

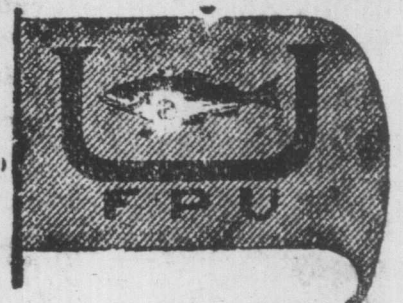
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OUR POINT OF VIEW**A German Defeat**

CORRESPONDENTS who remain-
ed in the city of Antwerp dur-
ing its bombardment by the
Germans are now giving the world
some details of their experiences and
observations during that trying time.

Amongst other things, they mention
that the Cathedral and other promi-
nent public buildings were practically
uninjured by the German shells and
the reason for this has recently been
explained.

It seems that before the bombard-
ment of the Belgian stronghold be-
gan, the Germans asked for plans of
the city showing the location of the
Cathedral and other buildings of
marked architectural splendor and
these plans were taken to Brussels by
an envoy of the American consul.
Hence, when the bombardment com-
menced, the enemy was able to avoid
doing destruction to this property.

But this line of conduct is some-
thing new for the Germans. At Lou-
vain they showed no anxiety what-
ever to avoid hitting the religious
houses during the bombardment, and
when the city was in their hands they
horrified the whole world by setting
fire to the stately buildings which
adorned this famous seat of learning.

At Rheims, too, they deliberately
made a target of the beautiful Cath-
edral of Notre Dame.

Why this exception in the case of
Antwerp?

Simply this—Germany has dis-
covered that her acts of deliberate
vandalism has isolated her from the
rest of the civilised world; had
aroused against her the resentment
of neutral nations and was piling up
a debt that, at the end of the war,
she would find exceedingly onerous
to discharge.

Germany started out to deliberately
flout the sentiments of the entire
world. Confident in her military
strength she broke treaties and other-
wise evaded her obligations to civiliza-
tion and to humanity. But she
finds that this course of conduct not
pay. All her efforts to regain the
good-will of the United States have
failed because of popular indignation
against the way in which her troops
have acted as vandals and as barbarians.

So she is now trying a change of
front in her manner of prosecuting
the war. But Germany, since the out-
break of hostilities, has created a past
that will not be forgotten or forgiven
for generations to come.

She has been decisively defeated in
her deliberate attempt to consistently
outrage all the laws of God and
humanity.

A Fallacy

TIME and again one hears the ex-
pression "We are not warring
against the German people; we
are warring against the military caste
that has plunged the Germans into
war."

If the charitable souls who thus ex-
press themselves hold the opinion
that there is any popular sentiment
in Germany against the war, they are
labouring under a grievous delusion in-
deed.

The vast majority of the Germans
is as decidedly enthusiastic for the

war as any of the Allies and are just
as firmly convinced that they are
warring for a just cause.

It is preposterous to contend that a
class could permanently hoodwink
the intelligent people of Germany to
the extent that the charitable-souled
allege. Germans have long had the
credit for being better educated than
any civilised people and surely
should be able to intelligently weigh
the pros and cons of the present war.

The fact is that there exists in Ger-
many a tremendous hatred of Great
Britain and of all things British. Un-
reasoning, it may be, but still that
feeling exists and it explains why
Germans as a whole are so enthu-
siastic in their support of the Kaiser. To
them it doesn't matter a fig what the
excuse by which their ruler precipi-
tated war; they are prepared to make
all kinds of sacrifices of wealth and
human life, so long as the British can
be humbled.

"Wearing Down"

THAT "wearing down" process
that the Germans boasted was
to be their most effective weap-
on in a naval contest with the British
turns out to be a double-edged affair,
which has inflicted as much injury
upon the Germans as upon the Allies.

Yesterday, we received word that
the light cruiser "Undaunted" with a
flotilla of four British destroyers suc-
ceeded in sinking four German de-
stroyers off the Dutch coast without
the loss of one British life.

In its summing up of naval opera-
tions since the beginning of the war
the British Official Press Bureau says
that, even without counting in the
German auxiliary cruisers sunk, the
score to date decidedly favors the
allied fleets.

It is definitely known that seven
cruisers belonging to the Austrian
and German navies have been sunk,
as well as seven German torpedo boat
destroyers, while reports have come
from the near east of the sinking of
several destroyers belonging to the
Austrians.

On the other hand the toll exacted
from the allied fleets, includes one
Russian cruiser and eight British
cruisers, the great majority of the
latter being obsolete vessels, so that
their loss very little effects the fight-
ing strength of the British fleet.

Captain Fox, who was in command
of the Amphion, when she was sunk
by a German mine in the North Sea,
has taken ample revenge on the Ger-
mans for the dishonorable means by
which they caused the destruction of
his former command. The "Undaun-
ted," too, which is just off the stocks,
has already won her spurs in the line
of battle.

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is no exception. Paul T. Delevan, an
astronomer, has the honor of having
his name attached to the freeland of
the skies, which will go down in his-
tory and science as the comet of the
war of 1914.

Although when Delevan discovered
his comet from the observatory at La
Plata, in the Argentine Republic,
eight months ago, there was no war on
horizon, and no signs of great trou-
ble. The travelling body has been
steadily growing brighter, and it will
become visible to the naked eye very
shortly, reaching its greatest brilli-
ancy in the course of the present war.

When Delevan first saw the com-
et, on December 17, 1913, it was 370,
000 miles from the sun, and was not
very clear even with the telescope.
At present it is about 220,000,000
miles from the sun, and may be
seen with opera glasses in the
northeast part of the sky, late at
night and early in the morning.

