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Exposing the imbecile national immorality and crookedness of Germany, at this date, may look like slaying the slain, or, to be more exact, like hanging a man who has already hanged himself. But the Boston Transcript, in a recent issue, does the thing so picturesquely that we need not apologize for indicating its process.

The Transcript tracks the Germans around the world, and lays bare their crude campaign of falsehood at every point. They have constantly been working with special diligence in Spain. They have recently put in circulation here, a picture post card of a terribly battered cruiser in dry dock, under which runs the legend: "Damaged enemy cruiser being repaired at Malta after an attack on the Dardanelles." A close examination of the picture, says the Transcript, at once reveals the fact that it is a reproduction of a drawing, and not an original photograph. The amusing thing about the whole conception is that there is no dry dock of any kind at Malta. The German official liar is not even capable.

The second absurd German falsehood which the Transcript lays bare is to the effect that American public opinion was turned against Germany at the beginning of the war because then the Americans got nearly all their news from the capitals of the Allies. Everything that came from Germany at that time, the Transcript points out, was printed as freely in the United States as that which came from other quarters; but the Germans were so intent on carrying out their great initial "plan" that they suppressed as much news as possible. When they were checked and defeated at the Marne, they at once began sending out carefully concocted falsehoods which had to be edited with equal care. The Transcript asserts what every intelligent person knows, that the American press has been perfectly impartial in the printing of all real news. It has merely discriminated as much as possible between truth and designing fiction. Says the Transcript:

What sympathy, beyond love of fair play, was extended to Germans at the outset was destroyed by their own actions and their own armies. It was not repressed, or discolored by English influence. It was annihilated by German statesmen, German professors, propagandists, editors, divines and soldiers—soldiers too gentle to be human—and destroyed it remains without hope of resurrection in this or the next generation.

In the matter of atrocities, the Transcript declares that Germany stands self-condemned. In her own "General Staff publication," issued before the war, entitled "War Usage in Land War," it is laid down that any outrage is permissible and approved under "Military Necessity." In spite of this official advance announcement of a deliberate military policy of "frightfulness," there were some Americans who still hoped that the Belgian stories might not be true until the blighting incident of the Lusitania. "To expect Americans to 'understand' Germany after such an outrage is," says the Transcript, "to ask the impossible."

The Transcript goes on to reveal how the American press is daily bombarded and inundated with German "facts" that "won't bear the test of official accounts on subsequent dates;" how all sorts of disreputable tricks are resorted to for the purpose of getting bogus German matter printed in the United States; how "free, fake photographs," such as a picture of "Scarborough with its fortress," are thrust upon American editors "for the purpose of counteracting public opinion." It recounts Dr. Dernburg's career in the United States and exposes his methods. It tells of German cajoleries and threats, alike ill-timed and insolent. It sets forth the constant work of hundreds of German newspapers in the United States, many of them subsidized, of "missionaries, hired lecturers and gutter-snipers, public meetings, German societies under American names, so as to throw dust in the eyes of unsuspicious American war correspondents" specially primed in Germany. And it points out how all this has failed to move American public opinion in the slightest, because the American people have made up their minds definitely and unchangeably, after due enquiry and consideration.

The Transcript follows at great length all

the twistings and turnings and underground windings of the official German lying brigade. We have not space in which even to epitomize its exposures and its setting forth of facts. We shall conclude by showing how it transfixes and holds up to universal contempt the Kaiser and his Ministers by direct quotation from their public utterances. On August 4th, of last year, Herr Von Jagow, the German Foreign Secretary, telegraphed to the German Ambassador in London:

"Even in the case of armed conflict with Belgium, Germany WILL UNDER NO PRETEXT WHATSOEVER ANNEX BELGIAN TERRITORY."

On November 5th, just three months later, the Kaiser himself, in an order to his troops in East Prussia, announced:

"Belgium, which interfered with our attack, HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE GERMAN PROVINCES."

In a note to President Wilson, dated September 5th, 1914, wherein he sought to palliate German atrocities in Belgium, the Kaiser himself wrote:

"The Belgian Government has openly incited the civil population TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIGHTING."

