

What the World is Saying

"Frightfulness" Does Not Make Friends

Germany can now shoot in almost any direction and feel sure she will not hit a friend.—Toronto Globe.

Much More, and Much Worse, Coming to Him

The Allies celebrated Hindenburg's birthday by giving him a vicious kick in the ribs.—Boston Transcript.

The Ring of Steel and Fire Closing In

Every time Germany looks over her shoulder she sees that a new war front has sneaked up behind her.—New York Sun.

Women and the War

War has shown the nation's dependence on her women. The current ante-war notion on this point was fantastically erroneous.—London Daily Chronicle.

An Explosive Name

Protopopoff is the new Russian Minister of the Interior. They should have made him Director of Machine Guns.—Ottawa Citizen.

The Zeppelin "Frightfulness"

Every Zeppelin bomb dropped on English women and children shatters that much more the prospect of tolerable peace terms for Germany.—Philadelphia North American.

The British Output of War Material

More munitions of war of all kinds, from hand grenades to aeroplanes and from trench mortars to big guns, are produced in Great Britain in one week now than were produced in the whole first year of the war.—New York Tribune.

Forts and Great Guns

Roumania had to learn at her own expense, just as Belgium did at Namur and Austria did at Lemberg, that in modern war a great fortress is a liability instead of an asset.—Montreal Gazette.

What Enrages the Kaiser

It isn't the fact that England started the war. What enrages the Kaiser is the realization that England is going to end it.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Would Have Caused a Riot in Berlin

The French aviator who dropped handbills on Berlin missed a trick. He should have created a riot by dropping a tenderloin steak.—Hamilton Herald.

The Same is True of Every Just-minded Person in the World

Mrs. Gertrude Atherton, the American novelist, who is viewing the war at close range, frankly confesses that she hates the Germans. And, really, the lady gives many convincing reasons for the hate that is in her.—Vancouver Province.

German Finance

It is a mystery why Germany should debase her coinage with a zinc compound somewhat more costly than paper while the official printing presses are still able to grind out "shinplasters."—Brantford Expositor.

"Improved Conditions for Germany"

King Ludwig of Bavaria says peace will not be concluded except upon improved conditions for Germany. This is quite probable. Peace terms will enable the Germans to throw off their King Ludwigs, which in itself will mean "improved conditions for Germany."—Edinburgh Scotsman.

How Truly German!

The joke of the war, if there could be any jest about such a thing, would be a protest against the war impropriety of the British "tanks" by the perpetrators of poison gas and poisoned wells, Zeppelin raids and murderers of Belgian civilians.—Halifax Herald.

The Manufacture of Paper Money in Germany

The Kaiser congratulates the German people ostentatiously on the success of the latest war loan. Some day the German official printing presses will break down under the strain, and then how will Berlin manage to raise money?—Wall Street Journal.

The Lamb the Zeppelin Killed

The events that followed a recent Zeppelin raid on the east coast cast themselves naturally into a form recalling that of "The House That Jack Built," as thus: This is the lamb the Zep. killed. This is the field where lay the lamb the Zep. killed. This is the crowd that came to the field where lay the lamb that the Zep. killed. These are the sixpences paid by the crowd that came to the field where lay the lamb that the Zep. killed. This is the Red Cross that took the sixpences paid by the crowd that came to the field where lay the lamb that the Zep. killed. (As a matter of fact a rabbit was also killed in the same field, but space is limited.)—London Nation.

A Movement Engineered by Germany

Dr. Hugo Muensterberg accuses a colleague of trying to kill "the tender peace movement." The British exposure did that.—New York Nation.

"The Ramshackle Empire"

Here is a cheerful little paragraph which may be left to speak for itself: "Since the closing of the last session of the Austrian parliament in the spring of 1914, thirty-five seats have become vacant. The former occupants of most of them have been hanged or imprisoned on charges of high treason." Clearly the Ramshackle Empire is anything but a comfortable place.—Westminster Gazette.

A Contrast

Compare the announcements of the British War Minister and the German Imperial Chancellor. One declares a fair fight to a finish, the other says that any means are fair for fighting with Great Britain. The one speaks for a whole people who have placed him where he is; he speaks open truth. The other speaks the dying lie of a military clique fighting frantically in defence at the last ditch.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Food Conditions in Germany

In Berlin the retail price of beef has been reduced about 5 cents a pound, the prices now varying from 60 to 70 cents. The meat in question should now be within reach of the wealthy classes. The ordinary people probably are living largely on bread and cabbage soup, with a sausage or two a week to remind them of the happy days before the war.—Ottawa Evening Journal.

Countess Bernstorff Fortunate in Not Being a Belgian Woman in the Hands of the Germans

Countess Bernstorff, the wife of the Ambassador of Germany at Washington, has arrived in New York. It is said she was courteously treated by the British officials who came on the boat at Kirkwall. That is not to be wondered at. The British officials and soldiers always treat women courteously. They do not murder them, nor do they torpedo boats carrying women and children. That is exclusively the function and practice of the Prussians.—Victoria Colonist.

Fashions in Grandmother's Days, and Now

Dressmakers and designers, now in Chicago for their annual convention, announce that the familiar Paisley shawl of grandmother's day is to be fashionable again. It may be predicted right now that the excellent garment will not be a fad for very long. Grandmother wore her shawl, like her black silk dress, for many years. Granddaughter must have a new outfit for every season of the year; else she is most wretched.—Toronto News.

