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TEUTON AGAINST ROMAN

Last week we published H. G. Wells' article in the Daily Mail, " My " If we View of our War Aims." have any meaning at all we are fighting to bring about a revolution in Germany" is his clear-cut definition. And he emphasizes the point by saving that "in the event of overwhelming victory we should destroy both the Hohenzollern and Hapsburg Empires." "If that is not what we are out for then I do not understand what we are out for.' And the Right Hon. J. H. Thomas. M. P., in the Daily News wrote We have lost our morale because people are uncertain what we are fighting for."

Since these articles were written both Lloyd George and President Wilson have publicly and authoritatively stated that we are not out to destroy the Teutonic Empires nor to usurp the inherent right of the peoples concerned to choose their own form of government. These statements chime so badly with the vociferous pronouncements of press and platform that they can but tend to perplex the thinking public as much as they must disgust H. G. Wells who will regard them as a surrender to reactionaries at home. This plain, blunt Englishman said that English junkers" dread the fall of monarchy in Germany and Austria," and that far rather would they make the most abject surrender to the Kaiser than deal with a renascent republican Germany." But even now, weeks after the pronouncements of the British Premier and the American President, Lord Lansdowne in reply to an address presented Lord Loreburn, ex-Lord High Chancellor, and many other distinguished Englishmen, says that "we might do well to enlighten (the enemy), and ourselves as well, as to the objective the Allies have in view."

A thousand reasons are given for the War - including that pathetic futility that this is a war to end war -and still we find men like H. G. nsdowne, Lord Loreburn and J. H. Thomas asking why of the Reformation, while the King They swear, while capable of resist- of the weakening of reason in the are we keeping it up. Those who, of Prussia reigns 'by the grace of ance, never to take German culture minds of his countrymen, signs that like the radical Mr. Wells, believe God' and is Head of the Church in or German religion for their own." sists in the democratization of all nations, are bewildered at the turn of affairs. And democratization needs definition. The Bolsheviki understand it differently from the British aristocrat who boasts of the democracy of England. The American Socialist does not give unquestioning assent to the facile phrases of the American President. And people are beginning to ask themselves if social salvation is really to be found in political regeneration.

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Those who are thinking things out for themselves will read with interest an article in the Nineteenth Century and After by the veteran Catholic publicist, Dr. William Barry.

The struggle," says Father Barry, is between contrary and fundamental ideas.

will follow the erudite writer as he slavery of Caesarism. to their source:

tion we cling. It shapes our ideal eternity it is not, and never could be, front, our necessary line of defence, the same which Luther set up bebeyond which anarchy or tyranny tween morality and religion. For morreigns. Its deadly foe is Germanism. ality (that is to say, the good works of Roman' to be the issue."

fore, of the German spirit and Gerworld-empire Germany is also pre- sway." paring to found a world-religion." quering Odin. Grasping in his right stable basis for its authority. of this new-old Gospel, the Teuton political weekly in 1915: rushes forth upon an anti-crusade

barians inflicted on the Roman Ellis Baker.) in religion, was a German revolt power.

field, a crime."

old German God.' " writes :

Evangelical Empire. Germany, surrender to Berlin its Papal prerogalook to it. The only visible Church Church." was the State."

While here all may agree, not all of the universal drift toward the God. A triumphant Germany dom- ated largely by prejudice or self tion," was inaugurated in Geneva against conditions under which they to the depths and it was felt through

