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To the Flag

The following poem was clipped out of an unnamed British newspaper and sent to the Toronto Mail and Empire.

Piling on coal
 In the stokers' hole
 Are Britons who laugh at fear.
 And the engines throb
 To the hand of the engineer.
 And waiting the word
 With nerves unshook,
 The gunner peers over the sea.
 These are the men with resolute lips,
 The fighting men in the fighting ships,
 Who are fighting for you and me.
 The ships are ready, the ships are
 And the Admiral will not lag,
 But fighters are wanted to fight on land.
 So Britons enroll in the heroes' band,
 And flock to your Country's Flag!
 Serving with French
 In the charge; in the trench,
 With spirits that never will tire,
 Our grave men at his post,
 Every man at his post,
 Fronts the hell of artillery fire.
 Outnumbered, hard pressed,
 Yet giving the best,
 Determined to die or to win,
 Stemming the Huns in their murderous blood,
 These are the fighters of English blood,
 The men who never give in.
 To fill the deed that a dastard planned
 Our warriors will not lag.
 Then come, staunch Britons, and take
 your stand,
 Enroll in the glorious warrior band,
 And flock to your Country's Flag!

German People Real Winners in European War

Among the prominent American authors and publicists who insist that the supreme duty of civilization is the destruction of the Prussian military system, and that though the German armies must inevitably be beaten in the war, the German people will inevitably emerge the victors, is Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of the Outlook. While he has written for the New York Sun his views upon the subject, Dr. Abbott speaks with all the gravity of a man who has almost reached his eightieth year, and with all the moderation of a philosopher and student who has a deep knowledge of the issues of the war and its underlying causes. Nevertheless, he does not hesitate to say that the triumph of the Kaiser would be the triumph of barbarism, and that the victory of the Allies will be a victory for civilization.

The Prussian Creed.

Dr. Abbott says that the real cause of the struggle was not the assassination of the Austrian Archduke. That act was the match, but the cause of the explosion was the powder barrel of international hatred and fear. He does not undertake to say which nation was most to blame, but the most striking illustration of the military spirit that is really responsible for the catastrophe he finds in Bernhardi's book. Bernhardi holds that life is a struggle for existence, with the survival of the fittest; that the strongest is the fittest; that a military organization constitutes the true strength of a nation; that there is no power higher in human life, and certainly not in international life, than the power of physical force; that the strong nation has a right to exist, and that international arbitration is a snare and a delusion, because it recognizes a right to life for a small nation. In this book of Bernhardi's, the German general calls upon

many into the present war," continues Dr. Abbott, "this spirit which denied that Belgium had any rights which Germany was bound to respect; this spirit which inspired the military party in Germany to regard its treaty with France and England guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium as only a 'scrap of paper,' and this spirit which could not, and apparently still does not, comprehend why Belgium should be bound in honor to defend her neutrality, or why England with no very direct or immediate interest to protect should feel herself bound to come to the defence of her weaker neighbor. The delay of the German army, which is likely to prove disastrous to her designs, has demonstrated in her own chosen field that there is a force in national honor and national conscience which can put up a very efficient resistance to Krupp guns."

Germany Now United.

The writer quotes from an article in the Outlook from Frederick William Wille, for seven years the chief German correspondent of the London Daily Mail, who said: "There are 66,000,000 Germans; 65,000,000 of them did not want war; the other million are the war party." But he added that now that war has come Germany is absolutely united, and will not stack arms till the last among them is incapable of shouldering a rifle, or till the last copper for buying arms on his country to establish a "world sovereignty" by force of arms.

A "Scrap of Paper."

"It was this spirit that led Ger-

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munition has vanished from their withering hand. In Germany the situation is much as it was in the South. At first there was only a minority in the Southern States in favor of secession, but when the National troops invaded Virginia the South became united for state independence as the North was for national union. The enthusiasm with which the German Socialists, whom some visionaries had assured would never permit their country to go to war, answered the call of the Kaiser is proof enough of the fact that Germany is now presenting a solid front to the enemy.

Blessing for German People.

Out of the war will come a great blessing for the German people. True constitutional government will be established, whether in republic or monarchical form, a government in which the Ministers will be responsible, not to the Emperor, but to the Reichstag, and the power both of the Kaiser and of the sword will not be in the hands of an aristocratic oligarchy, but in the hands of the common people. It will be the Russo-Japanese War that gave to Russia her first representative assembly, and the present war will surely see an enlargement of the powers of the Duma. Answering the assertion that the war proves Christianity to be a failure, Dr. Abbott says:

The cynic who thinks this war demonstrates the failure of Christianity should not forget such facts as the heroic struggle of Belgium to maintain her neutrality, the resolve of England at every cost to maintain her pledges to Belgium, the Red Cross following the armies in the field and ministering to the sick, the wounded and the suffering, regardless of their nationality, the general kind treatment to prisoners, accentuated by some very horrible exceptions, and all this contrasted with the enslaving, torturing, the crucifying, the starving alive of prisoners captured in war by barbaric nations before the dawn of Christianity.

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