That Murderous Old Hun, Count Zeppelin

An American business man, now in Switzerland, has had an interview with Count Zeppelin, in which the inventor declared that he had sworn to destroy London by airship bombardment, or die. He has become a fanatic on the subject, says the American. As the Count is 78 years of age his promise may, quite naturally, soon be kept, though not in the way he would prefer. London is quite likely to remain undestroyed for some time to come. The chances are against the old inventor.—London Daily Mail.

Too Late for Mediation

The question of the moral right to hinder the approaching victory of the side that was set upon had its full hearing in public a year and more ago. Out of the discussion came understanding that any attempt to constrain to peace the side that had previously been constrained to fight would be iniquitous; so long as America had taken no step to check the original Teuton aggression when it bade fair to crush all its intended victims, a later attempt to step in after the current had turned in those victims' favor must come quite too late to be honorable.—Buffalo Express.

The German Food Census

The German authorities, in taking the food census, will even investigate the stocks in private households. Perhaps they will not find everything they are looking for. The announcement is likely to cause numerous householders to hide whatever preserved sausages they have in stock in chimneys and other secret places. A two-pound salami, or a string of knockwurst, is as valuable in Germany to-day almost as a scuttle full of iron money.—Ottawa Free Press.

Human Sacrifices to the Glory of the Crown Prince

The Crown Prince accompanied Gen. Von Hindenburg on a tour of the western front. The Germans can change their high chief of staff as often as they like, but with the Crown Prince to haunt and worry him no general can do much. Always the demand is that some victory shall be planned and won for the glory of the Crown Prince, so that his fame will thrill Germany. How many hundreds of thousands of lives have been sacrificed vainly in seeking this end some German patriot ought to figure out.—Rome Giornale d'Italia.

Enforced "Politeness"

With his unflinching politeness the Kaiser says: "No tanks."—Brockville Times.

A Thing That Every Day is Making Plainer

The Teutonic Empires have lost the initiative and cannot possibly regain the advantage. Time is now against them, as well as strengthened opponents.—Petrograd Novoe Vremya.

The "Frightfulness" Kind

The "independent committee for German peace" urges ruthless submarine warfare. They are consistent in the kind of peace they want.—Paris Journal des Debats.

Germany's Accountability

Germany could have prevented the war. The Imperial Government did not, because it had for years planned war to the last detail and looked for profit from it.—Sydney (N.S.W.) Morning Herald.

The Work of the War Nurses

The nation, which is proud of its men has good reason to be proud of the devotion and courage which its women have exhibited in this crisis in its history, and among those women none have done more splendid service than the nurses.—London Saturday Review.

German Production of Banknotes and Bonds

Already the Reichstag is preparing to call for another \$3,000,000,000 loan. The German official printing presses can turn out any number of misstatements of fact, if not any number of banknotes and bonds, which will pass for current pay among the German people, but they will not be able to do even this indefinitely.—Monetary Times.

The Scarcity in Germany

The German Government, having regulated beer consumption and the eating of sausages, has now taken control of the stocks of tobacco throughout the Empire, and will issue tobacco tickets. The Fatherland must seem a very cheerless country to the men yet at home.—New Orleans Picayune.

The Plight of Austria-Hungary

The capital of Switzerland hears that Austria-Hungary is calling up for service at the front all the remaining men not actually crippled, up to the age of 44. If that is so the fact is not surprising. The Austro-Hungarian armies are being strongly assailed on all fronts and their losses must be great. The gaps have to be filled somehow if defeat is to be staved off for a time.—London Statist.

The Hyphenates and the Submarines

"Curiously opposed to these complaints," says the German Overseas news agency, of the submarines on our coast, "is the fact that since the beginning of the war British cruisers have been watching American ports." It is so much in the tone of the Fatherland that one is surprised not to have them called "our" ports. But none of the hyphenated who were so shocked and humiliated as Americans at the earlier spectacle has yet owned to any humiliation at the exploits of Capt. Rose and the U-53.—Springfield Republican.

War's Continuing Destruction

Mr. George Barr Baker, of the Commission for the Relief of Belgium, asserts that investigation has shown that there are in the occupied parts of Belgium and France 1,500,000 children of school age beginning to show the effects of malnutrition. The same conditions, though probably in lesser degree, prevail in other parts of the extending war zone also, it is to be believed. That is one of the penalties of war. The rising generation suffers through no fault of its own. A war's evils by no means end when peace is signed.—London Lancet.

German Slipperiness

Royal assent has been given to a Norwegian ordinance forbidding submarines of belligerent powers to traverse Norwegian waters except in cases of emergency, when they must remain on the surface and fly their national flag. No doubt Norwegian warships will endeavor to have the ruling observed. In emergencies it is likely to be ignored, nevertheless. The German submarine at least is a slippery customer when in foreign waters. With its "military advantage" takes precedence over other countries' laws and desires at times.—Buenos Aires Prensa.

Have Deified Trade—A Wrong Ideal

"The works of peace are more important than the works of war; it is a great thing to defend the Empire when menaced by an enemy; it is a grander and more difficult process to set our energies to work to uplift the nation in time of peace. Unpreparedness is like a grisly ghost when viewed in the light of blood and sacrifice on unequal terms; it is doubly so when peace comes and there is unpreparedness even in thought."—Sir George E. Foster.