traces the conflicting ideas and ideals "To make Caesar Pope," says Dr. new Kulturkampt compared with that they have been appealed to not ing of four great statues-Calvin, Rome is the World City, our true slavery in religion, and to bind the eighties of the last century would be toons and flaming posters, by roor- flanked on each side by three statues Metropolis, the Capital of Christen | people in everlasting chains. They as the wars of other days to the War | backs, canards, catch phrases and | of statesmen to represent the coundom; the Germans are, and prove have no escape. The boldest yet of today. It would follow logically sob-stories; and that the end has tries most influenced by the Reformthemselves to be, the successors of simplest sentence in political wisdom and necessarily from the principle been confusion. those Barbarians who wrecked ever uttered is 'Render to Caesar the on which rests the Absolute State. ancient civilization. We of the West things that are Caesar's, and to God This is in essence the freedom have taken over from Rome, on both the things that are God's.' Of that which is menaced by German dominsides of the Atlantic, the best she divine distinction the guardian has ation, and in some degree everywhere had to give us in law, literature, art ever been Papal Rome. Marking off by German influence over modern and religion. To that type of perfect the things of time from the things of thought.

and is its necessary aim. But in When the War broke out "many leaving ethics as a mere element of peoples with a mighty resolve to set ness, and one that is especially sugvoices babbled of its why and where- policy and the police to a secular them free. On the occasion of the gestive of the folly of our own day, fore in confusing tones." Professor prince, Luther was banishing Chris- liberation of Jerusalem Father was the action of the silversmiths of work of twelve centuries, and putting the faith of his forefathers, and re- Apostles. The Ephesians were not a man aim; and, quoting Nietzsche, man-made law where the Law of God, joicing in the fact that the dream of very religious people as we may that "while preparing to found a binding prince and subject alike, held The civilization of Europa is the

Soon the average man taught by creation of the Catholic Church and quotations from Treitschke and rests on the basis of her infallible Nietzsche, Heine and Bernardi, Bis- mission. If there be no immutable Christians salute you. marck and Von Bulow, saw the scope | truth there is no definite morality of Prussian ambition. The great resting on divine revelation, but only national historian of Germany wrote: conventions built on the shifting "Just as the greatness of Germany is sands of private judgment. The Educated at Oxford University he and to come confessing and declarfound in the governance of Ger- Absolute State must find some more many by Prussia, so the greatness stable basis. While so-called Chrisand good of the world is to be found tian teachers deny the divinity of in the predominance there of Ger. Christ and the infallibility of His man culture, of the German mind, of Church, popular philosophers prothe German character. That is the claim the essential mutability of ideal and the task of Germanism." "In truth; while both as a natural conother words," comments Canon Barry, sequence flout dogma as unworthily appeals closely to all who have their So mightily grew the word of its day. Make a clear path for con- Absolute State must find some more

pieces. Hear Treitschke once more: in many respects not on the same ism.' To minds of such a stamp war bodied in the principle of nationalibecomes a duty, and peace, save as a ties, and the doctrine that nations meated with Christian civilization to feeble and impotent obstructive Dowry. before she was wrested from Chris- ness." ("Germany's Annexationist tian unity. "That which the Bar- Aims." Grumbach. Translated by J. by marriage of Father Fletcher.

Empire Luther dealt out to the Naturally if Might is Right weak Roman Church in full measure and nations have no right to existence; brimming over. Luther's tremendous the powerful State has every conoutbreak, with its fruit of anarchy ceivable right, limited only by its

stitute Odin for Christ. Dr. Barry the State alone governs and all other posed to show wisdom? reciting facts notorious in history things obey. "Government so untenant he is also Luther's 'summus | the teacher of knowledge, the guard-

all his dominions. Luther gave to the Professor Macneill Dixon, Protes- much in evidence today in our own Prince what he took from the Pope. tant though he be, is clear seeing country. The first is the debase-At the same time and by one stroke enough to rebuke the blind prejudice ment of character, an inclination to he handed over the control of ethics, of traditional Protestantism. He act from impulse which is a forgetunder the name of mere 'political' sees the conflict of essential prin- fulness of reason rather than a calm virtues, to the royal Bishop and ciples when he says: "The Papacy appreciation of duty. The second is Shepherd of men's souls. Morality could only work in harmony with the the degradation of the press, the was not saving Faith; it belonged to German Empire by transforming the passion for books and newspapers the secular order; let the Prince Catholic Church into a German that address themselves not to the