This, of course, was a stupid lie. That was only what was to be expected of the Kaiser. But the clumsy impudence of the German Emperor is not to be properly appreciated until his military proclamation, published in East Prussia, in November last, has been read in that connection. Here is the Kaiser's own proclamation of six weeks later:

"When the enemy crosses the frontiers of Imperial Germany, it is the duty of every man capable of bearing arms to stem the invasion and harass the enemy till he retires. THE WHOLE POPULATION MUST TAKE UP ARMS TO KEEP THE ENEMY ALWAYS IN A STATE OF UNREST, SEIZE HIS FOOD SUPPLIES, CAPTURE HIS SCOUTS, DESTROY, BY ANY MEANS WHATSOEVER, HIS AMBULANCE AND FIELD HOSPITALS, AND TO SHOOT HIM DOWN DURING THE NIGHT. THE MEN OF THE LANDSTURM WHO PERFORM SUCH DUTIES SHOULD NOT WEAR UNIFORMS, BECAUSE BY RETAINING THEIR CIVILIAN DRESS THEY ARE LESS CONSPICUOUS, AND THUS IN A BETTER POSITION TO ATTACK THE ENEMY UNAWARES."

We deeply regret our inability to submit to our readers, even in outline, the whole of the Transcript's exposure of Germany and German methods. But the foregoing partial summary of its article will give them some idea of its effectiveness. We cannot, however, refrain from closing with the presentation of the striking epigrammatic remark of the Transcript concerning the Kaiser's "MOBILIZATION OF GOD, for which ninety millions of Americans consider he has no authority."

The Nation, London, is responsible for the following:

Scene, improvised singsong in the relief-camp, to which a number of German prisoners were admitted as a special favor. Officer running it returns after a brief absence to find the sergeant left in control of the program announcing the following item: "Our friends Fritz and 'Ans will now oblige with the 'Ynn of 'Ate."

Can anyone imagine a like incident occurring with a German sergeant as the spokesman?

MY GARDEN.

O, how can I hoe my 'taters, when the earth's one gob of mud?

And where'll we be at next winter when the price is on that spud?

My corn, it's under water, tasseled streamers wavin' low—

Where's the cobb we would be eatin' when September breezes blow?

The grass is green as Ireland, but the stock's "as poor as a crow."

For the rain without the sunshine makes the meat pile on darn slow.

In the green of the dewy meadow stands the water ankle-deep;

Dotted all about with haycocks soaked so full they've sprung a-leak.

Tender lettuce faintly showin' under water to be seen,

Little rootlets sprawlin' upward where the waves have washed them clean.

Thought this spring I'd plant a garden—what I've never done before,

Thought 'twould be right pretty lookin' from the old west kitchen door.

(I don't spend my time a-plantin', wearin' out my very life,

Shovin' round and stoopin' over, doubled like an old jackknife).

'Twas done on the 'spur of the moment'—same old spur I've always used—

If I'd stopped and thought about it—sort of what you call perused—

'Twan't no garden I'd have planted; you can bet your cowlid shoes.

—Boston Globe.

Other Editors' Opinions

CANADA AND THE WAR.

In a letter from Major Bywater, to his brother, the editor of the Palmerston Spectator, he states that he believes that the present European war will demand the full strength of the Empire, involving conscription, not only in Britain but in the colonies. We are willing to hope that victory will crown our cause before this last step is rendered necessary, but we must remember that this prediction is not made by one unfamiliar with the situation, but by a military officer in touch with conditions as they actually exist in the Mother Land. Conscription in Canada would simply mean that men of the approved military age, would from all over the Dominion be forced to join the colors and cross the sea for active service on the firing line in Europe. A little reflection on this possibly will convince us how truly the war of the Empire is Canada's war whether we do or do not realize how intimately Canada's future is connected with its outcome. Our fair young Dominion was born and has grown up in a freedom fuller and more all embracing than that enjoyed by any other nation in the world, and now freedom calls for champions to defend her cause and Canada must respond.

Up to the present, Canada has responded nobly and well to the call of freedom and the Empire, and no better work has been performed in the vast arena of war, than that accomplished by Canadian heroes. We who remain at home cannot but feel proud and hold high our heads when we read of the exploits of our sons in the ranks of the Dominion's troops, but, unless we, who remain at home in full enjoyment of the privileges and principles against which German militarism is waging war to the death, are willing and ready to make what little sacrifice we can for the great cause for which our heroes bled and died, we have no part in the glory their valor has kindled and are unworthy of the title "Canadian" to which these gallant Canadian volunteers have added a new lustre and when victory crowns our arms, which is after all, we venture to believe, as certain as anything human is certain, that day can be a day of pride and joy and honor, only to those who will have the self consciousness that they made the contribution to the cause, which it was within their power and privilege to do.—Arthur Enterprise.

THE VINDICATION OF EVE.

