

GERMAN SUB MORALE MAY SOON GIVE WAY

Loss of the Divers as Fast as They
Are Built Must Tell on Crews

A New Factor Soon — Submersible
Crews May Help the For—Struggle
Compared to Wrestling Match

London, Dec. 21.—It is difficult to speak of the position of the submarine campaign, as cabinet ministers have discovered, without immediately coming in conflict with the statements of somebody else. If the public realized, however, that the submarine campaign is a wrestling match, in which the British and German admiralties are closely locked, they would successfully steer a course of understanding through many apparently conflicting statements.

To say one side is on top does not mean that the bout is over. The wrestler underneath will come to the top perhaps, and again go under. What will determine the result will be the potential and realized resources of the wrestlers, directed by the moral reserve they can call upon.

Recognize What They're Facing.

With this preface, to avoid erroneous assumption, it may be said that the British admiralty officials now consider they know the full possibilities of the submarine campaign. If they have not overcome it, they now take the measure of it, and that is a big factor in determining future plans.

If the parallel of the wrestlers is remembered, it is clear that the moment when the Allies are getting the upper hand is the moment when building effort and economy should be increased. The Germans, for the moment, are sinking more ships, but the British are building them, and simultaneously sinking submarines through their increasing output of destroyers, sloops and other anti-submarine craft, through improved mining schemes, and by all other methods developed from time to time.

If it were possible to mention the figures representing the total of German submarines actually sunk, it would encourage those who know the British admiralty's difficulties, even if it disappointed those whose imagination does not correctly estimate the concrete facts which have to be reckoned with.

Shipyard Work Begins to Tell.

As to the output of new ships, definite figures cannot be given except that this country's building programme is only now about to count as a serious factor against the Germans. It may be said that last month the building was within 8,000 tons of the sinkings, that is, within one fair-sized ship of the sink-

ings. November, of course, was a good month as regards sinkings, but the building position, it may be said, progressively improves.

What of the building of German submarines? Admiral von Capelle claims an output of twelve submarines per month. That is a rarely attained maximum. Ten would be a more accurate figure. This year the Germans have made their great submarine effort, and have probably laid their plans for a still bigger effort next year on the basis of this year's achievements, and with a bigger submarine fleet.

May Smash German Morale.

One of the incalculable factors is the varying morale of the German submarine commanders. Supposing that in the month ten submarines are built and eight are sunk; that means that of 400 German sailors 320 are drowned. The injurious effect on the German morale is certain, and when, eventually, the sinking of submarines surpasses their building their morale will probably break down with progressive rapidity.

ALLEGED BANDITS CAUGHT.

Believed to Belong to Organized Gang

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 20.—Niagara district of late has been terrorized by a gang of robbers, believed to be black-hand foreigners, who robbed their compatriots by the wholesale, securing between \$5,000 and \$6,000 at Port Weller, near St. Catharines, Welland, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, etc.

Niagara Falls police have two men in custody who are believed to be members of the gang. They are Spaniards, Benjamin Alvarez and Bartholomew Palmer. Early Sunday morning, it is alleged, these two and another, who has escaped, held up two other Spaniards on a lonely road in the outskirts of the city and relieved them of \$1,100. One man had his money in his boots, while the other carried his in the breast of his coat.

In a statement to the police the victims said one of the prisoners, who boarded at the same house as they, offered to show them safely to the bridge, as he had a passport, but instead of taking them to the bridge he led them to the city outskirts and two masked men suddenly poked revolvers in their faces and demanded money. The two fought the robbers till almost beaten into insensibility. Alvarez and Palmer were arrested at their boarding house, later. They had no money on them.

Strictly Accurate.

The Major—What! Blinks a hen? Why, he's a "wash-out."

The Girl—But, major, he told me that in France he's always where the shells are thickest.

The Major—So he is—in charge of an ammunition dump.—Passing Show.

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NO PERMANENT ESTRANGEMENT

(Toronto Star.)