The War has revealed the evolution every war is ultimately a religious the dethronement of reason that he of Lutheranism: the Absolute Right; war then the present, in spite of the remarks among his contemporaries Might is Right. But, cutside of the fact that the Allies are more or less is political weakness, which he Catholic Church, what passes for infected with State absolutism, is attributes to the fact that a nation religious and philosophic thought essentially a war between Teuton and cannot be governed when the indiin English speaking lands, tends in Roman; between the Kaiser and the vidual citizen will not govern himevitably in the same direction. It Pope; between the tyranny of the self in the intimacy of his own may be hoped that the one great Absolute State and Christ's doctrine thoughts and volitions. Recall any result of the War as seen by the that there is clear line of demarcation of the recent crises through which

A ZEALOUS CONVERT

In the ages of faith the thought Therefore I hold 'Teuton against a Christian people) flows from religion Lord were in the hands of infidels about the destruction of his army. was enough to inspire the Christian A most striking exhibition of foolishthe Crusaders was realized, sent to judge from their answer to St. Paul telegram: "Salve salvator Hier-Hail saviour of Jerusalem, grateful whether there be a Holy Ghost."

Fletcher, third baronet of that name. miracles, caused many to believe became an Anglican clergyman and ing their deeds. The seven sons of exercised the ministry for some the Jewish priest Sceva, who atyears before being received into the tempted to imitate St. Paul in exor-Church in 1878. Ordained priest cising those who were possessed, Fletcher has been in a special sense who said to them, "Jesus I know and the champion of a cause which Paul I know, but who are you?"

IS THE WORLD GETTING FOOLISH?

The above query was put to us recently by a good old man who goes from civilization. . . Amongst If weaker nations have no right as to Mass and says his prayers. We Germans learning of whatever sort, opposed to the interests of the more do not know what led to his misgivclassic, or biblical, or scientific, or powerful, individuals have still less ings. It is not at all probable that antiquarian, has ended in breaking with regard to the State. Prussia he had read "Crusts and Crumbs" up the old established unities. But owed its existence and growth as a or "Tertius on the Church," or that to the genius of the Fatherland its great State to the first principle; no he had heard of President Eliot's professors were never unfaithful. sooner had she secured domination, new religious system or of Conan Odin lives and reigns in the seats of on the formation of the German Em- Doyle's new code of morality. His culture as in the camp, the court, pire, than she set to work deliberately limited scope of observation had, the manor house, in the junker and to strangle the freedom of the Cath- however, convinced him that there the peasant, the prince and the poli- olic Church. At that time the Kultur- was madness in the air; and who tician. Call Odin Charles the Great, kampf was regarded with indifference will say that he was not right? Frederick Barbarossa, Frederick the when not hailed as an evidence of pol- Was there ever a time in the history Second of Prussia, to them in each itical progress by Protestants who now of our country when so many fool and all he is the living deity whom shudder in the shadow of the menace theories were advanced, not only in the Kaiser patronizes as 'our good of German Kultur. Dr. Barry quotes reference to religion and education Lord Acton's description of the new but also as regards those purely And it was Luther who gave free type of military monarchy which had material undertakings in which at not in our midst men who are very rein to the German spirit to sub- arisen in Prussia according to which least the worldly generation is sup-

"Dastroy," says Lacordaire, "the "For if the Kaiser is Odin's lieu- the nation, the promoter of wealth, in the depths of the intelligence, wave aside as vain dreams? the pilepiscopus, or supreme pontiff. The ian of morality, the mainspring of grimages of the soul to the country in German universities are free to And he adds: "The Papacy stands that our viewpoint of life is lowered, they must not lay hands on the Caesar, . . . The Papacy will not finity to matter, that instinct takes State, not heathen but a champion manism shall not rule over them. calls attention to some of the signs intelligence but to the imagination If it is true, as Chesterton says, that and the senses. The third sign of

tower that would reach to heaven America.