Eve is vindicated at last. She did not pick and eat that apple, and she did not give Adam a bit out of it, and perhaps the core to finish. Dr. Langdon has translated a tablet which is more than a thousand years older than the story maligning Eve, and this says nothing about Eve and the apple, but that it was Noah who brought all our troubles upon us.

We always thought that Eve was above stealing apples, and that Adam would not condescend to shield himself behind his wife's petticoats, even if she had any; and we are glad to have lived long enough to find our faith in them justified.

Noah was saved in the ark, and was ordered not to eat "of the casin." He did; why, we are not told; but at any rate he does not appear to have been sneak enough to say his wife tempted, or perhaps "dared," him to do so. He got well punished for doing so, and his punishment extends to us, the fairness of which is at least open to argument. Before he disobeyed orders there "were no headaches, and no diseases of the eye;" men, and women too, we presume lived most happily to about their 64,000th birthday. What they looked like at this age, the tablet does not say.

However Noah ate the cassia; and all he got was a taste of senna tea, and the privilege and honor of being known now as the man who put an end to mankind's long life of innocence, and freedom from disease, ease and sorrow. He also cut out our years of life short, which under the circumstances we ought to be thankful for.

We can cheer up though; Eve is vindicated—and so is Adam.—Kings-ton Standard.

ADAM, MONOPOLIST.

Sir Adam Beck always was a monopolist. Since he was placed in charge of the buying of horses for the Canadian army he has shown his dominating characteristic. He refuses to allow the British and French authorities to buy horses in Canada. As a consequence, large shipments of horses from the United States are being made into Canada—every week for the British and French buyers who have headquarters here.

Up to date, the monetary loss to Canadian farmers by Sir Adam's desire to monopolize the buying in this country, is probably in excess of three million dollars. This is a rather large price to pay for a laurel wreath

to adorn the crown of even so eminent a citizen as Sir Adam Beck.—Canadian Courier.

Dates of Fall Fairs.

Issued by the Agricultural Societies Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto. J. Lockie Wilson, Superintendent.

