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## THE WAR NEWS

By far the most significant announcement that has been made for a considerable time is that to the effect that the waters surrounding England, Scotland and Ireland have been included in the war zone, and that neutral ships, as well as British ships, will be regarded by the German government after a stated period as blockade-runners. The Berlin Post says—

"Neutral shipping is given time to take refuge in safe harbours. Only after a measured period do all merchantmen going to and from the British Isles run into danger. Then, to be sure, men and freight, not only on British ships, but under a neutral flag, are doomed to sink." Another Berlin paper says—

"Let him guard himself who feels like coming between us."

If Germany had been able she would have blockaded British ports and destroyed British commerce long ago. She is no more able to do it now than she was six months ago. But let us see if the United States will remain silent in view of the new situation. She has an enormous trade with England. Will she consent to the German doctrine that her men and freight "are doomed to sink?"

Today's news says that the Germans are sending 200,000 men to attempt to raise the siege of Premysl. "In the region of the Suez Canal a Turkish attack has been repulsed by the British territorial and the New Zealanders and Australians. The situation in France and Belgium shows no important change.

## MORE BRITISH TROOPS

The announcement that 47,000 fresh British troops have crossed the Channel to reinforce the Allies in West Flanders and Northern France, because of information received that the Germans have been massing large forces there, will doubtless soon be followed by news of the severest fighting that has occurred for a considerable time. Apparently the Germans still have some hope of breaking through to Calais, but an effective spy system and aerial system has made it impossible for them to take the Allies by surprise. If they are as reckless of life as they were on former occasions the loss of the Germans will be enormous, because they will be the attacking party and the Allies will be well prepared for them. It is extremely fortunate that it is possible to transport large bodies of British troops across the Channel without delay or loss, and it may be taken for granted that more and more troops will be sent over as the time approaches for the great allied movement against the German lines. That of course will be deferred until weather conditions are more favorable, and the most complete preparation has been made to fill up the ranks and press steadily forward, giving the enemy no rest. In the meantime Germany will be losing more and more of her men, and her power of resistance will be steadily reduced. With the great Russian armies relentlessly pressing forward from the east, and the French and British steadily increasing the effectiveness of their forces in the west, any temporary advantage which Germany may gain cannot affect the final result. There will nevertheless be much anxiety until the result of the proposed new attack upon the French, Belgian and British lines is known; for the German generals are so reckless of the lives of their men that the fighting is likely to be of the most desperate character.

## U. S. INACTION CONDEMNED

This week's issue of The Outlook, New York, devotes its leading editorial to a pointed condemnation of the conduct of the United States government in relation to the present war. It begins by saying that Americans have been passing judgment upon the governments of Europe, but it is time for them to form judgment on the attitude of their own government. This war, it says, is saving the character of nations. It has shown Belgium to possess a soul of heroism. As to America there are two judgments.

"One is the judgment which we Americans have welcomed, that America is the land of liberty, the land of justice to all men, of equal law for all, of brotherhood and comity. The other judgment is that which some foreigners have passed upon us, that America is the land of the dollar, the land of commercialism, of self seeking, of the desire to 'get rich quick.' Which judgment is true?"

Seeking the answer to this question The Outlook says it is to be found not in what individual Americans may say or do, but in what the nation does as a whole, through the action of its government. After quoting the judgment of Canada, as expressed by the Toronto Globe and of England as expressed by the London Spectator, The Outlook asks if these judgments, which condemn the silence of the United States in regard to Germany's violation of international agreements, are based upon facts. Those judgments, it says, declare that the American nation as a nation "has made its solemn representations to one of the belligerents, not on a question of flesh and blood, of humanity, of justice to the defenceless, but on a question of American profits in trade." Is this true? Resuminate the bitter American criticism of the attitude of the English government during the American civil war. The Outlook points out that the United States has had ample opportunity to make its voice heard regarding questions of honor and liberty and public law, not only since the present war broke out, but before it began. It was pledged to the rule that neutral territory should not be invaded. The Outlook adds—

"We could have seen an identical note to every European nation that in case of hostilities this country expected Belgium's territory to be kept inviolate. We lost that chance when the first German soldiers passed the Belgian border. Still we might have spoken, even though our protest could not have prevented what the German chancellor has acknowledged to be an international wrong. Morally we were bound to speak, and technically we still had the right to speak, but the time passed and we continued our silence. Six months have gone by. The only sign of interest which our government has officially shown in the effects of the war has been an interest in copper, and cotton, and foodstuffs and the like."