they were confounded in speech. When Pharao oppressed the people that the places sanctified by the of God his heart was hardened and has no place in this memorial. birth, life and death of our Divine he acted so foolishly as to bring This is not due, as may be conjec-Cramb had told them, but a year be- tianity from public life, undoing the Philip Fletcher, himself restored to Ephesus as recorded in the Acts of the Luther himself is not credited with General Sir Edmund Allenby this when he enquired if they had reents of the two Reformers, and had telegram: "Salve salvator Hier. ceived the Holy Ghost. "We have it not been for the presence of a usalem, Christiani grati te solutant." not," said they, "so much as heard common enemy, in the institution of But the preaching of the great Apos-Father Fletcher was born seventy tle, who remained there two years years ago, the fifth son of Sir Henry and wrought more than common have long since buried the hatchet. four years afterwards Father were put to shame by the evil spirit Mother. "the civilization of Europe has had fettering the human intellect, the nearest and dearest in the ranks of God that those who followed able than the ignoring of Luther, is romantic an interest. Protestantism—the conversion of curious arts brought together their that Scotland, which fell so complete who were concerned in it forget the England. In 1887, together with an. books and burnt them. All this ly under the sinister influence of hand the sword of the Absolute State

It is quite natural then that Dr. and in his left holding up the banner

Strahl should write in a leading mond, he founded the Guild of Our silversmith, who made silver temples in the group of statesmen set as a day, December 10, and the short Lady of Ransom-a work which not for Diana. He held an indignation "The State as a cultural unit and only set on foot a great "conspiracy meeting of the craftsmen and said to that shall break our Christendom to as a promoter of civilization, stands of prayer," but by means of pilgrim. them: "Sirs you know that our gain ages, processions and lectures, added is by this trade; and you see and A nation's military efficiency is the level on which nationality stands but much to the popular knowledge of hear that this Paul by persuasion exact, co-efficient of a nation's ideal above it. . . . The doctrine em Catholic life and practice. Let us hath drawn away a great multitude Catholic life and practice. Let us pray that the good work to which pray that the good work to which are made by hands. So that not part in the memorial. preparation for triumph on the battle- have the right to dispose of them- life and energy and talents may go only this our craft is in danger to be selves, are theories which have been on until his native land regain its set at naught but also the temple of Germany was hardly fully per- put forward to give a scientific cloak glorious Catholic title—Our Lady's the great Diana shall be reputed for representative of his unhappy counfrightfulness of the air of which nothing." Whereupon the multitude try. Possibly the projectors of the urgent warning must be given? Sir Edmund Allenby is a nephew full of anger cried out: "Great is monument considered that in the what could be the cause of so un-Diana of the Ephesians!" and the person of Knox, Scotland had about wonted a sound? For only once be-whole city was filled with confusion. whole city was filled with confusion. as much as she could stand, and that tolled in like fashion, and that was

Diana of the Ephesians!" Just think of it gentle reader-for in Chicago pales before this! But do of to-day. we not often witness nowadays the counterpart of this scene ? Are there solicitous about gods made by hands, men whose gain is by the trade, and who fear that they themselves will derstood is the intellectual guide of intimate accord of reason and faith haveto go out of business? Is there not the same unwillingness to hear one of God's chosen people if he attempts sharp interchange of views. Argen to explain the truth, the same unphilosophers and historians who rule the ascending movement of man." of God; do that and be not surprised mannerly habit of gagging him? patient with the Hun. She may be undermine Christian tradition; for freedom from this omnipotent that eternity gives place to time, inbecause original sin still darkens the test against the sinking of the Gir precedence over reason and that understanding of the unbaptized alda. though more than one-third of its people are Catholics, always stands forth in Europe as a Protestant Contraction on the upward way.

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The nations have resolved that Ger-leaf upon the waves. The upon the waves. The upon the waves the particular that the troubles are over present the unbaptized multitude, b heard that there be a Holy Ghust, a lo that they act not unlike the uncir. standing leaders or centralized direccumcised rabble at Ephesus.

