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German Paper Says Kaiser's Men Invaded Belgium To Prevent English Violating Belgian Neutrality

**PAPERS WHISTLE
KEEP COURAGE UP**

Highly Imaginative Yarn as to How British Secure Recruits—Admit Shortage of German Food Supplies

Did tragedy not lurk so close behind, there would be something almost irresistibly humorous in the repeated efforts of the German Press to nullify the admission made in the Reichstag by Dr. von Bethmann-

Hollweg in regard to the violation of Belgian neutrality.

"We are now," said the Imperial Chancellor on that fateful third of August, "in a state of necessity, and necessity knows no law. Our troops have occupied Luxemburg, and perhaps are now on Belgian soil. Gentlemen, that is contrary to the dictates of international law. The wrong—I speak openly—that we are committing we will endeavor to make good as soon as our military goal has been reached."

After nearly five months of cogitation the "Frankfurter Zeitung" essays to put a new interpretation on that utterance:

"The time has now arrived when we may be permitted to say that which the attendant circumstances prevented the Imperial Chancellor from declaring in the Reichstag on the eventful August 3.

"It is this: Whereas England would not promise to remain neutral, we were compelled to occupy Belgium, whose neutrality but for England we should not have violated.

"Than this there could be nothing more incriminatory of British policy, and nothing more calculated to fasten

the whole responsibility for the war on her shoulders."

German "Nerve."
Like the lone traveller on a country road who whistles as he goes to keep his courage up, the German Press continues assiduously the process of heartening the people.

"Who's afraid?" asks the "Vossische Zeitung" in a burst of zealous enthusiasm:
"Even if the vast armies of France and Russia have been reinforced by the support of the greatest sea power in the world, who in this country has lost his confidence?"

"The Germans have shown that they have stronger nerves than any of their opponents. If here and there some few cannot overcome their fears, or do not consider that things are progressing as they should, these are only the exceptions that go to prove the rule, which is the unqualified belief in our eventual victory.

"As von Hindenburg said: 'We will win because we have the stronger nerves.'"

How We Secure Recruits.
The "Kreuzzeitung" sees looming in the distance a war between Britain and America:

"In the pursuit of a policy which is almost identical with that which caused the Anglo-American war of 1812, the British have hit on a new method of enlistment under the American flag.

"The American Line has discharged every one of its employees bearing a German name, even though they are naturalized American citizens, and have worked on the company's steamers for years. This drastic action was taken on orders from the London directors, who instructed the company to substitute the men by Englishmen.

"The effect of this change has been that on the moment of the arrival of a steamer at a British port, she is boarded by recruiting sergeants, who compel the crew, under threats of imprisonment, to accompany them to the nearest enlistment depot, where they are paid their wages by a representative of the shipping company and given their discharge.

"Will the Americans carry their forbearance to the limit of permitting their flag to be thus outraged?"

As A Fool To His Folly.
After the fashion of the dog in Solomon's proverb, the "Berliner Tageblatt" returns yet again to the baby-killing raid on the east coast:

"What we did at Scarborough, Hartlepool, and Whitby was really nothing more or less than to give expression to the well-known English motto: 'Might before right.'"

"It is, of course, regrettable that innocent citizens have had to suffer

When, however, we think of our soldiers, murdered by Belgian snipers, or of our wretched East Prussian people, the prey of the bestial Cossacks, our pity for the victims of our ships' exploits is considerably diminished.

"At the same time the idea that the self-satisfied Englishman, who with his wealth is constantly buying fresh savages and semi-barbarian peoples to set them against us, is at least feeling somewhat of the effects of the war in his own body, gives us a certain satisfaction."

Besting the British.
The "Lokalanzeiger," following the lead set by Maximilian Harden, pays a tribute to the army which a little while ago was so "contemptible"; but, it would seem, to pay a stronger tribute to the German army:

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"The organization of the British Army, we must now admit, is really excellent. Its infantry and artillery offer a formidable resistance to our arms. Individually the men are both brave and resourceful.

"Notwithstanding all this, our troops have hitherto got the better of the British wherever they have encountered them. This is a military success which proves conclusively that a well-trained, patriotic army which represents in its units an entire nation is far superior to an army of hirelings which may surpass it in certain respects."