Aberfoyle	Oct. 5	Meaford	Sept. 30, Oct. 1
Abingdon	Oct. 3 and 9	Merlin	Sept. 30, Oct. 1
Acton	Sept. 22 and 23	Merriville	Sept. 16 and 17
Allea Craig	Sept. 23 and 24	Melbourne	Oct. 6 and 7
Alexandria	Sept. 18	Metalite	Sept. 21 and 22
Alfred	Sept. 18	Middleville	Sept. 23 and 24
Alliston	Sept. 30 and Oct. 1	Midland	Sept. 30, Oct. 1
Almston	Sept. 21-23	Millbrook	Oct. 13 and 14
Alvinston	Oct. 7 and 8	Milton	Sept. 23 and 24
Amherstburg	Sept. 23 and 24	Milverton	Sept. 23 and 24
Ansonia	Sept. 14 and 15	Mitchell	Sept. 23 and 24
Arden	Oct. 5	Moorefield	Oct. 1
Arnprior	Oct. 8-10	Morrisburg	Aug. 3-5
Arthur	Oct. 5 and 6	Mount Forest	Sept. 15 and 16
Ashworth	Oct. 1	Muncey	Oct. 5 and 6
Atwood	Sept. 21 and 22	Murillo	Oct. 5 and 6
Avonmore	Sept. 21 and 22	Napanee	Sept. 14 and 15
Aylton	Sept. 21 and 22	Newboro	Sept. 23 and 24
Bancroft	Sept. 30, Oct. 1	New Hamburg	Sept. 16 and 17
Barrie	Sept. 20-22	Newington	Sept. 23 and 24
Bar River	Sept. 24	New Liskeard	Sept. 16 and 17
Bayfield	Oct. 5 and 6	Newmarket	Sept. 29-Oct. 1
Baysville	Oct. 1	Niagara-on-the-Lake	Sept. 21 and 22
Beachburg	Sept. 29, Oct. 1	Noelville	Sept. 23 and 24
Beaumont	Sept. 23 and 24	Norwich	Sept. 23 and 24
Beeton	Oct. 7 and 8	Norwood	Oct. 12 and 13
Belleville	Sept. 16	Oakville	Sept. 30, Oct. 1
Berwick	Sept. 24	Odesa	Oct. 1
Bickton	Oct. 5 and 6	Oranville	Sept. 29-Oct. 1
Blackstock	Sept. 23 and 24	Orangeville	Sept. 16 and 17
Blackwell	Oct. 7 and 8	Orillia	Sept. 30, Oct. 1
Blyth	Sept. 23 and 24	Oro	Sept. 17
Bobcaygeon	Oct. 4 and 5	Orono	Sept. 23 and 24
Bolton	Sept. 21 and 22	Oshawa	Sept. 13-15
Bothwell's Corners	Sept. 23 and 24	Ottawa (Central Canada)	Sept. 10-18
Bowmanville	Sept. 21 and 22	Owen Sound	Oct. 5-7
Bradford	Sept. 25-28	Otterville	Oct. 1 and 2
Brantford	Sept. 23 and 24	Paisley	Sept. 23 and 24
Brampton	Sept. 23 and 24	Pakenham	Sept. 20 and 21
Bridges	Oct. 5	Palmerston	Sept. 23 and 24
Brighton	Sept. 9 and 10	Paris	Sept. 23 and 24
Brookville	Sept. 6-8	Parham	Sept. 21 and 22
Bruce Mines	Sept. 22	Parkton	Sept. 15 and 16
Bussell	Oct. 1	Parry Sound	Aug. 31-Sept. 2
Burk's Falls	Sept. 30, Oct. 1	Peterboro	Sept. 16-18
Burford	Oct. 5 and 6	Petrolia	Sept. 23 and 24
Burlington	Oct. 15	Pictou	Sept. 21-23
Caledon	Oct. 7 and 8	Pinkerton	Sept. 17
Calumet	Oct. 7 and 8	Port Carling	Sept. 17
Campbellford	Sept. 29 and 30	Port Hope	Oct. 5 and 6
Carp	Oct. 5 and 6	Powassan	Sept. 23 and 24
Casselman	Sept. 14	Prescott	Sept. 14-16
Castleton	Sept. 30, Oct. 1	Priceville	Oct. 7 and 8
Carleton Place	Sept. 14 and 15	Providence Bay	Oct. 5 and 6
Centerville	Sept. 14 and 15	Rainham Centre	Sept. 21 and 22
Chatham	Sept. 21-23	Renfrew	Sept. 22-24
Chatsworth	Sept. 16 and 17	Richard's Landing	Sept. 23
Chesley	Sept. 21 and 22	Richmond	Sept. 20-22
Clarkburg	Sept. 21	Ridgeway	Oct. 11-13
Clarence Creek	Sept. 21	Ripley	Sept. 23 and 24
Cobden	Sept. 23 and 24	Robins Mills	Oct. 1 and 2
Cobourg	Sept. 23 and 24	Rocklyn	Oct. 8
Cochran	Sept. 30, Oct. 1	Rockwood	Oct. 12 and 13
Coburn	Oct. 5 and 6	Rodney	Oct. 7 and 8
Coldwater	Sept. 22-25	Roseneath	Sept. 23 and 24
Collingwood	Sept. 22-25	Rosseau	Sept. 21 and 22
Comber	Sept. 23 and 24	Sarnia	Sept. 23 and 24
Cookton	Oct. 5 and 6	Sault Ste. Marie	Sept. 23-Oct. 1
Cookville	Sept. 14 and 15	Scarboro (Agincourt)	Sept. 23 and 24
Cornwall	Sept. 9-11	Schomberg	Oct. 14 and 15
Courtland	Oct. 7	Shannonville	Sept. 18
Delaware	Oct. 13	Shelburne	Sept. 30, Oct. 1
