

# Opinions of Other People

**An American Reply**  
From Indianapolis

**From a T.B.D. Man**  
H. M. T. B. D. Star

**Monocle Man Rebuked**  
Melville, Sask.

## AN AMERICAN REPLY.

Indianapolis, Ind.,  
March 20, 1917.

Editor:

The writer has been reading a February copy of your estimable paper, and was very much interested in the article headed "The Congressional Orchestra." The Canadian view of the Congress of the United States is not surprising, but we hope the Canadian people will believe that the actions and speech of some of its members are not representative of the feelings of all Americans. The writer is proud to belong to the class which believes that the Allies are fighting our war for us—that the English navy stands between us and destruction.

The events of the past few days indicate that we, too, will be privileged to join the great fight of Democracy against Absolutism, and there are many who view the prospect with eagerness. The neutrality of this country has been the source of great humiliation to every true American. We are Allies now, and it thrills every nerve in our bodies to know that at last we are squarely on the right side.

We believe the people of Canada do not understand how hard our problem is, and the writer wishes to set forth a few of the many different views which have been expressed.

Our population is extremely cosmopolitan. There are millions of German-Americans and Pro-Germans, both private citizens of influence and men in public office. Some of us believe that consideration for their feelings should have no bearing at all on the question of right and wrong, but the policy of our government, up to this time, has been otherwise, and we have had to be loyal, at least. We can be loyal now with no twinge of conscience—with no feeling that we are hypocrites—outwardly neutral, but in reality Pro-Belgian.

The public opinion of your country, no doubt, is greatly divided also. It cannot be otherwise. You will be able to point to a group of citizens in the Dominion to correspond to every one mentioned here. We thoroughly understand that it is the policy of our President that it is so inconceivable to the Allies, as it is also to some of us.

We have people here who believe all war is wrong. Some of them are religious and some are not. They make this statement without any thought. It sounds Christian, and they think it covers everything. They think that all fight for progress is wrong, and has been since the world began. According to this theory all the wars of the world fought in the cause of Freedom have been wrong—our Civil War was wrong; it was wicked to use war as a means of freeing the slaves at that time, and it is outrageous for the Allies to fight to free the Belgians.

There is another kind of American citizen who calls himself a pacifist, but who gives the lie to the word. We will waste few words on the German-American who opposes war between

Germany and this country. He is really not at all opposed to war—in fact, he believes in it deeply, but just does not want it now. The time is not ripe for Germany to conquer America. That will come later in the Kaiser's plan for world empire. But when the "world empire" comes—as many Germans believe it will—the German-American knows there will be a place for him, so we have his loud voice leading the chorus of weaklings opposing war.

The Canadian people, of course, know that Germany has been making war on us for many months. A few of us have known this, but the majority are just waking up to the fact. The Zimmerman note has revealed to us that we will have to fight Germans on our own soil, and we know we will have plenty of them to contend against. There are only a few, comparatively, that are not tied to the Kaiser's apron strings.

Some believe that commercial rivalry between Germany and England started the war. The writer talked to an American who had never heard of the assassination of the Arch-Duke Francis—who did not know that this was the spark that started the fire. Such ignorance is widespread. The ordinary American is too busy being prosperous. He doesn't realize how selfish he is in danger of becoming. His moral muscles are becoming soft and flabby from disuse. They need electric treatment, and it will take a strong current to bring them back to normal.

We know the people of Canada will admit that President Wilson has a heavy burden. That he should have been more firm in upholding the rights of Americans in the past is clearly evident. We hope the ever-increasing effrontery of the Hohenzollerns will strengthen his nerve. Some of us believe that we have other Americans better fitted for this crisis. But perhaps a stronger government would not show up our weaknesses, and that our faults are greatly in evidence we should be thankful.

Very truly yours,

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FROM A T.B.D. MAN.

H.M.T.B.D. "Star."

C/o G.P.O., London, England.

The Editor:

Have just run across, quite accidentally, a copy of the "Canadian Courier." I am a resident of Ottawa, and for the last two years have been over here doing my bit as a signalman. The above destroyer, of which I am one of the crew, is incessantly doing patrol duty, which is the limit for monotonous but vigilant watch-keeping, especially in my department, which is aptly termed the "Eyes of the Fleet." Now I am constantly up against it for something to read when not watch-keeping. I get quite a

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Vancouver B.C.

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Toronto

bunch of English magazines, but alas, no Canadian, hence I am writing to ask you if you would kindly forward the "Courier." . . . I had the pleasure of being in the "Battle of Jutland" last year, and from what I saw and heard the "Germans" must have thanked God that our Fleet did not meet them four hours previously. There are things I could tell you but must not, which makes by blood thrill with admiration for this "Silent Navy" of ours. We are not in the "Limelight" like the army, but this "Silent Navy" is and undoubtedly will be the deciding factor in this war, which I fervently hope will end this year.

Yours truly,

F. HARVEY LEE,  
Signalman R.N.V.R.

## MONOCLE MAN REBUKED.

Melville, Sask.,

March 20, 1917.

The Editor:

Will you allow me space in which to register a protest against the Courier's publishing any more of such stuff as that featured in the Courier of March 17, under the Monocle Man's signature?

If it was intended as humour there are a whole lot of us who fail to catch the point. In the light of what women have done and are still doing to help the Empire such statements are in very bad taste to say the least.

Why print the biased opinions of a man who seems to be quite rational on most other topics save that of woman suffrage?

Such statements as that "they must keep the government in the hands of the possessors of force," that "bayonets only are to be counted in the great council chamber of humanity," and that women "ought not to be given the destiny of the nation to play with," belong to the Stone Age.

If the Canadian Courier is honest in wishing to be an up-to-date weekly, it should march with the times.

The ease and alacrity with which a Tory Premier like Mr. Hearst put such an advanced measure through is, after all, not the question. The great fact that the Ontario women have the vote at last, is what really counts.

E. G. BAYNE.

"EQUALITY IN BABIES!"

Stouffville.

The Editor:

I should like to say that I have been reading the Courier for some time and have found some very interesting articles in it. But I should like to take exception to the article in Mar. 17, "And now—Equality in Babies." I think that the Monocle Man had better look through spectacles for a while and perhaps his view would be a little less distorted. He simply mentions the countries where there is no franchise, and all admit that Russia, Germany, Austria and Japan are not countries in which we would envy the women's position, and in Russia not even

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