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OUR POINT OF VIEW

THE VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT

THINGS are not going right at Pleasantville. It appears the vim is being taken out of privates by the manner in which a few are being favored and for whom some of the rules are being slighted. Some city sports gave in their names in order to secure Commissions and finding Commissions difficult to secure have failed to turn up for medical examination. Others who placed their names on the list who belong to the upper ten class (so-called) and failed to respond to the appeal for examination, are admitted to the camp without the pass and allowed to remain there over night, which is contrary to rules.

Some over whom a considerable fuss was made when they gave in their names, don't intend to appear for examination because they are not sure of getting Commissions. Wire pulling is being utilized on a considerable scale.

Several confidential notes have reached Mr. Coaker concerning favoritism in connection with this movement. There must be a square deal meted out to all or the whole concern will go to atoms. Useless sports are not desirable at such a time.

The public will be surprised to learn that there are a few holding jobs in camp, styled by the boys—"Ladies' Jobs." The boys are not inclined to do flunky work for such upstarts.

Clear them out Major Franklin and permit no useless parasites to hang around the camps. There is too much favor shown to a few and it will be our duty to expose the whole game unless we find a remedy applied without loss of time.

FALL OF PARIS NOT THE END

Chicago Tribune—"Peace in this war must be made with England and Russia, as well as with France. The taking of Paris would only cause the Allies of the republic to redouble their efforts in every other possible direction. All this is exceedingly discouraging to those who hope and pray for an early peace, but, on the other hand, it must make against the presentation of inadmissible terms by

TO THE EDITOR

Bay Roberts Protests

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir—What is wrong with the Government? The war is on in France and Belgium. It is not far short of war in Newfoundland. Money is being wasted, thrown away in many ways in this district. We have three Court Houses around here. What for? Have we not 14 clergymen covering this same area. What need was there for three Court Houses costing some \$105,000?

We have Government officials in galore all over the district with nothing to do. They are all blood suckers and now they can be brazen enough to take public money and no work, while people are starving, is hard to understand. Our country is becoming bankrupt through waste and keeping up a civil service 100 per cent. larger than needed.

Domestic War

There must be a war here to bring public men to their senses if the people are to get fair play.

The people have no use for the waste of \$250,000 on a volunteer movement that won't strike a stroke for the Empire and will prove a picnic to all taking part in it, while thousands will have hunger facing them until next July.

The people will have to arouse themselves. They will have to stand by Coaker, for the stand he has taken is exactly in line with the people's opinions. They have no more use for Morris. An election in Hr. Grace now would result in returning three Coaker men by a majority of 500.

Tremendous Effect

The new taxes have put the devil in all the workingmen. It is all over with the Morris Government, for they are worse than the Thorburn Government.

Our district is in the greatest poverty as the Labrador men have done nothing and will come back empty-handed to face a hungry winter with no employment to get.

Morris must do as Coaker asks for Coaker alone knows what the people want. If Coaker would give the word the people would arise in their might and kick out the Government and put Coaker in power for he alone know what to do and all believe he would do the very best for the country.

—J. R. B.

Bay Roberts, Sept. 8, '14.

**NEED A BETTER
CABLE SERVICE**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir—Would you kindly explain to the general public through the columns of your paper, why we should have to depend upon a Halifax correspondent to furnish us with news at this critical time?

Why do not we get it from some direct and reliable source? We practically control the key to the cable business of the Western hemisphere, and I think I am correct in stating that these messages pass through Newfoundland, and are relayed to Halifax, and after a delay of two days or more, we have them redished to us.

—One of the many who do not understand.
St. John's, Sept. 10, '14.

**Protests Against
Export Measure**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir—It strikes me that instead of giving a right to individuals to export pulp wood and mine props, that the Government should reserve to itself the sole right.

Why not the Government undertake the business of exporting, and thus conserve the full amount of whatever is to be gained by it.

Our country is in a sad state financially, through the extraordinary bungling of Morris. Now is an opportunity to recoupe somewhat.

Why should we at this moment of unequalled depression give away to a class of wire pullers and manipulators a valuable right. Let us maintain it by all means.

—TERRA NOVA.

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any of the parties. The German statesmen and leaders are the last men in the world to cherish illusions, they are intense realists and practical men. Their strategy is the best in the given circumstances; it has been scientifically and wonderfully thought out; but they are fully aware that the capture of Paris will not enable them to dictate terms to the Allies. When the time comes to consider peace, the actual facts of the situation will undoubtedly militate against unreason and impose comparative moderation."

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**WHAT WAR INVOLVES
FOR THE GERMANS
AND FOR THE WORLD**

(Continued from page 2)

Establishing the domination of one nation over Europe. What Dr. Liman expects of the Crown Prince comes to this, that he shall involve the German nation in a war for the domination of the world; that is to say, that we not pit ourselves against France, Russia and Britain for the domination of the earth (um die Herrschaft der Erde). Let us just consider quietly and seriously the fact that this idea fills the minds of our German expansionists. . . . Even Dr. Liman cannot deny that Germany may be beaten in such a war, especially as a man of Napoleonic capacity is not really visible amongst us. . . . the programme of our Pan-Germanists and military classes is destruction itself; arm, arm and show the teeth everywhere; first 40,000 more recruits, then quick a three year's service law, and then forward—Pravently Krieg!