THE GLEANER

NOTES AND COMMENTS THE SPREAD of zeal for the printed word among Catholics is instanced Great as are its activities in both hemispheres, and immense the good whitened for the harvest, before it.

As WE learn from our contemporfuture historian will be the realiza- between the things that belong to this country has passed, and you ary, The Presbyterian, an "Intertion in an age that boasted of liberty | Caesar and the things that belong to | will note that men have been actu- | national Monument of the Reformainating the world would usher in a interest and not by a sense of duty; last Fall. It is described as consist. are living. Barry, "is to write the charter of which that of the seventies and by reasoned arguments but by car- Beza, Farel and Knox-in the centre, ation. The six individuals thus re-There is abundance of scriptural presented are Coligny for France, by warrant that those who rise up Cromwell for England, William the against God, and that those who Silent for Holland, the "Great patch to The Globe it is stated that men at arms, saints and sinners work iniquity, will be confounded. Elector" for Germany, Boiskay for When men attempted to erect a Hungary and Roger Williams for sector, where the opposition was the When men attempted to erect a Hungary, and Roger Williams for

that the arch "Reformer," Luther, tured, to feeling created by the War, area attacked. sented. The monument, we are told, is really in commemoration of the "Calvinistic Reformation," and few days. any part in that phase of the upheaval. The truth is that there was war to the knife between the adherthe Papacy, either Lutherans or Calvinists would have been exterminated, the one by the other. They and united in the attempt, vain, as it has proved, to destroy the Church which they had both renounced, but which has not, nor ever had, any other feelings toward them than desire for their return to their true

WHAT, IN respect to the Geneva such epoch-making importance and monument, is much more remark. sort of bodyguard about the four "Reformers." Scotland certainly suffered much in the cause, and in proportion to its population brought

which in these days or air raids is in the streets of London almost absolute.

Then suddenly through the darkness to the front a greater number of from the tower of the Catholic cathe celebrities (such as they were) than

BUT JOHN KNOX stands the solitary Rushing into the theatre "some cried | it would be scarcely fair to make her | when the news of the election of the one thing and some another; for the responsible in so public and permapresent Pope had first reached secondly was confused and the rest a way for too great a share in London. Moreover, and this made it assembly was confused and the nent a way for too great a share in greater part knew not for what cause the iniquities of the Reformation. London for so much as a clock to they were come together." There- Certainly, it would be hard to form a strike when once darkness h upon Alexander a Jew was pushed more imposing "rogues gallery" than lest some guidance should be given forward out of the multitude. He the "reforming crew" of hungry to hostile airmen. beckoned for silence and attempted wolves which, taking its cue from to explain matters, but when the Geneva, made of the Scotland of the to the cathedral doors to learn what "all with one voice for the space of and then sold it into the hands of church blazing with light and the about two hours cried out : Great is Elizabeth of England. No "storied Blessed Sacrament exposed for worurn nor animated bust" could in any event do justice to that unholy cabal. for the greatest occasions, while about two hours! If we did not know For sheer infamy they stand in a priests and choristers round the altar that this was inspired language we class by themselves. Scotsmen who sang the "Te Deum." All was thankwould suspect that St. Luke was love their country may well be

ON THE BATTLE LINE

tary attaches from Berlin and Vienna This follows upon the sinking by a U-boat of an Argentine steamer on the 26th of last month, in connection with which there has been some Perhaps it is because the spirit of which country is reported to have

