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By order,

A. G. HUDSON,
District Chairman.

Lower Isld. Cove, Jan. 8, 1915.

Italy Wants An Explanation From Austria

Cross Because Austrians Took Away
Italian Citizens From Belgrade
As Hostages

Rome, Jan. 10.—An Italian-Austrian incident has occurred in Belgrade, which in ordinary times would pass unnoticed, but is now causing some excitement here. It seems that before the Austrians entered Belgrade it was evacuated by all Europeans, except four Italian miners, who, during the bombardment, dug themselves a kind of den, where they were protected from shells.

When the Austrians retired from Belgrade they took with them as hostages several prominent Serbians, besides the Italian miners, one of whom is famous as the installer of a mine at Semlin Bridge, which he laid in 1908, at the time of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This mine was exploded on July 28 last, destroying the whole archbridge and preventing the Austrians from approaching Belgrade.

The Italian Government is investigating the matter. If the report of the capture of Italians is correct, it will demand their release.

Germans Remove Guns From Ostend

Believed To Be Preparing To Fall
Back On New Lines To East

Rotterdam, Jan. 10.—On New Year's Day four 28-centimeter guns were removed from Ostend to Heyst, to defend the coast. The transference of such guns from Ostend is significant as indicating that no great attempt will be made to hold Ostend once the allies commence to advance along the coast. The line intended to be held by the Germans is evidently further east.

From the Dutch frontier three hundred men have been observed during the last two days putting heavy guns into position. The cannon are easily visible from the frontier.

It is stated that the houses which have been destroyed at Heyst to give the clear line of fire seawards which the Germans desired comprised the greater part of two new streets.

The Bear's Onward March

In the eastern theatre of war, the success of the Russian Bear seems assured. Winter is coming on—the Russians are prepared. They are a hardy race and cold does not affect them. We in Newfoundland consider ourselves hardy, but nevertheless we must also prepare ourselves to withstand the elements. To be comfortable during winter, dry feet are essential. You can have them by wearing only the Best Rubbers, i.e., Bear Brand. You can buy them from Monroe & Co. (have you seen the bear in their window?) W. R. Goobie, Nicholle, Inkpen & Chafe, Steer Bros., Jesse Whiteway and J. M. Devine.—decl

GERMAN PAPERS WORRIED ABOUT THE CHANCE OF JAPAN SENDING MEN TO HELP ALLIES

And Their Agitation Expresses Itself in Violent Abuse of Great Britain for Becoming "Traitorous" To Europe

EXPECTS AMERICA
TO OBJECT TO THIS

Have Also Discovered, in Some Mysterious Way, That Britain Has Been Thrown by Germany Into "Abject Terror"

WHEN the German papers have nothing else to talk about, they may always be trusted to find something alluring in Asia. It is a well-worn subject, and one on which it must at times be difficult to ring the changes; but still they manage to do it.

Here, for example, is the "Vossische Zeitung" beating out an entirely new phase of the question:—

"Europe is dead, Europe the shrine of all that is precious in human achievement, and in patriotic piety. She has been killed by England, her traitor son turned Judas in his envy of Germany's triumphant progress.

"England has turned this heaven-favored Continent into an appanage of Asia; she has betrayed her own once high call to civilise and humanise the barbarians of distant regions, and now stands before the world a matricide.

"The German arms, however, are strong to battle for murdered Europe, and the day will dawn when, through German victory, the dishonored corpse like a Galatea, shall once more arise resplendent in glory and radiant in German-born virtues."

The reference to Galatea is somewhat obscure, but perhaps it does not do to be hypercritical where the German Press is concerned.

"Squint-Eyed Monkeys"

The "Hamburger Nachrichten," dealing with the same question, concedes with America on account of the menace offered by Japan:—

"For that Americans will have to thank England, whose money it was that moved the squint-eyed yellow monkeys to action."

