

PROPHECY AND FULFILMENT

How Steps Taken by Germany Have Been Noted and Ignored for 50 years

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In view of the public declarations of certain responsible Ministers in this country to the effect that Germany's attempt to establish an overlordship of Europe came as a complete surprise, it seems almost incredible that anyone should have been prophesying it, and pointing out the signs of its coming, for over half a century. Yet such has been the case. Persistently and insistently, in season and apparently, at the time, out of season, one man read the signs in the political life of Europe and demonstrated clearly enough what they portended. And no one, or very few, paid any attention to him. At first sight this seems to imply an appalling degree of stupidity on our part; but on carefully considering the matter I am inclined to think that it did not imply stupidity so much as good nature and a healthy, though dangerous, toleration of the foibles of other peoples. We honestly believed that the days of the territorial expansion of one civilized nation at the expense of other civilized nations were over. We laughed at the idea that Germany, as a nation, could contemplate in cold blood the overrunning of the countries on her borders and an attempt to smash the British Empire to pieces; and yet, as the evidence in Mr. Frederic Harrison's book ("The German Peril," Fisher Unwin, 5s net) shows, the leaders of German thought fifty years or so ago deliberately planned these abominations and instilled a desire for their consummation into the blood of their children. In following the story of the menace of Germany, I must first go back then, to 1864. In that year began the policy known as Bismarckism, a systematic struggle between huge empires and historic independent nations. "Everywhere in Europe for fifty years the burning question has been—can the organized strong power crush and absorb its weaker, smaller, less organic neighbour?" That is Bismarckism, the policy that began war in 1864 and fifty years later landed the world into such a cataclysm of blood as had never before been experienced. In the short war of 1864 the German armies under Bismarck gave Holstein and Schleswig to Prussia. This led to the six weeks' war with Austria and the consolidation in 1866 of Germany under Prussia. But these were mere preliminary encounters, the closing up of the ranks, the consolidation of forces, the preparation for the great war of 1870-1871, in which the new Empire of Germany humiliated France, carried off a huge indemnity, and robbed the new Republic of Alsace and Lorraine. The German success of this period was the beginning of Britain's danger. Bismarck and his successors had in mind the smashing of Britain and the dominant control of Europe by force of arms. And from the beginning Mr. Harrison protested against our apathy and shortsightedness in the matter. In 1868, before the launching of the Bismarckian policy, he declared, on the Polish question: "As France stands by her position and history in the front of this question the policy of England should be zealous and cordial co-operation with France." Four years later, when there was dangerous confusion in the East, and Germany had become organized under a Prussia led by a Bismarck, a Moltke, and a Roon, he declared that the crisis demanded a genuine alliance of Britain with France as a guard against the German militarist danger, because of the sudden aggrandizement of Prussia and the new danger caused by the consolidation of all Northern Europe. When considering the Franco-German War of 1870, it is as well to remember that the deluded French Emperor committed the stupendous folly of playing into the hands of Bismarck by a ridiculous invasion of German territory, and thus alienated the sympathies of many Englishmen. (It is only since the publication of Bismarck's "Memoirs" that we have learned of the fraud and forgery of the German leaders, the elaborate system of mendacity which led the French into this foolish step.) But it soon became apparent to a number of

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Englishmen that the new German power meant something more than the guarding of her frontiers; and through it all protests were made and action was demanded, not only by Mr. Harrison but, I am glad to say, by many bodies of organized workers in Britain. A number of common laboring men could see farther than all our leading statesmen and politicians, including even Mr. Gladstone himself. Right down the years the plans of Bismarck have been maturing and developing, and as fast as they have developed they have been explained in articles and letters, and they have been almost ignored, until now, in 1915, we stand opposed to the monstrous machine designed for the aggrandizement of the Hohenzollerns and we have to break it at whatever cost. But it must be broken, terrific though the cost will be. We cannot have a sane and peaceful Europe again until Germany has been laid low; no ideas of compromise or half measures can be tolerated. "Let us not think that any kind of words, or any kind of agreement, or compromise, or mediation can avail us in this fiercest trial of our British blood." The German nation has learned the lesson its teachers had to instill into it. The whole German people are determined to conquer. "Bismarck, Moltke, Wilhelm, Treitschke, Bernhardi, are but agents, mouthpieces, trumpeters of the hordes of German barbarians who, after more than a thousand years, have resolved to crush out old Europe and to construct a new Europe on a basis of Teutonic blood and iron." They must be prevented, chastened, and civilized, and never again must we let our politicians lull us to sleep in false security, prating prosily and hypocritically of petty or local interests, whilst such a hell-brew is in preparation for us under our very eyes.

