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IF Lord Beaverbrook, one-time Canadian cement maker, rises to his full duty as Britain's Minister of Propaganda, he will have to use all the force and finesse that brought success to him in the industrial world. He has to meet a wily and thoroughly unscrupulous foe. There was a time early in the war when German diplomacy was roundly scored for its stupidity. That quality it still shows in many rash acts which have recoiled to the Huns' own disadvantage. On the other hand, their propaganda, backed up by fear of the mallet fist, has injured the interests of the allies in not a few of the countries which still remain neutral, such as Denmark, Holland, Sweden and Spain.

Only the other day a Danish newspaper, the *Koebenhavn*, exposed the manner in which the German authorities had secured control of the Socialist party in Denmark. This was done by making an agreement for the importation of coal from Germany, the business to be handled by a company at a large profit, said profit to be a corruption fund for the enslavement of this powerful political party in a neighboring and neutral country. In this coal office is Alexander Helpland, alias Parvus, who carried on negotiations between Germany and the Russian Bolsheviks some time ago. "He is in Scheldemann's confidence," says the *Koebenhavn*. "His task is to make Copenhagen into a bridgehead and vantage ground of attack for German Social Democracy, which is now banned by the Internationale, but he also represents that Germany which wishes to triumph in a military sense, East as well as West."

Another example of the relentless policy of oppression by the Teutons is seen in the Italian portions of Austria, to regain which was one of the objects of Italy entering the war. When the United Kingdom of Italy was formed in 1866 Venetia became part of it, and peace and quiet thereupon ended for the provinces of Italian population that remained in Austria's hands—Trentino, Triest, Fiume, Istria and Dalmatia. The Trentino has been dominated by the military. It had been the scene of a flourishing silk industry, but after 1866 it was separated from Venetia and Lombardy by political as well as customs barriers, and it became like a plant cut off from its roots. Its silk mills could no longer import cocoons or export silken fabrics, and they had to close. Paper mills, iron and glass works also languished. Forced back on itself, it had to become an agricultural Alpine land, but that meant ruin to the whole population. Even telephonic and telegraphic communication with the Italian provinces to the south were systematically prohibited. Finally, Italian schools were closed, German schools opened and Teutons brought in for the work of the railwaymen, gendarmes and tax collectors.

Farther east the Teutons have had an even greater task for their diabolical diplomacy in the Adriatic provinces of Austria. Here lay her chief interests—the sea and commerce. The method of repressing the Italians here, says Virginio Gayda in his book, "Modern Austria," was to bring in hordes of Slavs and set them up in antagonism to the Italians. "The Government's action," says Gayda, "in this singular disintegration of the nationality of the Italian regions has certain clearly marked characteristics. These are: The forcible introduction of large masses of Slavs, who, by their mere numbers, are difficult for the nationality of the place to absorb; the enforced isolation of these foreign masses to prevent their mixing with the Italian population, and the artificial cultivation of anti-Italian feeling and a rabid Chauvinism among these masses." Thus the two races which lived together in harmony were used to destroy each other as much as possible.

In this connection it is instructive to look at German influence and methods in another part of the world. Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford, formerly of Toronto and now of New York, who spent several years in Africa, warns the world against complacency in German designs in the "Dark Continent." In a letter to the *New York Tribune* he says:

"In Africa, as a colonizer, Germany's policy has been clear as the day. She has beaten to the earth all native tribes; she has prepared herself to rush her neighbors' territory. Yet these are not her chief offence against the peace of the great African land and against those who have chosen it for their home. That offence lies in her deliberate and declared intention to do in Africa what Englishman, Boer, Frenchman, Belgian and Portuguese have so far not



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only refrained from doing, but have pledged themselves for Africa's advantage never to do, and that is this: Germany has proved her intention of building up in Central Africa a military state. If such a crime against humanity were to be allowed, then must we bid good-bye to peace and progress and quiet in that unfortunate and blood-soaked land. The work of countless missionaries and civil servants would be undone, and the savage instincts of tribes who are just beginning to know the blessings of peaceful industry would be stirred and stimulated."

On the other hand, Dr. Rainsford points out the humane policy pursued by Britain: "There has been little trace of militarism in England's rule. Up to 1914 she had, for instance, in all her immense East African territory just two battalions of native infantry and one battery of artillery. She was wholly unprepared for war. Her colonization was absolutely pacific. Where climatic conditions were favorable to European settlement the country was being rapidly taken up. Where the climate was unfavorable, as in the rich Uganda region, the tribes were encouraged to practice better agricultural work by capable civil servants and by a large number of missionaries, men and women as devoted, and not only devoted, but as wise and far-seeing in their methods as any who ever left home and comfort to live lonely lives of hardship for the sake of their fellow-men."

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Fish for the Clam With Dynamite.

A clam cannot come out of its shell. Its home is on the low sandstone ledges into which it bores by means of its sharp shell, to a depth of six or eight inches.

The little pholas or boring clam is a great delicacy on the Pacific coast. Its meat is juicy and tender and is excellent in chowder. Consequently, fishermen are not content to dislodge the clams slowly with pick and crowbar. They use dynamite, one blast of which dislodges hundreds of clams.—*Popular Science Monthly.*

Will Control Milk Sales.

Winnipeg is planning to control milk sales. The citizens consume approximately 12,000 gallons of milk a day, of which 6,000 is pasteurized and 6,000 raw.

Object to German.

The Moose Jaw branch of the Great War Veterans' Association object to German being taught in Saskatchewan.

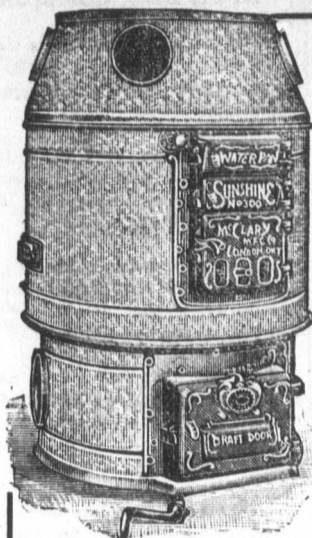
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