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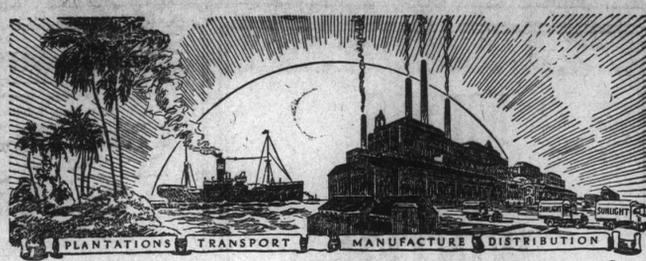
The German System A Failure.

Another Proof that the People Are Determined to Uphold Freedom and Democracy.

(By H. F. SHORTIS.)
centrals in Berlin and manipulated at will by the master spirits such as the Kaiser, Hindenburg, Ludendorff, Von Bissing, Von Capelle, Tirpitz, Von Jagow and the other imperialists and philosophers in the great war machine.
A Fatal Blunder.
As I said before they made a terrible, a fatal blunder in their own handling of the resources, unity and characteristics of the British people, and they made another great blunder when the Kaiser, years ago, did not heed almost the dying words of Bismarck, "at all costs not to make Russia an enemy of the German Empire."
Germany's Mistake.
The Germans, or rather Prussians, were so inflated in their own mind that they never studied the real make-up of the British Empire. Their philosophers preached for nearly half a century that the British Empire was rotten, and all that was required was the advance of the Prussian eagle to the top of the world and destroy it for all time.
Why Empires Fall.
There is a cause for the sudden fall of every Empire that rose to greatness and attempted world domination since the beginning of the world.

life, amongst them his Secretary, he made no provision whatever for his retreat from Russia, giving as a reason that the Russians would never destroy their beautiful city of Moscow. Such was his ambition, and to such a height did he endeavor to soar that he wished to take the ruling of the Church from the hands of Christ's Vicar on earth, place himself at its head and make the Pontiff subservient to his will.
Ireland's Need.
And now that the object for which our Great Empire has taken up arms has been attained, by the approval of democracy, the right of small nations to self-government and the utter collapse of autocracy and the crushing of the militaristic party in Prussia, I trust the British Government will commence at their own door-step and grant that Home Rule to Ireland, which is at present on the Statute Book, endorsed by King and people and signed by every responsible man at the head of affairs to place it in full operation, and thus gain the applause and respect of the millions of Irish and their descendants scattered over the entire globe.
What the Kaiser's?
But will the ex-Kaiser make as great an end? Of course it is almost sacrilege to speak of the two rulers in the one sentence. Both cut their way to power with the sword, and both fell by the sword (thus fulfilling the words uttered by our Lord himself).

will present itself in time. It has always done so, and history repeats itself. During the days of Napoleon, and our war with France, the great conqueror was depicted as being the greatest monster upon the face of the earth, and his name was held in such dread and hatred that it was used to frighten the unruly offspring, even as the Saracens of old quitted their children by exclaiming: "Bash or I shall give thee to King Richard (the Lion Hearted)."
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The Princess He Despised.

When Prince Bernhard von Bulow was called upon to relinquish the direction of Teutonic despatches and give up the Imperial Chancellery in 1909 for the heinous crime of trying to shut the indiscreet mouth of his loquacious Kaiser, people of the world thought that he had faded in obscurity.
The most modern, urbane and worldly-wise of German statesmen was for a long time a prime favorite of the head of the Hohenzollerns. Wilhelm called him "My Bernhard" and ranked him in the category of Crivoi for humbling M. Delcasse in the Moroccan crisis in 1905. It was he who invented the famous phrase, "Our place in the sun."

Those Printers Again!

On one occasion a bishop sent an article to a paper, in which he said, "We pray too loud and work too little." The compositor, consciously or unconsciously, perpetrated a little joke, for when the article appeared it read, "We pray too loud and work too little." "I let it go at that," said the bishop. "The fact is, I believe the printer was right, and I have never ventured to correct him."
A famous British general possessed of literary leanings, in the course of an address in Edinburgh some years ago, had occasion to remark that he had kissed the "nurses." The printer made it appear that the gallant soldier had kissed the "nurses." In his letter of correction, almost in a spirit of regret, the general made it clear that he had no such luck!

Self Government

(Twillingate Sun.)
In this country we have not got a proper understanding of the rights of self government. We make a great hurrah every four years, round about election time, and fight and squabble over the merits of our respective parties—very often with a most laudable idea as to what those parties really represent. But having elected one or the other we proceed to forget them until next election comes round again; except, maybe, to grumble because all the wonderful things we expected didn't happen. Then when another four years has elapsed we rush in a body to the poll booth and "turn the rascals out," though perhaps—a very often happens—we have not been showing them what was expected of them. You hear folks say "why don't THEY (whoever they mean by "they") do so-and-so?" Yet it is YOUR Government put there by YOU. Do we ever stop to consider when we use that "they," that "they" means ourselves? The job of self government is not completed by marking your cross at the polling booth, as some people seem to believe. Self government is a privilege that brings responsibilities. No man is competent to mark his ballot who simply wakes to an interest in politics every four years. You often hear people say of their District members that they see them every four years. Quite frequently the people who say this only take an active interest in the government of their country every four years. Yet they expect more from their representatives than they will give themselves. Let me tell you when we keep our active interest in the government of our country all through the four years, THEN shall we see our representatives more frequently. What we have is SELF GOVERNMENT. Don't neglect your privilege or you will find, as you have so often found in the past, that you are being MISGOVERNED.
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