The Outlook declares that the true belief of and interests of the American people can still be voiced, because they are not concerned solely with the violation of a single Hague Convention, but are peculiarly concerned with the maintenance of the whole spirit and purpose of the rules of civilized warfare. Orders issued by the government of the United States in 1869 have been recognized as an authority on the usages of war by all civilized nations since that time, says The Outlook, and it proceeds to show that they provide for the protection of private individuals, denounce and prohibit wanton violence and pillage, guard the sacredness of flags of protection, such as the Red Cross, and in short prohibit very many things of which the Germans have been guilty in this war. A list of such violations is given by The Outlook, and includes the invasion of Belgium, the dropping of bombs upon civilians, the bombardment of undefended towns, the pillage of cities, the levy of illegal contributions, the needless destruction of monuments of religion, education and art, the laying of mines in the open sea, and many more infractions of the public law of nations.

"In the face of these facts," says The Outlook, "how can the United States remain silent? It is the plain duty of our government, supported as it is by the public sentiment of our people, to let the belligerents know what the United States thinks about these relations into barbarism. To say that a protest issued by the United States on this subject would mean war, as some have said, is to ignore the fact that we have already undertaken protest, and there has been no sign of our intending to take part in the war. The only difference is that the protest we have made is a protest about our pocketbook, while the protest concerning the violation of the rules of war is a protest that concerns humanity and morality."

"By such a protest we believe the American nation can yet do much to mitigate the war, for no nation, however, indifferent to public sentiment, will care to invite the condemnation of the American government. If the United States is to have any part in determining the nature of the war, that is to follow this war, as President Wilson believes that it will, its influence will be determined largely by the course it now assumes; and if its influence then is to be for international morality it cannot ignore international morality now."

It is to be noted that this is not the criticism of a foreign observer, but of a moult of American opinion. How much longer, in the face of such criticism, will the United States government maintain its present attitude?

There is an ice bridge at Quebec, the first in twenty-two years. How is the weather in Halifax?

The German ambassador at Washington advises American vessels to avoid the north and west coasts of France. If the Germans interfere with American vessels, and especially if they should sink one or two, it would not be the United States but Germany that would be the chief sufferer.

The Edinburgh Scotsman observes that the year 1914 began on August 4. We may go further and say that a new era in world history began on that date. The era was ushered in by blood and misery, but it will be marked by such a revolution in human thought, and such a change in the relations of nations to each other, as the world has never before witnessed.

What Did He Expect?

"Jones," said a hotel manager to a waiter, "what did that gent from table No. 7 leave so suddenly for?"

"Well, sir," said the waiter, "he sat down and asked for sausages, and I told him we were out of them; but if he would care to wait a few minutes I could get the cook to make some."

"Well," said the manager, "what then?"

"I went to the kitchen," resumed the waiter, "and accidentally trod upon the dog's tail, and, of course, it yelped. And suddenly the gent got up and left."

"Perils of Pauline," Gem Today.

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The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is grandmother's treatment, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

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## LIGHTER VEIN.

"Then your daughter isn't going to buy a duke?"

"Not just yet. I advised her to hold off awhile and for the same money we might get a king."

"Here's a fellow patents a contrivance to keep girls from falling out of hammocks."

## Not Quite Right

Boy (in book store).—Sister asked me to get her Mr. Dam's novel, Great Expectations.

Clerk.—"Mr. Dam? You mean Mr. Dickens."

Boy.—"That's it. I knew it was some kind of a swear word."

In a certain school a teacher was giving his class reading. It came to a part about a woman drowning herself. The teacher asked a boy to read again. He began: She threw herself into the river. Her husband, horror-stricken, rushed to the bank.

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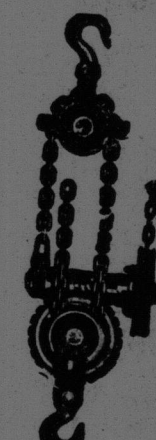
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### PROF. SMITH

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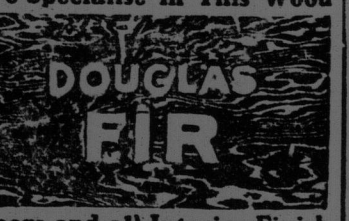
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