

## PERSPECTIVE ON PEACE

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the world will be fighting Germanism.

To realize the force of this we must examine briefly how Germany came to be the business manager of Mittel Europa, the head office of which is Prussia. How did Prussia come to be the factory manager of modern Germany, of Austria, of Turkey? How did Prussia, with an original 19,000,000 of population in 1866, come to be fighting as she is now for the domination of the whole world or for total obliteration as a first-class world power? If within 50 years Prussia, with 19,000,000 people under a despotism could aim to conquer the world, what part of another 50 years will it take to loosen Prussia's strangle hold on continental Europe?

LET us put on one side first the outline facts of Prussia's amazing aggrandisement. Prussia's war with Austria in 1866 was engineered by Bismarck & Co. to remove Austria from the headship of the German Confederation. There was then no German Empire; only Prussia and the smaller German states with Austria at the head. It was then Prussia vs. Austria in middle Europe, with France as the nominal boss of continental Europe and Russia as a mere vast speculation in the East. To crush Austria, Bismarck got the neutrality of France and the alliance of Italy. The war was over almost before it was well under way. Prussia had an organized nation in an army. The battle of Koniggratz took the headship of the German Confederation away from Austria and gave it to Prussia. The North German and the South German States were swung under Prussia. Austria was left her autonomy, in a league of fear with Germany, whose North German Band was organized on July 1, 1867, the day of Confederation in Canada. By the war with Austria the population subject to Prussia was increased from 19,000,000 to 38,500,000. Prussia became the real head of a compact middle Europe.

Having consolidated Middle Europe, it was Prussia's next move to overthrow France, the nominal boss of continental Europe since the days of Napoleon I. The Franco-Prussian war and the modern German Empire were the result. Prussia became the boss of continental Europe. By a systematized diplomatic corruption of Russia, begun by Bismarck, we know how that country was prepared for the next great war. Obviously the next move must be the overthrow of England with her world-dominating Empire. And we know how that was staged up in 1914. By the first great war engineered by Prussia through the modern German Empire in league with Austria and Turkey, Germany was to be the boss of all Europe, including England. The next obvious step must have been the practical conquest of the whole world.

This was the programme in which the events of the war have put a crimp, and not a day too soon. On any peace dictated by the war map Germany has the advantage of most of Belgium, a large part of Northern France, Russian Poland, much of Roumania, all of Bulgaria, all of Serbia, Montenegro, a part of Italy, and a part of Northern Russia. She has the disadvantage of not having conquered France, not having conquered England, not having dismembered Russia, and having completely made an untiring enemy of the United States.

WE leave it to the diplomats to calculate what any Peace Conference may make out of that. Theodore Roosevelt stated in Kansas City, a few days ago, in reply to Lansdowne, that the fight must be to a finish and must result in crumpling up Germany's war map even to the restoration of Alsace-Lorraine. All the world loves a fighting man. Teddy speaks on behalf of a nation which has not begun to feel the effects of the great war, except in an enormous war prosperity. Lloyd George and Asquith spoke similarly in 1914, when they said that the Hohenzollerns and the Junkers must be overthrown. The Hohenzollerns and the Junkers are still going. The ugly miracle of a Prussia of 19,000,000 population in 1866 wanting to dictate terms to the world still exists. We know why.