"As though that in itself were not a sin against the white race sufficiently heinous to call down on her head the curses of all Europeans, Britain is now manoeuvring to induce the yellow tribes to co-operate with her in France."

"Let them come. Their destruction is certain, for, though we have to deplete our Fatherland of every male, leaving none but women and children, we are determined to drive the apemen from the sacred shores of Europe, and, if possible, their British kinsfolk after them."

"The Americans may then be trusted to take their own steps to keep the Japanese away from their country, whose people, unlike the worthless English and French, will have no dealings with colored scum and human mixtures; and may not improbably attach themselves in friendly alliance with the houses of Hohenzollern and Hapsburg."

Our "Abject Terror"

The "Frankfurter Zeitung," taking a survey of naval affairs, finds that the "abject terror" of the English people is fully justified by German naval prowess:—

"The Russian warships are freezing fast in the remotest corners of her coasts, Russian and Finnish waters are closed by German mines, the entrance to ice-free Libau is barred and bolted, and the Baltic has been practically converted into a German lake."

"The North Sea is commanded by the German fleet. Her fine vessels cross and recross on and under the sea the spaces that separate England from our coasts. They creep up to the enemy Colossus, destroying him at the very gates of his refuge. German mine-belts encircle the British Isles, and amid formidable explosions mighty ships are sent to their destruction."

"Meanwhile the German coast artillery cause us entirely to forget that it is an island against which we are waging war. What is yet to happen we know not, but the abject terror and the silly excuses with which England is filled betray the fact that the island-empire has grasped the full significance of this war."

Unworthy Plotters

The "Berliner Tageblatt," having discovered through its usual mysterious sources, that educated Englishmen can by no means be "whipped up into an enthusiasm for military service," deduces the conclusion that Great Britain's chief desire is for peace:—

"By reason of their racial tenacity, the British do their duty to their country so far as they can by supplying the necessary pabulum of war, but it is becoming increasingly plain that they are not looking for military triumph."

"If it were given to their forces to administer a lasting set-back to the Germans and clear them from French soil there is every reason to believe the English would be only too glad to retire from the contest."

"The keynote to this negative attitude is to be found in the generally prevalent opinion that this terrible struggle has been the work of mediocrities, that no superior minds have influenced its development, and that it was official incapacity in every quarter that finally led to the triumph of unworthy plotters and of the blind passions of the stirred-up masses."

Potsdam and Poets

The "Tagliche Rundschau" has found a new reason for the fury which animates German arms. It lies in the spontaneous generation of a new race of poets, who sprang into birth "like Jove full armed" on the declaration of war:—

"The psychological gulf that separates the German from the British mentality is strikingly illustrated by the contrast between the symptoms that rose to the surface in the two countries on the outbreak of the war."

"In England all sentiments were dominated by the one thought as to how long the war would last and how much it would cost, combined with a feverish impatience to ruin Germany politically and industrially."

"How different in Germany! To us war immediately brought a very flood of lyrical poetry which could not be stemmed. In souls which hitherto had been imprisoned by the vulgar need of everyday duties the springs of poetry welled forth. The Fatherland called, and beside the host of our warriors a host of poets arose."

Appealing to France

The "Kölnische Zeitung" gives its blessing to a new enterprise on the part of the German army authorities, who are publishing in French the "Journal de Guerre," by means of which "authentic" news will be circulated by aeroplane among the French troops:—

"This will open Frenchmen's eyes to their folly in fighting by the side of the English. In the first issue there occurs an appeal to the common sense of the French."

"Out of amiability towards the English," it is observed, "you have allowed your fields to be devastated and your business houses to be sacrificed to a terrible crisis. France has now become the vassal of her enemies."

"Frenchmen! You are being sacrificed to British commercial policy. British diplomats have for years labored to bring about this war. England it was who forged the iron ring which was broken by us when we penetrated into Belgium, for Germany, while defending her own existence, is fighting for the cause of your own ancestors."

