well while the German poor starved. As the German poor stood this for four years without lifting a hand in self-defense, and applauded all the infamies of German warfare, their woes cannot now wring tears from other countries.—New York Tribune.

"Relics of Barbarism" in Ontario

The Province has purchased the Cobourg and Port Hope toll road, about five miles, for \$8,000. There are still about sixty miles of toll road in Ontario, and about forty miles of these relics of barbarism radiate from Ottawa.—Toronto Globe.

A Hope of Kitchener's

Congressman Little of Kansas, formerly diplomatic agent in Egypt, has a letter received from the late Lord Kitchener in 1894 in which the latter said: "I still look forward to the time when the English-speaking races be so drawn together by mutual interest that we shall just stop any nonsense going on anywhere."—Kansas City Star.

A Nobly Devoted Life

A welcome visitor to Canada will be Sir Arthur Pearson, the blind friend of the blind. The loss of his sight gave him a vision of the needs of the sightless, and he has dedicated himself and his fortune to the work of putting a new hope into the lives of those afflicted like himself.—Toronto World.

A Question

Would the tender-hearted people who say the Allies should do unto Germany as they would be done by, have the jury free every murderer because the jurymen themselves would not like to be hanged or go to jail for life?—Victoria Colonist.

The Returning Soldiers

The return of 20,000 soldiers a month will present great social and economic problems to civilian Canada. It would be if we could solve them as well as the soldiers solved the military problem.—Ottawa Evening Journal.

Hard to Tell

It is hard to tell whether the Germans are more indignant with their imperialistic and military leaders for not obliterating the Allied Governments or for wrecking their own fatherland.—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Tribute to British Justice

The Zionist Congress of the United States has petitioned for a Jewish State in Palestine under the trusteeship of Great Britain. It is a remarkable testimony to Great Britain's reputation for fairness and justice in dealing with other races.—New York Outlook.

To Fly Across the Atlantic

The aviation record at the front of Lieut.-Col. Collishaw justifies Canadians in the hope that when he ventures on his flight across the Atlantic in April, he will be successful. The great pioneer journey promises soon to be accomplished.—Brockville Recorder-Times.

Problems of Reconstruction

The advent of the period of reconstruction places heavy responsibility upon the shoulders of the Federal and Provincial Governments. If they, as leaders, do not well and faithfully perform their duties a day of reckoning will ultimately come to them.—Halifax Herald.

The Case of Turkey

Subsequent events have proved conclusively the truth of the assertion of Turkey's new Sultan that it entered "unwisely" into the war; but when he adds that it was "an accident," it creates a strong suspicion that he is a descendant of Ananias as well as Mahomet.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Democracy's Foundation

Democracy rests upon enlightened intelligence, and the food of intelligence is information. Canada belongs in the list of democratic nations; it is clear, therefore, that the lamp of knowledge must be kept ever burning in our midst, or one of the necessary safeguards of national life will be wanting.—Journal of Commerce.

Looking to the Future

The future progress of mankind is to be sought, not through the strifes and hatreds of the nations, but rather by their friendly co-operation in the healing and enlightening works of peace and in the growth of a spirit of friendship and mutual confidence which may remove the causes of war.—London Nation.

Canada's Response

General Mewburn's statement that more than 614,000 men had passed through the hands of the Canadian military organization is proof that the men of the Dominion responded well to the call of war. It indicates that comparatively few of the fit of military age evaded duty. Canada's total population—men, women and children—is not over 8,000,000.—Montreal Gazette.

Destined to Failure

Royalists have started an active propaganda in both Germany and Austria. The movement is in keeping with past history, and it will fail. France, Portugal, and even China, are modern proofs that it is well-nigh impossible to effect a restoration of monarchy once a dynasty is defeated and thrown out for its follies.—London Saturday Review.

The Riders of the Plains

Every Canadian will rejoice to hear that the Northwest Mounted Police will have a new lease of life with an extended sphere of duty. That magnificent force has written some of the finest chapters of Canadian history, and its disappearance would leave a vacancy which nothing could fill until the country ceased to need its services. But the millennium may be a long way off.—Hamilton Herald.

They Warred Against Civilization

The discovery through Captain von Papen's papers that in October, 1916, Germany planned submarine warfare against Holland and the Scandinavian nations is far from startling. The German undersea boat men were sinking Dutch and Norwegian vessels right along, and ships of other neutral lands also. They hit at everything that sailed. They were at war with the world.—London Times.

An Injustice

In some recent news despatches recording petty crimes it has been noted that the person accused was a "returned soldier." This practice ought not to be continued. It is unjust to the bulk of the returned men, who are just as honest, and perhaps a little more honest, than those who stayed at home. No one would think of saying that "John Smith, who did not go to the war, is accused of," and so forth.—Brantford Expositor.

Savageries Long Prepared

Prof. Richard Norton, who organized the American Volunteer Motor Ambulance corps and whose death in Paris has been recently announced, disclosed the fact in the Champagne battle in October, 1915, that the German gas apparatus captured at that time dated as far back as 1908. Evidently these delectable people were at work on their barbarous devices six long years before the war broke out.—New York World.

A Craven-hearted Surrender

Preferring almost certain defeat to surrender, the French navy came out of Toulon in 1805 to meet defeat at Trafalgar; the Spanish fleet came out of Santiago in 1898 to certain defeat, and the Russian Baltic fleet gave battle to the Japs in 1905, although it knew it was doomed. It remained only for the German fleet to make a sheeplike surrender to the British navy on November 21st, rather than stand up and fight it out. Little wonder the British officers and men looked upon the humiliating scene with disgust.—San Francisco Bulletin.

A Tragic Tapestry

There is for sale in a New York store a Persian Royal tapestry fourteen feet square, valued at \$100,000, which is believed to have required for its making the work of a hundred women for ten years. This sounds big in the bulk, but it means that these wonderful Persian artists in tapestry earned about two dollars a week and probably got nothing but their food and scanty clothing. The world will soon have to do without works of art produced in that fashion.—Peterboro Examiner.

The Teuton Generals

The German ambassador to Constantinople told Ambassador Morgenthau, of the United States, during the first days of the war, that the German military machine could never be defeated. "It takes thirty years to produce the sort of generals now leading the German army," said he. This opens a field of speculation; were the Teuton generals overdone or underdone when the war broke out? We know now that they would have been done brown by Foch, Haig and the rest but would they have improved with age, like other cheese? Here is a question for post bellum controversy for years to come.—Vancouver Sun.

The New Era

We have lived through a terrible period. We have seen our own country perform its full share in that conflict, we have learned the lessons which can be taught only by suffering and sacrifice glorified by a noble cause, and we have seen the conflict end, as any long-drawn-out conflict of the kind must end, in the victory of the side whose force was backed up by the moral strength of a high and noble principle. And we stand to-day, along with the other great nations of a purified world, at the beginning of a new era which will certainly be vastly different from both the era of force and the era of materialism which preceded it.—St. John Telegraph.