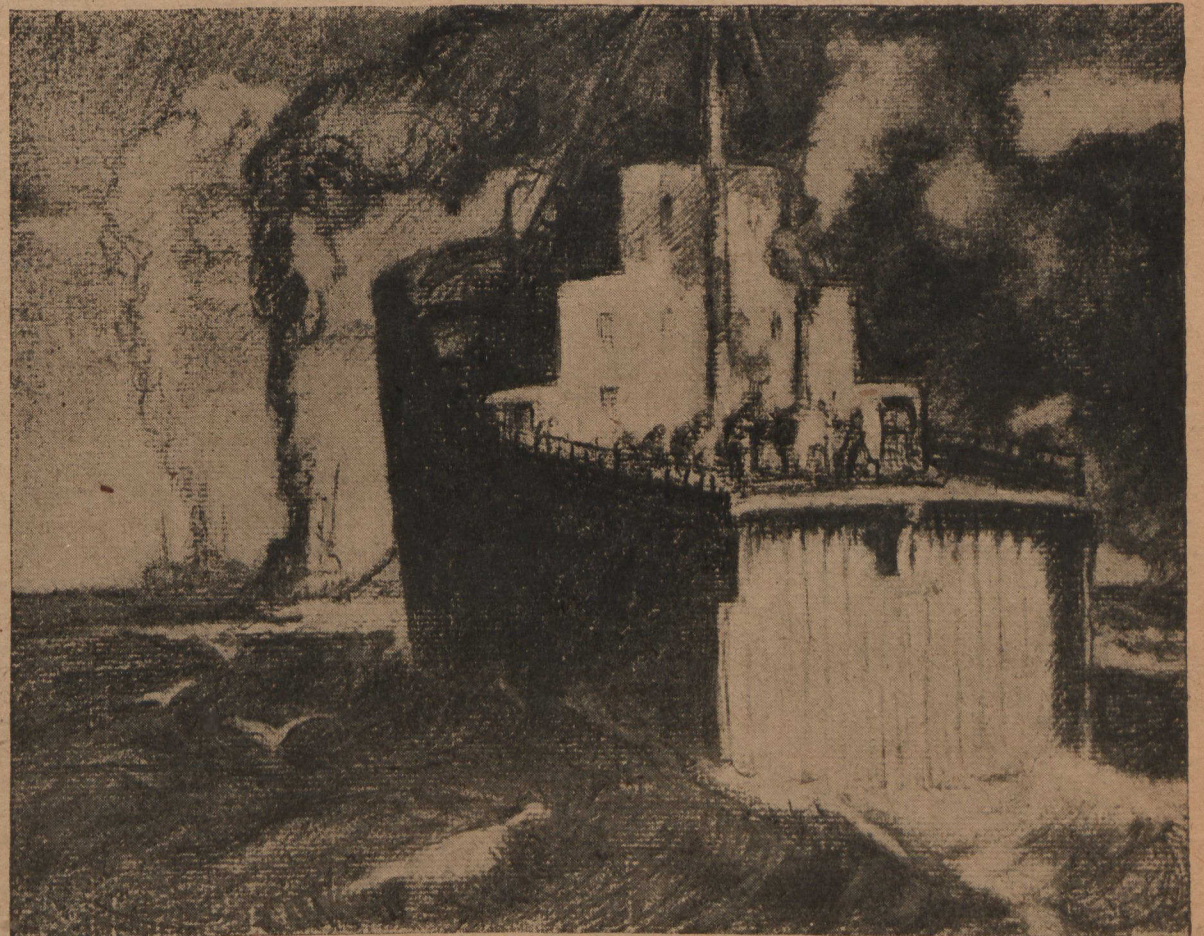
Now then, in the face of this, Lord Lansdowne shows that he is a poor poker player, because he

OUT AGAINST *the* SUBMARINE

*Picturesque Exit of Canadian Lake Liners in Two Sections Through the Welland Canal*



IN the business of mobilizing Canada against the submarine, the Great Lakes marine does its share. Lake liners become ocean liners. The only obstacle in getting these boats from Lake Superior, 2,000 miles to the seaboard was in the canals. Any boat big enough for ocean transport is too big to go through the Welland and the Lachine Canals. The obvious answer to this was to cut them in two. These excellent drawings of one big boat being towed in two completely bulkheaded sections through the Welland Canal were made on the spot. The upper one shows the bow section coming head on behind her tug. The lower one shows the stem half of the same vessel going out backwards. —Drawings by DeWitt Drake.



tells the enemy how bad a hand he thinks he has got without dreaming that his enemy may have a worse. He comes out for a recognition of the facts when everybody knows the essence of poker is bluff. Germany is the greatest poker-playing nation in the

world. Lansdowne, and all that part of England which agrees with him, is one of the poorest. Time and again Germany has won the war at home by the use of headlines. Time and again we have play-

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