A New Conspiracy

An entirely new phase of British "treachery" has been discovered by the "Rheinisch-Westfälische Zeitung":—

"We have come into possession of intelligence through a source the reliability of which none would dare dispute, that Great Britain is about to persuade or coerce Holland into allowing her a free passage through the Scheldt to Antwerp, now that the landing of troops either at Ostend or Zeebrugge is impossible."

"The new British plan of campaign is based on threatening the German position in Belgium from Antwerp, which therefore will have to be recaptured."

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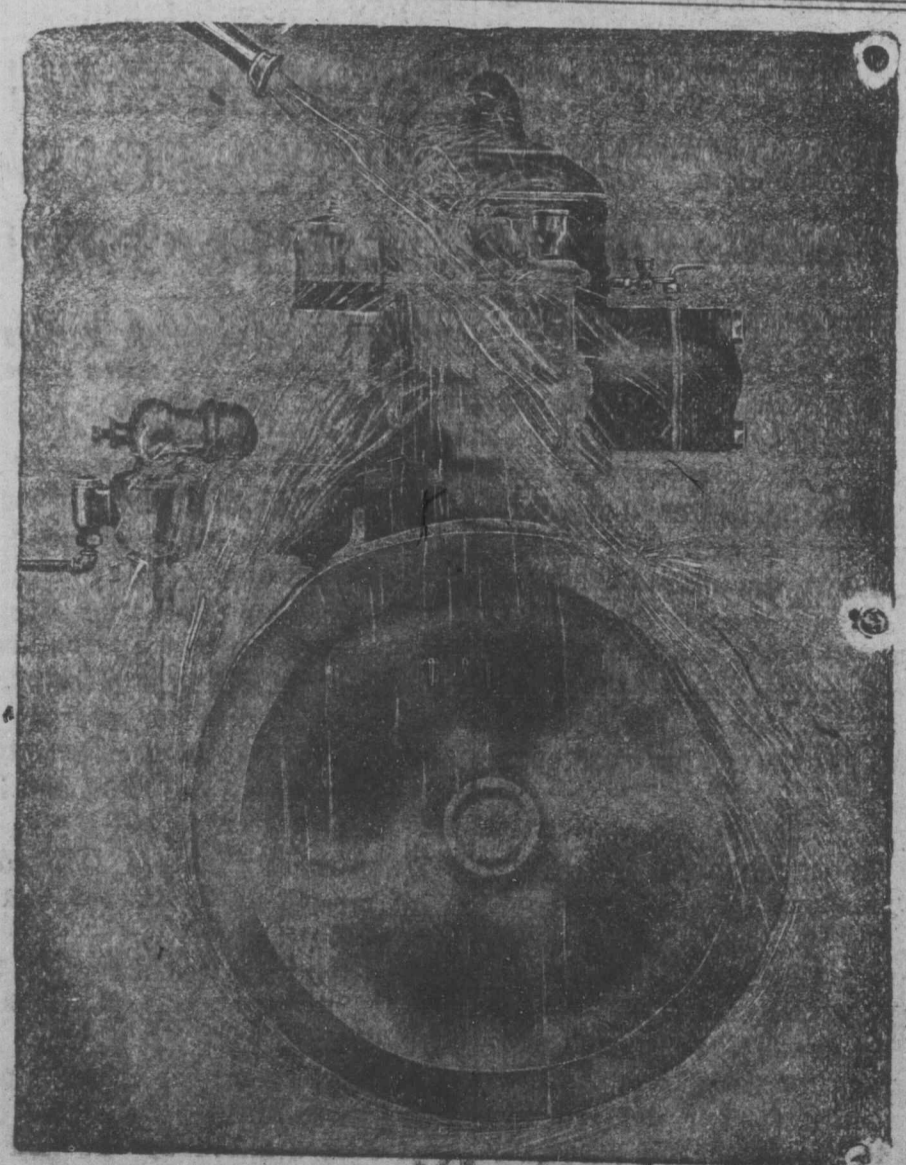
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