

What the World is Saying

The Hugest Interior Problem of the Teutons

The chief German economic effort now seems to be to make all ends meet.—Stratford Herald.

From "Efficiency" to Deficiency

Efficiency of men, the brag of Germany, is being turned rapidly into deficiency of men.—Montreal Gazette.

The Nephew of the Boer President

Oom Paul's nephew fighting for Britain is a splendid proof of national capacity for assimilation.—Halifax Herald.

The Efficiency of the Blockade

The British blockade has brought the German people within measurable distance of famine.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Kitchener the Great

Kitchener sleeps in a greater tomb than the Abbey of Westminster, and his monument is a nation in arms.—Toronto Star.

Both Ways

We believe that we can and should hit Germany as hard in the markets of the world as in the field of battle.—London Times.

The Kaiser's Concern

There is a suspicion that the Kaiser is less concerned with the threatened doom of civilization than he is with the threatened doom of the Hohenzollern.—Boston Transcript.

Increasing Privations in Kaiserland

The Saxons are to have "beerless days" as well as butterless days and beefless days. The Saxons may decide to have Kaiserless days if this goes on.—Brantford Expositor.

The Future Dark for the Crown Princes

The Austrian Crown Prince has been decorated by the Kaiser. As we view things nowadays this is one case where we should hasten to extend our sympathies.—Galt Reporter.

The Hun Doctrine of "Blood and Iron"

The Hun is only formidable when he thinks that he can be frightful with impunity. "Blood and Iron" is his doctrine so long as it is his iron and someone else's blood.—London Nation.

As to Self-propelling Mines

Hudson Maxim asserts that there is such a thing as a self-propelling mine. Hudson should have lived in this vicinity in the days of the Cobalt boom and he would be sure of it.—Ottawa Citizen.

Where the Kaiser Was Right, for Once

The Kaiser is perfectly right in denying that ships "of all nationalities" have been sunk by his submarines. Close scrutiny of the list shows that not one Swiss vessel has been torpedoed.—New York Sun.

Where the Nitrates Went

Germany has devoted to the production of ammunition the nitrates that, applied to the soil, would have enabled her to feed her people comfortably. Now she must pay the penalty.—London Daily Mail.

Four Million Women Voters in States

Four million women in twelve States will vote in the Presidential election. It is still uncertain whether the women having Provincial franchise in Canada will vote in Dominion elections.—Hamilton Herald.

The Lacking Proof

Germany's spokesmen, when they talk of peace, say that Germany is entitled to dictate terms because she is victorious. But if she were really victorious she would be dictating terms.—New York Tribune.

Swedish Women for Preparedness

The Evening Post reports from Stockholm that at the last election the Socialists, who oppose preparation for war, hoped to upset the Storting's decision in favor of ninety days' training, but the women voters went predominantly for it.—New York Globe.

Mount Aetna Outdone

Mount Aetna is again active and there have been earthquake shocks in its vicinity. The volcano will have to rumble its hardest to attract attention this time. In the matter of noise and destruction man is outrivalling nature at its worst.—Duluth Herald.

What the Kaiser Rewards

Germany has sent instructions to its citizens over here to obey the laws of the state in which they reside. However, it seems that when one of them indulges in a bit of lawlessness and gets away with it, the Kaiser hangs a decoration on him.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

An Edinburgh Retort to a German Pastor

An amiable German pastor has declared that it is the German soldier's duty to "shatter the butt-end of his rifle on the enemies' skull." Either the Germans are now using rifles of an inferior make which break easily, or we are a harder-headed race than we have hitherto suspected.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

They Cannot Get to Germany

The Kaiser having ordered the members of the German Landsturm class of 1917, who are living abroad, to return home immediately, should now provide them with means of transportation. How are the Landsturmiers in America, for instance, to get to the Fatherland. Even a submarine would be of no avail.—Quebec Chronicle.

"News" for Bulgaria

Bulgarian newspapers say that the Germans, having captured Verdun, are marching on Paris; that the Austrians are in Bessarabia, and are marching on Kieff; that the Turks have crossed the Suez canal and are approaching Cairo; that the Bulgarians have placed Prince Cyril on the throne of Albania; and that the German emperor is determined to occupy London before he makes peace.—Manchester Guardian.

The Boys at the Front

"Visiting some of the units which had borne the brunt of the shock and were quartered on farms to the rear, the correspondent found them playing baseball after a good night's sleep." This is the spirit of Canada in the Great War, and shows the confidence with which the men at the front face the enemy.—Peterboro Examiner.

The English Language in South America

The President of Paraguay has issued a decree providing for the study of English in the national colleges, the language to be given the same importance as other studies. Several years ago English was superseded in Paraguay's colleges by German. Its restoration to official and popular favor is significant at the present juncture. Germany is losing in South America as in other quarters.—New York Evening Post.

"Go Thy Way, Thy Son Liveth"

Writing to a father whose son has fallen at the front, General Logie recalls a text used in a sermon by Dean Harris when the General's son was drowned while attending the Military College at Kingston. "Go thy way, thy son liveth," were the words that brought comfort to General Logie. The thought that there is an immortal spark which cannot be buried on the fields of Flanders must greatly hearten those whose brave lads lie in the little graveyards behind the trenches.—Kingston Whig.