No Butter or Cheese.
Berlin is still, apparently, in need of proof with regard to the lack of economy in respect of foodstuffs. An article in the "Monat" says:
"No wiser step has ever been taken by the Federal Council than the decision to prohibit the employment of potato meal in the manufacture of soap. This meal is absolutely indispensable in these days for bread-baking."

"Wheat and even rye flour is practically unobtainable; rice and similar products have risen to fancy prices, and potatoes have become the staple food. To employ this nutritive article in soap-making is a downright sin."

The Treacherous English.
Taking a leaf out of the book of its contemporary of Cologne, the "Vossische Zeitung" tells a fairy tale about British treachery:

"The treacherous character of the British is manifesting itself daily in all manner of ways. Here is an instance:
"Recently a Bavarian division at Ypres occupied a position opposite the French trenches, from which they were separated by a few yards only. The Frenchmen threw a note into the Bavarian trench stating that they intended to surrender."

"The Bavarians naturally had no objection. Hardly, however, had the French left the trench than a galling fire was opened on them by the British. This dastardly action, of course, enraged the Bavarians, who, rushing out of their trench, fell on the British with all their might, the Frenchmen actively assisting them."

"The result was that a large number of French and British troops were taken prisoners."

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FRENCH OFFICER. WAS GENTLEMAN EVEN IN TRENCHES

Herr Max Nordau, writing in the amenities on the Western front, tells the following story from the trenches on the Aisne:

"The French learnt from a wounded German that a Bavarian Prince was in command in the trench opposite them. This commander had on the previous day excited the admiration of his enemies by his lion-like bravery. They decided to honour the hero as he deserved. The French captain in command of the company was an excellent musician. He got together from his men an orchestra of trumpets and concertinas, and they even found a violin.

"After two days' practice he wrote a program ornamented by one of his men, announcing that at 5 o'clock on the following afternoon a concert would take place in honor of the

brave Bavarian Prince. The program was fastened to a stone and thrown into the German trench. At the appointed hour there was a blast of trumpets, and the captain appeared, armed only with a baton. The concert began, and the program was played through. At the end the whole company sang the "Marseillaise."

"There then appeared an officer from the German trench, who stood at attention and saluted. It was the Bavarian Prince. The French captain returned the salute, while there was a thunder of applause and cheering from both trenches."

