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### REPRISALS DEMANDED.

In spite of all the precautions of the British censor, it is generally known that the Germans, by means of their Zeppelins, have been able to commit serious depredations of late in London and elsewhere in England. No fault, of course, is to be found with the censor. Published accounts of what the Germans have accomplished could only serve to guide them in their future malicious activities. Nor must it be forgotten that, while the Zeppelins have done considerable mischief, they have not succeeded in inflicting any serious military damage upon Britain. So far, they have injured scarcely anything but private property. They have killed or maimed only non-combatants. They have scarcely disabled even a corporal's guard of soldiers. But the Germans are exulting none the less proudly because of what has been accomplished by their assassins. Their press and their city streets are filled with loud acclamations at every fresh "baby-killing" expedition. While London is perfectly calm, and more than half-amused at their barbaric attempts, Berlin is frothing with vapid and disgraceful exultation.

The question now arises how long is this state of affairs to be permitted to continue? To believe for a moment that Germans appreciate in the slightest degree British forbearance would be to totally misunderstand their private and national character. They are boasting more and more ostentatiously about what they have done and intend doing to "England," from the clouds, under cover of darkness. They are laughing with strident guffaws at "England's helplessness." "England," they yell, "cannot strike back, because she has not the means." Berlin, they scream, is perfectly secure while London is exposed and powerless.

If this is so, nothing more need be said. What cannot be cured must be endured; and British ability to endure has often been tested without ever having been found defective. But is placid endurance the only possibility for Britain? We scarcely believe it. There is such a thing as effective retaliation. Refusal to retaliate is an admirable ideal for the individual; but it has never been accepted by organized society. The State, everywhere among all men, retaliates upon its domestic criminals. The Jewish code was, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. What canon of human or Divine justice suggests the impropriety of striking back at Germany for high crimes committed by her against the laws of civilization, upon neighbors with whom she is temporarily at war?

If we knew less of the German character than we do at present, British tolerance might be more excusable. But Prussia, whose war this is, has been recognized through all her history as the greatest of antional bullies. All bullies, as common experience proves, are cowards. The greater the bully, the greater his cowardice. The blustering human brute who tramples upon and ill-uses his peaceful neighbors, is the quickest to whine and cower when he is firmly taken by the neck and soundly thrashed. All the fight can be extracted from him by one good hauling. Germans, as a nation, and as individuals, are bullies. In times of peace, they bully their own women, children and dependents. In times of war, they ravish and murder the women and children of their opponents, and crucify their soldiers. No other people on earth but they—not even the Turks—could possibly have been induced to commit the outrages which they have perpetrated since the beginning of the war.

It is now high time to convert them by the only means through which human beasts of their own type can be reached and converted. We are far from suggesting that their methods should be literally followed. No matter how many wells they may poison, no true Briton would refrain from shooting any other alleged Briton who might be found poisoning wells. No matter how many women they may ravish or how many babies they may roast or mutilate or brain, no decent Briton would hesitate to hang any other possible Briton guilty of such deeds. No matter how many private houses their Royal Princes and leaders may rob and filthily defile, there can be no possibility of their finding British imitators. But, when they deliberately and as a matter of military policy, set

themselves to assail unfortified French and British towns, that is an act of public, although indefensible warfare which may call for reprisals in kind as the only possible means of stopping it. So long as the Germans restrict themselves to attacking our armies and fortified places, however villainous their means of attack, we should face them manfully and decently. But when they assail peaceful, private homes, like ordinary midnight murderers, they should be shown promptly that their homes will be similarly treated—solely for the purpose of safeguarding our own, by pointedly calling their attention to the Divine law that the sins of their fathers shall be visited upon the children.

If every air-raid upon London were followed as soon as practicable by a retaliatory attack upon the undefended towns of Germany, the Zeppelin problem would be speedily solved. The only effective appeal to the German nature is a straight and strong blow from the shoulder. Nothing short of that will affect them, do them any good, or serve the purpose of those to whom they are opposed. Reprisals in kind—and plenty of them—are what the Zeppelin outrages will unmistakably suggest, and will imperatively demand if the "baby-killers" continue their murderous attacks.

The diplomats in control in Greece and Bulgaria are sinuous gentlemen after Kaiser Bill's own heart.

When it comes to looping the loop and cutting off the corners in diplomacy, the Balkan States have everything beaten outside of Mexico.

If you didn't "get" that one on Harace, look at the rag-flag on the City Hall tower. Then for the sake of sweet modesty go pray that history won't repeat itself.

Should interswitching and subways be interswitched? That is the question, that holds the breathless attention of all our leading citizens to the exclusion of the crisis in the Balkans and other minor issues in cantankerous Yurpup.

History repeats itself. Horace, the Hesperian, escaped from the Silicians, wrapped in his country's flag. He'd have a poor chance to do it had he lived in Belleville. He'd have been arrested for being insufficiently clad.

Kitchener of Khartoum said the war would last three years. If it does Belleville won't be able to celebrate. Half that period hasn't yet expired and there is scarcely enough of our city-hall flag left to celebrate the triumphant return of one of our aldermen from a bass-fishing expedition to Big Bay.

### SAME OLD STORY.

History, and nature, too, repeat themselves they say. Men are only habit's slaves: we see it every day. Life has done its best for me. I find it tiresome still; For nothing's anything at all, and ev'rything is nil.