Some of the remarks made about Quebec are unduly pessimistic, and point to a permanent condition of hostility or estrangement. We do not apprehend such a relation, and certainly every good citizen will do his best to prevent it. In the present case we must simply agree to differ, casting our votes, not as an act of hostility, but as an expression of our own convictions. When the election is over, we expect that the verdict will be loyally accepted. Time may be depended upon to heal the breach, and nothing should be said now to make the healing process more difficult.

Our aim in this war is to make Canada, with the rest of the world, safe for democracy. Apparently the people of Quebec do not perceive that democracy is in danger from Prussian ambition. Yet if democracy loses the battle, no part of the world will suffer more than Quebec, and if democracy wins Quebec will share in the advantage of security for free institutions.

The Military Service Act does not discriminate against Quebec, and does not call upon Quebec to bear more than its fair share of the burden imposed by the war. In fact it will not nearly bring Quebec up to the level of the other provinces, owing to the fact that for three years and more these provinces have been contributing large numbers of men by voluntary enlistment, many of them married or over the age specified in the first call. Quebec is being asked simply to co-operate with the other provinces. And co-operation will be the watchword of the future.

It is out of the question for one province to remain permanently isolated from the rest. We are bound together by common interest in the growth and prosperity of Canada. As to purely Canadian questions, our common interests are vastly more important than our differences. At present the difficulty is that we in Ontario and the west regard the war as a Canadian question and Quebec does not. Quebec looks upon the war as something remote and shadowy, a conflict of European nations that are always quarrelling and fighting about something. We have learned that the ocean is no such defence as it was in the days of sailing vessels, and that we cannot afford to allow Europe to become the domain of a power whose ambitions are boundless.

BEER AND THE GERMAN

To the Editor of the Times:—
Sir:—Reginald Aldworth Daly, professor of geology in Harvard University, writing in the New York Times, (a paper not exhibiting special prejudice in favor of prohibition, but on the contrary, its talk about drink has been unfriendly towards total abstinence and hostile to prohibition), named some of the acts of German officials since the war began and suggested that mild, eternal intoxication is a partial but very real explanation of those unforgettable crimes.

He quotes Kneipelin, perhaps the greatest authority on the effects of German beer, as showing that there is no qualitative difference in the physiological effects of beer and spirits so far as the alcohol contents are concerned. Persistent use of beer, a 4 per cent. solution of alcohol, like whiskey a 50 per cent. solution produces a loss of self-control and he declares that "a man who drinks beer even quite moderately is never quite sober."

While the effects of steady beer drinking are not as striking as in the case of persons poisoned with whiskey, rum, or absinthe, yet he ventures the hypothesis that life-long drinking of mild beer has been one of the more potent causes for the amazing brutalities of official Germany.

"The Germanic peoples are the only group who feed alcohol to the babies or very young children of middle and upper classes. The child grows to manhood, drinking alcohol and continually handicapped in his development of cerebral, and therefore moral, con-

trol. On the other hand, nearly all the alcohol drunk in France and England is consumed after the formative years of childhood are past, distinctly lessening the danger of permanent cerebral degeneration. The war policy of France and England is being controlled by men who have not been at all poisoned by alcohol, or at least have been less poisoned than many prominent German of-

ficials, who, day in and day out, are kept irritable by the national drink."

Admitting that other factors enter in to the fearful problem, Prof. Daly urges that "some part of its solution may be found in the relations of chronic alcoholism to the human soul," and closes his remarkable article by asking: "Was the great Von Moltke right when he said: 'Beer is a far more dangerous enemy to Germany than all the armies of France?'"

J. H. HAZLEWOOD,
Department of Social Service.

They had a terrible scrap over whether the Bible should be in or out of the schools. Finally it came to a vote. It was a tie. The president of the school board was a Swede. Both sides were afraid of him. Neither side knew which way he would vote. A school trustee against the Bible, suggested that the president take a week to think it over before casting the deciding vote. A Baptist minister, on the other side, a school trustee, jumped up and offered a Bible he had in his pocket to the president with the suggestion that he read it and see if there was anything objectionable in it. The next week the board asked for the president's decision. He replied: "My wife and I sat up five nights to read that book. It is a good book! Not one word about Minneapolis in it. I read a lot about Saint Paul. I vote no."