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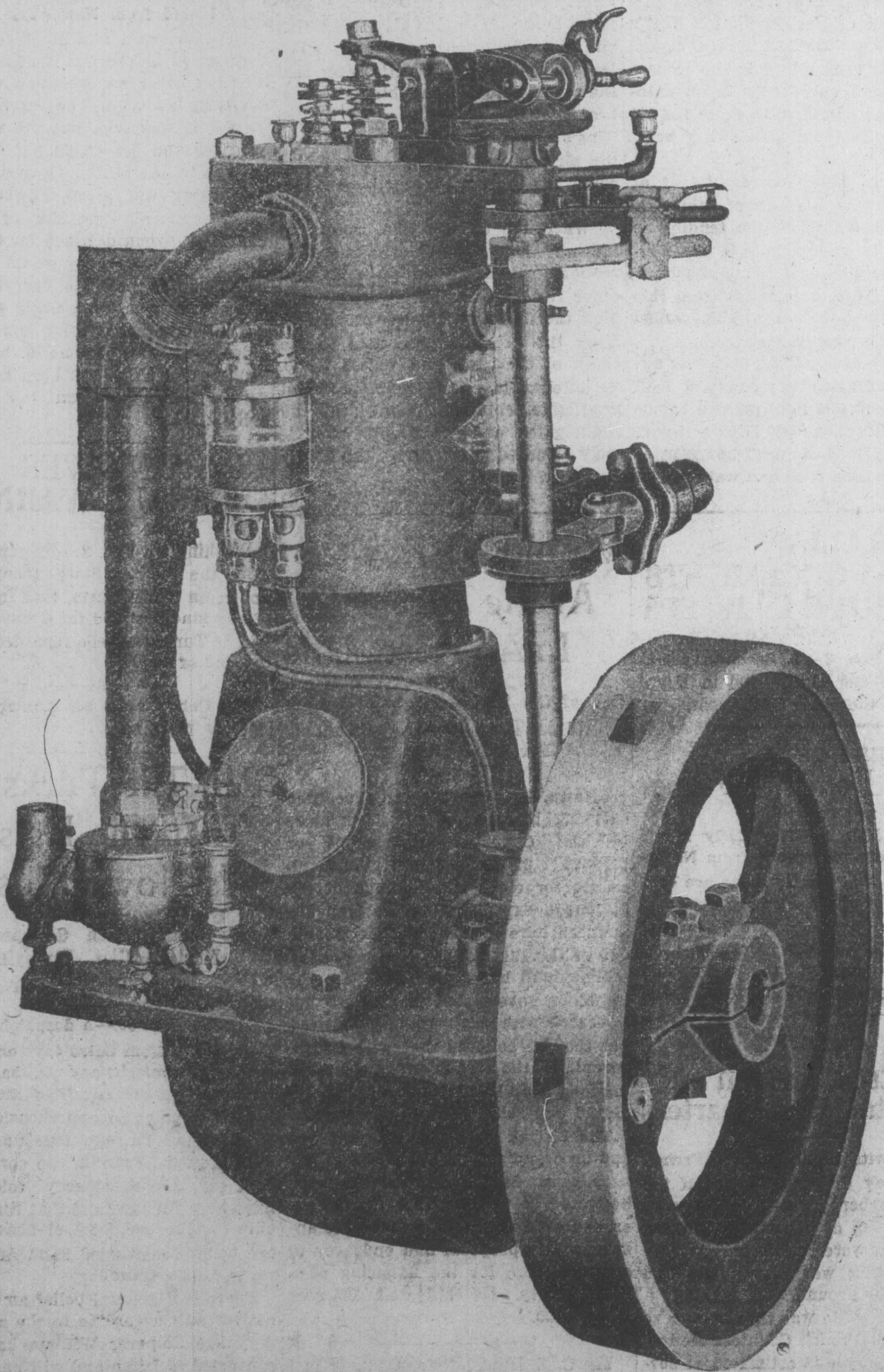
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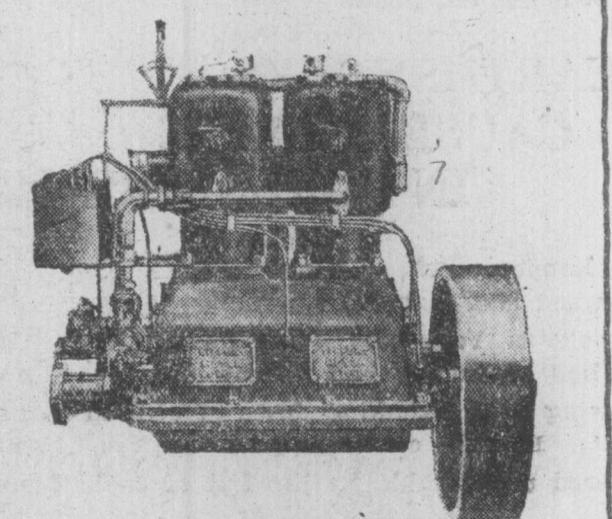


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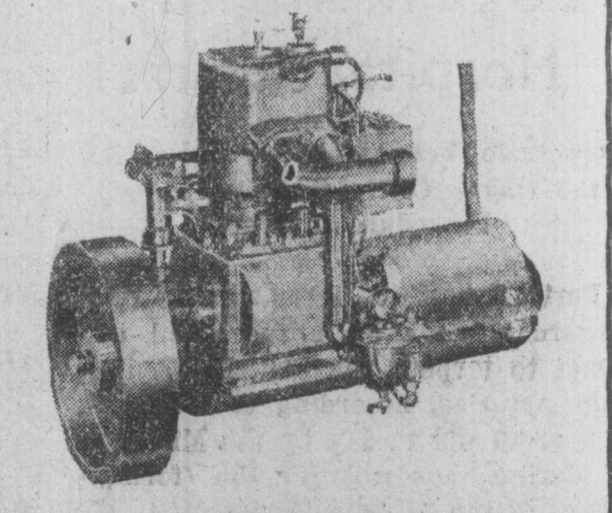
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