Police Court News

To-day before Mr. Hutchings, K.C., a disorderly was fined \$2 or 7 days. Another disorderly in his own house was discharged. In an assault case defendant must pay the costs. Jas. J. Tucker summoned Foodley Lidstone of Broad Cove for assault. From the evidence it appeared that pltf. persuaded deft's wife to change her religion and conform to a sect of which he (pltf.) is a member so that he frequently, as a court wag said, "tuck her" from home, she being out of her husband's house on one occasion for a whole week, hence the assault, which occurred on the 25th inst. Defd. had to give bonds to keep the peace, the condition being that pltf. no more interferes with the other's wife. A baker who was summoned a week ago for keeping an unclean premises was fined \$5 or 14 days. Inspector O'Brien reported that he had in the interim visited the place as requested but there was no improvement in it.

WOOD'S Restaurants, Strawberrys and Cream at

SHIPPING

The schr. Ramona left Donno Bay Thursday, for Gloucester with 225,000 lbs. salt bulk cod, 1,200 lbs. dry cod, and 430 bbls. herrings. * * * The schr. Venedetta reached here yesterday from Halifax with a cargo of gasoline, after a run of 12 days. * * * The Sagona will sail for Labrador Monday evening. * * * The S.S. Polamhall left the dry dock this morning and swung down the stream. The repairs are of a very satisfactory nature and the ship will sail to-day. * * * A large steamer from Bell Island to Sydney, ore-laden, passed the narrows at 6.15 p.m. yesterday. * * * The Arken left here this morning with 4,703 drums for Pernam, shipped by the Munroe Export Co. * * * The schr. Freedom is loading to-day for Pernam, at the Munroe Export Co.'s wharf. * * * The "Little Secret" left Marystown to-day for Oporto with 2,870 qtls. of codfish. * * * The S.S. Norburn left Botwood this morning for Cardiff with 6,164 cords of pit props. * * * S.S. Prospero left Seldom at 6.15 this morning and is due here to-morrow. * * * S.S. Portia arrived at Fortune at 7.20 this morning, going west. * * * Since Saturday last there has been no new cases of diphtheria and it is now hoped that it has disappeared. * * * Three American sportsmen arrived here by the express to-day and got off at Deer Lake to shoot caribou. * * * S.S. Stephano, which was scheduled to leave New York at 11 a.m. this morning, will not sail until the 4th prox., as she has been delayed to get extensive repairs in New York.

Boys Stentenced For Theft

To-day the three boys who stole 8 rings valued at \$400 from the residence of Mr. D. Baird, and who were remanded last week were before Court. One of them, Ml. Woodland, was again remanded for a week. Albert Royall, the chief of the gang, was given six months hard labor, and Walter Bishop had his sentence suspended, it being his first appearance.

"Florizel's" Passengers

The Florizel sails at 3 p.m. with a full freight and these passengers: Miss D. Demerest, Miss Riebt, Miss D. Secharckoss, Mr. Jno. West, Mr. L. J. Martin, Mr. A. Cameron, J. W. Cameron, J. W. Serong, Miss Weth-ridge, Miss Smith, W. C. Shaw, Jack Shaw, W. L. Robinson, Mr. W. Elmer, Wm. Stimms, H. and Mrs. Weed, Jas. Kavanhan, Jas. and Mrs. McNamara, Mr. Ottman, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sage, Mrs. C. Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. Kneec, Mr. Brown, S. B. Kesner, Miss E. Kelley (2) Mr. Emerson, Miss Mary Doyle, Mr. Jno. Harris, S. A. Beatt and wife, Mr. Duffy, V. G. Parsons, F. J. Shortall, Miss T. Grant, W. Baird Master Ml. Baird, C. Malone, W. S. Nimmon, H. R. Blake, J. R. Michael, H. C. Miller and 10 in steerage.

Venus Drawing pencils are perfect.—apl2,tf

Man Buried in Trench

While Ml. Walsh, a city laborer, was working in a trench at Rennie's Mill Road at 10 a.m. to-day the ground caved in and buried him up to the waist. He was dragged out by his companions and was badly bruised, though no bones were broken. He was driven home to Spencer Street and attended by a doctor.