Same old get-up, dress and tub;  
Same old breakfast; same old club;  
Same old feeling; same old blue;  
Same old story—nothing new.

Life consists of paying bills as long as you have health.  
Woman? She'll be fond of you as long as you have wealth.  
Think sometimes of marriage, if the right girl I could strike;  
But the more I see of girls, the more they are alike.

Same old giggles, smiles and eyes;  
Same old kisses; same old sighs;  
Same old quarrel; same adieu;  
Same old story—nothing new.

Go to theatres sometimes to see the latest plays,  
Same old plots I played within my happy childhood days.  
Hero same; same villain! same old heroine in tears,  
Starving, homeless in the snow—with diamonds in her ears.

Same stern father making bluffs;  
Leading man all teeth and cuffs;  
Same soubrettes—still twenty-two;  
Same old jokes, too—nothing new.

Friend of mine got married; in a year or so, a boy!  
Father simply foolish in his fond paternal joy,  
Talked about his "kiddy," and became a fearful bore,  
Just as if a baby never had been born before.

Same old crying—only more;  
Same old business, walking floor;  
Same old "kitchy-coochy-oo."  
Same old baby—nothing new.

—Harry B. Smith in "The Rounders."

## Other Editors' Opinions

### POVERTY AND VICE.

"Vice flourishes in Toronto," says a report of the Vice Commission, and it proceeded to give details of a most humiliating kind. It is almost unbelievable that the social sins of any city can be so great as this report indicates. To some extent they have been haunted in the face of the people. They are not only a serious menace to the community, but a mockery of that righteousness which should prevail and of which we like to hear ourselves boasting as if it does prevail.

The sorrowful feature of the report is that it deals with occasional lapses from grace among many persons who are not abandoned to vice for the money they earn through it. This class appears to be numerous, and its misconduct is described as shocking because of the nameless abominations that are associated with it. The "occasional" sinners—the persons whose lives appear to be clean while they are foully besmirched—reflect upon the moral agencies that are at work within its boundaries.

Then it is said that some places of popular resort, patronized because of the conditions that make for health, are really more hurtful to the character and morals than the places of ill-repute, and again the moralists lament that they have lived to see this day. The red lights are not always in evidence, would that they were; for however unwelcome, they are tokens of danger and warn off the unwary and sometimes save them from ruin.

The Vice Commission advocate several things. They include the complete suppression of vice: the larger industrial training that makes the life and service of the individual more profitable; the care of the employees by their employers, and by their kindly advice and guidance; and the passage of a law which will enforce a minimum and living wage. The fall of so many persons is due to poverty. They are forced to work and for a wage that is not sufficient to keep them comfortably. They are, therefore, exposed to temptations in their want. They are to be pitied, but pity will not protect them. The employers and the law and a healthy public opinion must come to their relief.—Kingston Whig.

### THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER.

The editor of the Markdale Standard attended the recent meeting of the Canadian Press Association and gave vent to his meditations in his excellent weekly journal after his return home. Among the timely views he expressed about the devotion to duty and the desire of the weekly publishers to assist in promoting our country's best interests, he says for the most part the publishers of weekly newspapers receive little of this world's goods. They work early and late—result, the subscriber in the country gets the news dished up to him in form 52 times a year and all for the sum of one dollar. In no other business on earth is so much value given for the money, a fact that the average reader may not appreciate. The country weekly editor continues in business just the same and by so doing is making for the country's well-being and prosperity. What would the small town be worth without its local paper? The town would never be heard of beyond a small radius. People in towns and cities forget how much they owe to the men of the newspaper press in the upbuilding of this land and in making its resources known abroad.—Bowmanville Statesman.

### WAR NOT AUTHOR OF HARD TIMES.

War saved Canada from a prolonged and bitter experience of hard times compared to which the present season of depression is a sunlit summer of prosperity.—Toronto Telegram (Con.)

### ROSILIN.

A goodly number took in the Tweed Fair and concert from this part.

The fair was far in advance of any previous year.

Will Clapsaddle had his sile filled on Saturday afternoon and Monday by Mr. Tufts of Chapman.

Miss Bell Weir visited at her parental home Saturday.

Mrs. David Miller and Master Keith Miller visited friends in Thurlow on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Sam Stirk of Brampton has sold his farm near Chisholm's Mills to a Brampton man.

Mr. Wellington Fitchett has purchased a new piano.

Miss Edna Ketcheson is visiting friends near Madoc.

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"I hate these suspicious guys," said the landlady.

"What have dey been doin' to you now?" asked his friend.

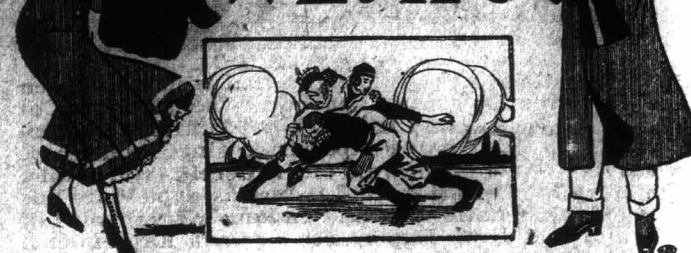
"A gink give me a dime dis mornin' to get somethin' to eat, and den he follers me into a restaurant and watches me spend it."

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