Bringing Germany to Her Knees

Every 24 hours that the blockade is maintained is a victory. The central powers are girdled with steel and fire; and the knowledge of that girdle closing in as the Russians advance, or as the Russians and British break, like the breaking of an egg, into the eastern border of Turkey, is the knowledge which is the key to all recent German strategy. Without undue presumption, when all the story is told, it will be recorded that it was the blockade of the British navy which finally beat Germany to her knees.—Ottawa Free Press.

July

How we came to pronounce July as we do now, with the accent on the second syllable, is one of the unsolved mysteries of speech. Named, of course, after Julius Caesar, it should really be pronounced to rhyme with "duly," and so our forefathers actually did pronounce it. Spenser, for instance, has the line, "Then came hot July, boiling like to fire," and even so late as Johnson's time the accent was still on the "Ju." It is one of the many words which would startle these ancestors of ours, spoken as we speak them now.—London Chronicle.

Peace Praters

On the side of the allies there is an unshakable conviction that the sacrifices they are making will have been all in vain if peace comes without a victory so complete that the terms can be dictated to Germany and her confederates.

It is more than presumptuous for the pacifists to try to stop this war. It is nonsensical. They have done a good deal of mischief by putting obstacles in the way of American preparedness, but happily they can achieve nothing more in their present enterprise than to make themselves ridiculous.—Providence (R. I.) Journal.

Germany's War Diet

The news that the German government has ordered crows, sparrows, starlings, roe deer and goats to be killed for food will be received with mixed feelings abroad and at home. "Crows" presumably are rooks, and rook-pie is not unknown in English country districts; sparrows and starlings are too numerous, and are not bad eating—I have tried them—but a good many go to a meal, and starlings are intensely bitter unless their heads are pulled off when they are killed. Goats used to be given at Alpine hotels as "chamois"; but everyone will regret the extinction of roe deer, to be killed in the breeding season, apparently, and still more of the stork, the friend of every child in South Germany, which brings the babies, according to German nursery lore. It would be a just punishment for his slaughterer if it were followed by a further fall in the birth-rate.—Westminster Gazette.

German Self-opinion

It is a hard lesson that the German people is now learning: the immense difference between the German and the foreign worlds of thought is being hammered in. This involves much pain. . . . One would have to despair of humanity if it were not for Germany. . . . All the qualities that are for us obvious conditions of educated life are not, as we had supposed, the common possession of human civilization, but a special superiority in what is German. Faith in mankind has been driven out of us, and self-confident pride in the brilliant and exceptional position of our people has taken its place.—Hamburger Fremdenblatt.

Proportional Representation

The city council of Calgary is preparing a by-law for submission at the December municipal elections to adopt proportional representation in the election of all municipal officers including the members of the school hospital boards. The P. R. bylaw is confidently expected to carry. Many of the leading public men both of the city and the province, of all shades of politics, have made strong declarations in favor of proportional representation. The fact that many of these men are members of the Alberta legislature makes it probable that the action the city of Calgary is taking will be followed by the province at no distant date.—Ottawa Evening Journal.

British Steadfastness

Other nations might run a war better, but there is none that could be better trusted to win a war. To be sure of this, you have only to consider what would happen to the Allies in the event of Britain deserting them, and then, on the other hand, what Britain would do if her allies deserted her. She would not stop. She would go on alone, as she had been known to do before, because she is united and tenacious, even in a mood of self-depreciation, or perhaps more so in that mood than in any other. Britain, denouncing herself as inefficient, is yet the greatest moral asset of democracy in Europe.—New York Times.

The Hyphenates

The hyphenated gentlemen who affect to believe that the theft of a few letters and the resulting inconvenience to Americans anxious to hear from home or from their friends and business patrons abroad are of a class with the Lusitania massacre and the sinking of ferry boats and hospital ships, are incapable of distinguishing the comparative moral enormity of murder and petit larceny. They are of about the same type of mentality that sentenced to death the Belgian men and women "hostages," who had been held as security for the acts of persons they could by no possibility control.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Instruction vs. Amusement

Educational work of any kind is slow and discouraging, and at times one is almost forced to the conclusion that mankind is quite contented with itself. At the farmers' institute meetings last Thursday, a mere handful gathered to hear an expert speak on two important branches of Canada's greatest industries. Yet on Monday night people came from far and near, and packed the opera house to the doors, to see a very fourth-rate company play Uncle Tom's Cabin. The world owes a great deal to the dauntless souls who continue to press on with the torch of learning, despite discouragements and disappointments.—Port Hope Guide.

Germany Made Ready Beforehand

Confirmation of Germany's responsibility for the present war comes from many strange sources. In Canada we had evidence of it in the fact that the year before the war Germany was importing immense quantities of wheat from this country. Another instance was related recently by a witness before a United States Senate Committee having under consideration a water power bill. He stated that in February, 1914, six months before the outbreak of war, the Norwegian Nitrogen Manufacturing Company received an immense order for nitric acid from Germany for use in the manufacture of ammunition.—Charlottetown Guardian.

If Germany Had Waited Longer

A French writer declares that had Germany been content to keep silent for another twenty years, nursing her purpose and preparing for it, nothing could have prevented her securing mastery of the world. It was the conspiracy of a ruler and a race. Just as German princes and princesses had been adroitly placed on or alongside thrones throughout Europe, so in republics like France and the United States specially trained men were sent out to attain positions of influence—positions educational, political, naval, and military. The work of honey-combing and undermining was carefully done, so that on the great day France and Belgium could be betrayed and the United States reduced to a state of confusion which would render her efforts in any direction futile.—Cornwall Freeholder.