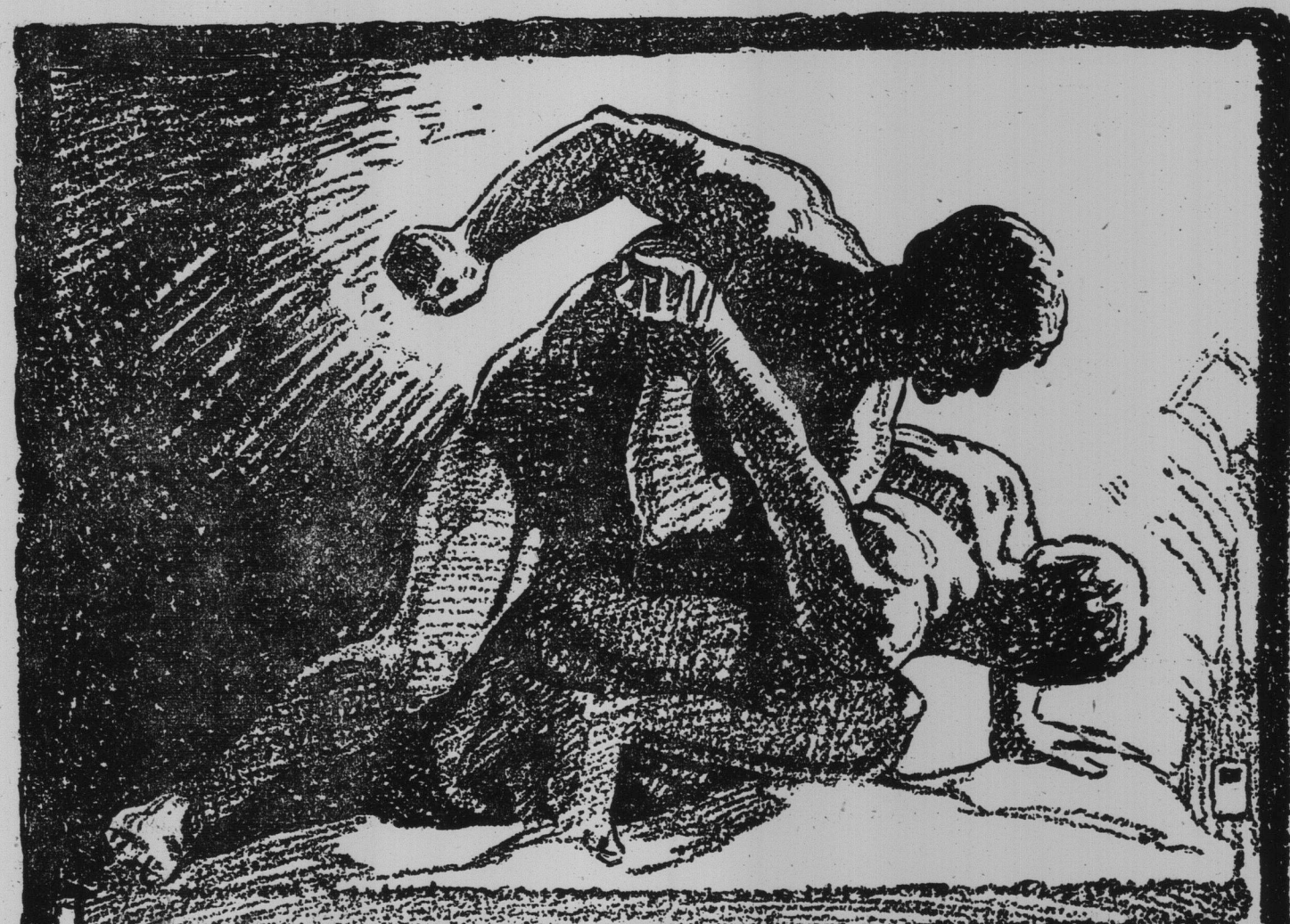
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