William The Last?

There is liberty of the press, you see, in Berlin, or at least that pamphlet was freely circulated in the streets. Of course, Herr Leuss, who has already been in conflict with the authorities for his outspoken protests against the absolutism of the

**DISAFFECTION OF GERMAN POLES
WAS ALSO A POWERFUL FACTOR**

Another cause that may have helped to push the Kaiser into the arms of the war party is the situation in Prussian Poland. For some years past the Prussian Government has been carrying out a rigorous policy (the so-called East-mark policy) of uprooting the Polish farmers and breaking up the Polish estates in order to settle German-born farmers there. In no other way, it seems, do they now hope to make that part of old Poland a secure portion of the Empire.

In Neue Deutschland, of June last, a weekly which is one of the organs of the German Nationalists, I read an article on the Polish question which concluded that "the only means" to extinguish the hopes of the Poles for the restoration of Poland is "to put into decided, unswerving operations, without secret relinings, the German East-mark policy and to employ as its most weighty and effective instrument the development and extension of a strong wall of German farmers."

Some Results

One result of this policy has been to create a movement amongst the Poles in favor of incorporation with their old enemy Russia, as the best road to a possible future kingdom of Poland. That is, they now fear Russia less than Prussia as a relentless exterminator of their race. This Polish movement, die Russische Orientierung, as the Germans call it—has also its threatening aspect for Austria and is no doubt amongst the causes which have determined the German powers to bring on this war. If Germany is successful, she will proceed to break the Polish spirit more scientifically and effectively than the old semibarbaric methods of Russia were ever able to do. And she could then do it untrammelled by the public opinion of Europe.

Issues of the War

There may be some room for doubt

German Government, is tudiously moderate in his tone and intimates more than once that he does not mean to suggest that the Crown Prince might not prove a capable ruler, if only he were put under constitutional restraints.

But his title-page is sufficiently startling. It is "William the Last?" (with a point of interrogation) and something very like a black cross by way of ornament below it.

But he is only one of a few voices that dare to raise themselves in an armed camp. The German middle class he admits is politically torpid, though many are uneasy, the capitalists are tempted by war armaments and commercial expansion; professors and literate by the Government's command of patronage of positions and the titles so dear to a German's heart, Hofrat Gen-Regierungsrat, etc., etc., and by the new historical conceptions of national development to world-supremacy.

And all—even the great German students union—fear and dislike the working-men movement. That is the reason why the great German middle-class have sunk into resigned followers of the military aristocracy. They are really powerless to control the policy that leads to war; they could only cripple, by refusing supplies, the military force behind it to their own danger.

and discussion as to the causes of this war, but there can be little as to the great issues it involves. The ideals of Germany at present are those of a military aristocracy. It is to carry those ideals that the strenuous Prussian discipline has extended its iron hand all over the land. Those ideals involve, just like those of old Rome, the reduction of all possible rivals to a condition of helpless subordination; they involve the practical suppression of the independence of small nationalities; they involve a form of military rule and privilege dangerous to civil freedom.

The triumph of the two Germanic Powers with their Magyar comrade would mean the cessation of that kind of democratic progress which gives the peoples a voice in the decision of war and peace and in the making of their own destinies. It would threaten, I think, all that kind of progress which is based on the general public opinion of Europe.

Where it Leads

Of course, I do not mean to say that such ideals are consciously accepted by the German people as a whole, but only that they lie on the road that Germany is taking. German Liberals would naturally deny this and point to their struggles and the growth of the socialist vote. But there is the experience of thirty years to show that they are practically helpless in the current that is carrying Germany on her course.

There is much unreal talk and superficiality in our modern humanitarianism, no doubt, but none of us would like to change it for this new type of military despotism which is seeking supremacy in the world. The present war has many aspects of racial, military and commercial rivalry, but its most fateful aspect is that it is a struggle between humanitarian ideals and those of a military autocracy. The open contempt for international law which Germany has

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already shown in Belgium and elsewhere merely lifts an edge of the curtain.

Practical Aggression

Germany has been aggressive enough in a practical sense, but her greatest aggression has been a moral and psychological one on the spirit of Europe, and consists in that universal militarisation which turns a nation into an armed camp as ready for war and conquest as the Hunnish and Gothic hordes of the early centuries. She has forced all Europe, except Britain, into that system, and if she succeeds in the present war, it will be fixed as a model on the world. America will not remain long exempt. A military autocracy is always a dangerous neighbor to free constitutional peoples governed by orators. There is a materialistic reality and truth about it. It is training and preparing while the other is talking party talk.

It is the case of Philip of Macedon and Demosthenes over again, only that the world has grown too large to be easily mastered. But all free peoples must band together to destroy such an autocracy, otherwise it will destroy them.

My estimate of what the triumph of Germany in the present conflict would involve may seem exaggerated, but I fear it is only too much in accordance with the history of all military supremacies I know of. But it is a good time to remember that the British Empire fought a harder fight a century ago and came out in the end victorious.

—JAMES CAPPON.

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