Delta	Sept. 20-22	Simcoe	Oct. 12-14
Demorestville	Oct. 9	Smithville	Oct. 1 and 2
Desboro	Sept. 23 and 24	South Mountain	Sept. 9 and 10
Deseronto	Sept. 23 and 24	South River	Oct. 5 and 6
Dresden	Sept. 30, Oct. 1	Spencerville	Sept. 23 and 24
Drumbo	Sept. 23 and 24	Springfield	Sept. 23 and 24
Dunbar	Oct. 1	Stella	Sept. 23 and 24
Dunbar	Oct. 1	Stirling	Sept. 21 and 22
Dundalk	Oct. 7 and 8	Stratford	Sept. 15
Dunlop	Oct. 7 and 8	Strathroy	Sept. 20-22
Dunsmuir	Sept. 16 and 17	Streetsville	Sept. 25
Durham	Sept. 23 and 24	Sturgeonville	Sept. 21 and 22
Elmira	Sept. 15 and 16	Sundridge	Oct. 7 and 8
Elmvale	Oct. 4-6	Sutton	Sept. 23 and 24
Embro	Sept. 23 and 24	Tamworth	Sept. 9
Ennalsville	Sept. 23 and 24	McDonald's Corners	Sept. 24
Englehart	Sept. 21-22	Tara	Oct. 5 and 6
Erin	Oct. 12 and 13	Tavistock	Sept. 21
Essex	Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Teaswater	Oct. 5 and 6
Etobicoke	Sept. 23 and 24	Thamesville	Oct. 5 and 6
Fairview	Sept. 23 and 24	Theedford	Sept. 27 and 28
Fergus	Oct. 5 and 6	Thessalon	Sept. 27 and 28
Fewersham	Sept. 23 and 24	Thorndale	Sept. 27 and 28
Flesherton	Sept. 23 and 24	Thorold	Thanksgiving Day
Florence	Oct. 11 and 12	Tiverton	Oct. 5
Forest	Sept. 23 and 24	Toronto (Canadian National)	Aug. 28-Sept. 13
Fort Erie	Sept. 23 and 24	Tweed	Sept. 29 and 30
Fort William	Sept. 14-17	Underwood	Oct. 12
Frankford	Sept. 16 and 17	Utterson	Sept. 29 and 30
Frankville	Sept. 30, Oct. 1	Vankleek Hill	Sept. 21-23
Frederickton	Sept. 14 and 15	Vernon	Sept. 21
Gait	Sept. 30, Oct. 1	Walkerton	Sept. 14 and 15
Galeton (Mohr's Corners)	Sept. 23-24	Wallaceburg	Sept. 23 and 24
Galt	Sept. 30, Oct. 1	Wallacetown	Sept. 30, Oct. 1
Georgetown	Oct. 6 and 7	Walter's Falls	Sept. 23 and 24
Glencoe	Sept. 23 and 24	Warkworth	Sept. 20 and 21
Goderich	Sept. 23-24	Watford	Oct. 5
Gore Bay	Sept. 30, Oct. 1	Welland	Oct. 6
Gorrie	Oct. 2	Wellandport	Sept. 24 and 25
Gravenhurst	Sept. 15 and 16	Wellesley	Sept. 14 and 15
Grand Valley	Sept. 30, Oct. 1	Weston	Sept. 17 and 18
Haliburton	Sept. 23	Wharfedale	Sept. 21 and 22
Hamilton	Sept. 15-16	Wickton	Sept. 23 and 24
Hanover	Sept. 16 and 17	Williamstown	Sept. 15 and 16
Harrow	Oct. 5 and 6	Winchester	Sept. 7 and 8
Hartwell	Sept. 16 and 17	Windsor	Sept. 31-Oct. 3
Hepworth	Sept. 21 and 22	Wolf Island	Sept. 23 and 24
Higgle	Oct. 1 and 2	Woodstock	Sept. 23 and 24
Holstein	Sept. 23 and 24	Woodville	Sept. 16 and 17
Huntsville	Sept. 21 and 22	Wooler	Sept. 3
Hymers	Sept. 22	Wyoming	Oct. 1 and 2
Ingersoll	Oct. 4 and 5	Zephyr	Oct. 1
Inverary	Sept. 8		
Iron Bridge	Oct. 5 and 6		
Jarvis	Oct. 5 and 6		
Keene	Oct. 5 and 6		
Kemble	Aug. 26 and 27		
Kenora	Sept. 30, Oct. 1		
Kilgobbin	Sept. 16 and 17		
Kincardine	Sept. 23 and 24		
Kingston	Sept. 23 and 24		
Kinnow	Sept. 14 and 15		
Kirkton	Sept. 30, Oct. 1		
Lakefield	Sept. 21 and 22		
Lambeth	Sept. 30, Oct. 1		
Langton	Oct. 9		
Lansdowne	Sept. 16 and 17		
Leamington	Oct. 6-8		
Lindsay	Sept. 23-24		
Lions Head	Sept. 30, Oct. 1		
Lombardy	Sept. 10-18		
Londan	Oct. 1		
Loring	Oct. 1		
Lyndhurst	Sept. 14 and 15		
Listowel	Sept. 21 and 22		
Maberly	Sept. 14 and 15		
Madoc	Oct. 6 and 7		
Magnatville	Sept. 27 and 28		
Manitowaning	Sept. 30, Oct. 1		
Markdale	Oct. 12 and 13		
Markham	Oct. 6-8		
Marmora	Sept. 23 and 24		
Marshallville	Sept. 23 and 24		
Massey	Sept. 23		
Matheson	Sept. 26		
Mattawa	Sept. 23 and 24		
Maxville	Sept. 23 and 24		