Important Eskimo Visitor Here

Julius E. Lane, a fine husky specimen of humanity, a full blooded Eskimo, very intelligent and reputed to be the most wealthy of his race on the Labrador, besides a very skillful pilot, arrived here by the Sagona yesterday. He is a man about 45 years old and was delighted with what he saw of the city last night: the motors, horses, street cars and particulars the moving picture shows specially appealing to him and causing him much wonder and delight.

The Gum that everyone praises—Coca-Cola.

BIG INCREASES CANADA'S TRADE

Total in July Reaches \$100,000,000—Domestic Exports Greater

The total Canadian trade for the month of July reached \$100,000,000, according to the statement issued yesterday by the Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of customs. For the corresponding month of 1914 the total trade amounted to \$93,000,000. The feature of the statement is the large increase in the domestic and foreign exports. During the month of July domestic exports reached \$45,600,000 and foreign goods exported from Canada \$16,000,000, compared with \$41,000,000 domestic and \$8,000,000 foreign for the corresponding month of 1914. There was \$11,000,000 worth of animals and their produce exported during July, being a substantial increase over the corresponding month last year. Manufactured goods also show a good increase: the exports being \$12,500,000 against \$5,800,000 for July, 1914. While the exports are booming there is a decrease in the merchandise entered for consumption. During July \$36,000,000 worth of goods were imported, made up of \$20,000,000 dutiable and \$15,000,000 free goods. This is a falling off for the corresponding month of 1914, when the imports amounted to \$42,000,000, made up of \$26,000,000 dutiable and \$16,000,000 free goods. For the 4 months of the present fiscal year, ending July 31st last, the total Canadian trade was \$371,000,000 compared with \$306,000,000 for the four months of the corresponding period last year. Last July \$13,000,000 worth of coin and bullion was exported.

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5c. CRESCENT Picture Palace 5c.

"THE LEGEND OF THE AMULET" A classy Indian Romance portrayed by genuine Indians. "THE NEW REPORTER"—A political drama by Vitagraph Co. "JIM'S VINDICATION"—A strong drama by the Edison Co. with Sally Crute and Bigelow Cooper. "FANNY'S MELODRAMA" A Vitagraph comedy drama. It's great but Smith can't appreciate it until the last act, when his wife is accused of being crazy and is threatened with arrest; he gets wise and the play is pronounced a howling success, featuring Lillian Walker. "SWEEDIE THE LAUNDRESS"—A great Essanay comedy. The usual extra pictures at the Big Saturday Matinee. Harry Collins—Irish Tenor—Singing Classy Songs and Ballads Good Music—A Cool and well ventilated Theatre.

CANADA'S FISH TRADE GROWS

Great Harvest is Being Brought in on Both the Oceans

While the grain-growers on the prairies are producing the greatest wheat crop on record, the fishermen on both coasts of Canada are bringing in a great harvest of fish. Officials of the fisheries branch of the naval service department announced yesterday that the season has advanced sufficiently to place the success of the fishing industry on both oceans beyond question. Lobsters, cod and haddock have been taken in abundance in the Atlantic waters and while prices in some lines have been rather low there is already a tendency toward improvement. The feature of the Atlantic fishing has been the unusual size of the lobsters. The lobster season was late by reason of storms but these storms appear to have brought in the big fellows from outside. On the west coast an important trade in halibut has been established at Prince Rupert, the Pacific terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the bulk of the halibut catch of the north Pacific is now coming to that port for shipment across Canada to Boston. This is, or war, an American trade which went in former years to Seattle and the railways of the United States.

Man Loses Finger

Mr. Bob Clancey, one of the firemen on the Sagona, on the day after she left here last trip had his left hand caught in the engine and completely lost the middle finger. The doctor of the ship gave the man every attention.

Muel Stone, of Monroe, T.R. had a message this morning from there saying his schooner had secured 200 qtls. cod at Ryan's Bay, Labrador, and would likely land shortly.

J.J. St. John

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- 100 dozen ROYAL PALACE Baking Powder at 50c dozen tins.
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J.J. St. John Duckworth St & LeMarchant Rd

"I can't find any old clothes to put on the scarecrow," said Farmer Corn-tassel. "You might use some of the fancy duds our boy Josh brought home from the city," suggested his wife. "I'm tryin' to scare the crows; I'm not tryin' to make 'em laugh."

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