Scientists have said that the Del-
evan Comet will be visible with
telescopes for a period stretching
over about six years.

It will come nearest to the earth
in October, when it will be not more
than 137,000 miles from the orbit
of this globe.

Although the atmosphere in most
cities makes photography of the sky
extremely difficult, some excellent
results have been obtained in sev-
eral cities of the United States by
those who have attempted to take
pictures of the new wanderer.

The tail of Delevan's Comet is a
bushy one, and is about three de-
grees in length. As was predicted
by the discoverer, the comet has be-
come one of the "bright" ones, visi-
ble to the naked eye, as distinguish-
ed from the "telescope" comets nev-
er seen by unassisted lay observers.
The new comet is now not far from
the constellation of Capella, and
from Castor and Pollux.

During the Franco-Prussian War,
the comet Temple 11 was visible and
attracted much attention as a "war"
comet. Olber's Comet was the one
visible when Napoleon met his down-
fall at Waterloo. In the course of the
Japanese-Russian War, Brooke's Com-
et came within sight of the earth.

NOTICE

Amongst the other important mat-
ters to be discussed at the Twillingate
District Meeting to be held at
Catalina will be the Herring
Fishery and delegates should be
given a full understanding of the
Council's wishes in this respect. All
delegates should be able to give par-
ticulars of the Settlements in their
section and the population of the
same in order to supply data for the
arranging of Municipal Boards. It
will be necessary to know the local
and main line mileage of settlements.

THEY DIED "LIKE COLDSTREAMS"

Gallantry of Two Officers of Famous Regiment

A Press correspondent, writing of
Lieutenant Wyndham, relates the fol-
lowing incident:

You will like to hear of his gal-
lantry. At the battle of Landrecies,
where two companies of Coldstream
ers held 3,000 Germans at bay for
four hours, he stood up and fired 100
rounds from his revolver to allow his
men to form up quietly behind him.
The order was then given "to fall in
and die like Coldstreamers." He was
killed a week after at Soupir, near
Soissons.

To Lieutenant Noel, killed in ac-
tion at Cambrai, the following trib-
ute is paid:

Always cheerful, ever thoughtful of
others, the best of companions with
the kindest of hearts, Jack Noel en-
deared himself to all who knew him,
and those who were privileged to be
called his friends were bound to him
by ties far stronger than those of
common friendship.

A wounded corporal of his reg-
iment, who was an eye-witness of his
death, stated that "Lieutenant Noel,
despite the fact that he was hit in or
near his left eye by a shot that broke
the left half of his field glasses,
promptly picked up his glasses again,
and, finding the right half of them
still workable, continued to direct the
fire of his platoon with his right eye
until a few minutes later he was killed
by a shot in his left temple."

GLAD TO HEAR THE OTHER SIDE

TO hear at last true news of the
war and to see England safe
and sound and in such good
heart—that was the best thing of all
our home-coming.

The speaker was a bright little
Irish governess, Miss Florence Sulli-
van, who has just arrived in London,
says the London Express.

"To be day after day in Germany,"
she said, "hearing such news as we
heard—oh, it was dreadful. Accord-
ing to German news our army and
navy were losing every battle; our
people were starving and rioting for
food. Our young men would not en-
list, and Lord Kitchener's appeal had
yielded only a handful of recruits—
who had first carefully stipulated
the amount they were to be paid for
fighting. Our trade was stopped, our
cities empty. London was at the
mercy of the German airships. Ire-
land was in arms."

"Oh, what a morning we two have
had learning the truth! First we

GERMAN TRADE AT A STANDSTILL

GERMAN newspapers fully confirm
the reports that trade in Ger-
many is almost at a standstill.
The Berliner Tageblatt says that the
furniture industry has been extraor-
dinarily restricted, not so much owing
to the holding back of exports as
to the almost complete stoppage of
the setting up of new households. In
many cases factories producing finer
grades of furniture have been closed
until the end of the war. Only those
which specialise in hospital furniture
are working.

At a general meeting of the Ger-
man Steel Work Union it was an-
nounced that the domestic trade had
been half suspended. Supplies for
war purposes had somewhat improved
in quantity. There is no likelihood
of any improved demand in the near
future. Business with foreign coun-
tries has almost entirely ceased.
Heavy commissions for railway ma-
terials received as late as July have
not been carried out because of lack
of transport.

The Frankfurter Zeitung of Sep-
tember 18 gives the report of a
large firm of jute spinners which for
the moment is working at full power
to supply the demand for sacking,
but states that it is impossible that
this work can last long, as the supply
of raw material on the Continent
of Europe is not considerable.

The same paper refers to the
leather trade as almost crippled by
the war except for military require-
ments, and says that the business in
sewing machines is as good as dead,
with the exception of a few deliv-
eries for Army clothing purposes. A
little production is being kept up in
order to save the workmen who have
not been called to the colors from
having recourse to the pauper funds.

In the cement industry only a few
works, in Mid and South Germany
will be in a position to continue in a
restricted field. Building has stopped,
and even the demands for war
purposes only lasted for the first
three weeks.

The railways are still not in a po-
sition to undertake industrial trans-
portation, and only a limited amount
of rolling stock is available for coal,
provisions and manures.

The Neue Freie Presse on Sep-
tember 16 publishes a report of the
Austrian-Lloyd Line which stated
that their business had been brought
almost to a standstill. Overseas
traffic is entirely suspended and the
few vessels running to Dalmatia are
unremunerative.

read back numbers of the news-
papers; then we went for a walk in
the streets. We could have clapped
hands over and over again with de-
light. Our Army fighting so well;
our recruiting so strong and good.
And London streets were just a
marvel to us.

"In Germany the shops are almost
without a customer. It is only by the
law that many of them remain open.
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