because they have no tion. Other reports say that the the sacred spot might never be for number of strikers, particularly in s asserted that the military authorities are acting sternly in centres where the strikes threaten revolutionary tendencies. The Trades Hall in Berlin, where meetings were being held, has been seized, and it is said that at Hamburg the Commandant by the establishment in India of a has presented an ultimatum calling Catholic Truth Society. Founded in upon the strikers to return to work, England by Cardinal Vaughan in threatening that if this is not done 1884, with Mr. James Britten as at once he will enroll them for service, and at Berlin a more severe Honorary Secretary, the Society has state of siege has been declared. now become in the best sense of the Munich is now said to be a victim of word an international organization, strike fever, and many industries there are reported idle. The censor ship continues to be strict, an there is no doubt that the real condiaccomplished, they are as nothing tions are being hidden, whether they compared with the field that lies, are as bad as the most optimistic of the Allied peoples could wish or as good as the Garman Government would have the world to believe. Whether the agitation collapses suddenly or not, there is hopefulness in the very fact of the strikes having occurred as a protest by the workers

ground lost to the Italians in the that the Lord had heavy losses, and the Italians have dead. The Pope preached a holy made a further advance up the Telago war, Feter the Hermit went on his the fighting, and the ground won by le veult," God wills it, was the cry of by the Italians is of impor-tance. In a London Times des most strenuous, the Italians advanced | Land and to drive the infidel from for at least half a mile. The corres- its soil.

IT WILL strike some as remarkable pondent speaks in glowing terms of the leadership of our Allies, particularly in view of the heavy artillery used by the Austrians. Fifty new batteries, he says, were noted in the tured, to feeling created by the War, since Germany is otherwise represented. There is no evidence as yet of an offensive on a grand scale, the fighting still being local character, but it is possible it will widen very greatly in the next

FORTY-FIVE KILLED and 207 injured is the toll exacted in Paris by the German air raiders. The reprisals are likely be prompt and severe. Globe, Feb. 2.

THE HOLY LAND DELIVERED

WHATEVER THE CONTROL, THE HOLY CITY MUST BE MADE THE CITY OF PEACE

It has come as a surprise to one who has only a few days ago landed in America, fresh from all the excitement and enthusiasm evoked all over to find how little notice, comparatively speaking, seems to have been taken in this country of an event of

It will be long before any of those way in which the news first came to winter's day had already passed into the darkness of night-a which in these days of air raids is in and asked one another what it could possibly mean. Was it heralding forth a new danger—some fresh the more startling, it is forbidden in

Clearly some great thing had hap crowd perceived that he was a Jew sixteenth century a desert waste, it was There they found the vast ship, the Cardinal present in cappa fulness and joy, because the reproach of centuries had been rolled exaggerating a little. Why, the thankful that one representative was the long captivity of the Holy City to record of the Roosevelt convention considered sufficient in the Geneva the unbeliever had come to an end; the object for which our fathers fought and died in the long series of crusades had been attained at last, whole centuries after they had been forced to resign the hope of success, and Jerusalem, the Holy City, the spot to which every Christian beart has always turned with longing mixed with shame, was free and in Christian hands-never again, please God, to pass under hostile rule.

It is inevitable on such an occa sion that our thoughts should back to the former instances when a Christian army has entered into and held Jerusalem. After the conversion of Constantine in the early part of the fourth century for 400 try and Jerusalem a Christian city. out- ies, permanent churches were built many of which still remain, so that war work factories, is increasing. It tury began the long period of enslavement.

The Persians began it and were followed almost immediately by the Saracens in the first zeal of their new born Moslem faith. In 636 the city was taken by Omar, who gave the Christians fair and honorable terms. The story will never be forgotten how, when his hour for prayer me, he was with the Christian pat riarch in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, but refused to pray where his act a precedent and break the promise he had given that Christian rights should be respected. more centuries, although Jerusalem persecution, the churches remained unharmed and Christian pilgrimages went on as before.

Then in 1077 the Seljuk Turks conquered Palestine and forthwith all was changed. Persecution at once began and it became impossible for Christians to visit the holy places. The Christian conscience was stirred out Europe that some great effort AUSTRIAN ATTEMPTS to recover the must be made to win back the land Asiago area have been repulsed with tomb from which He arose from the Valley. The losses of the enemy donkey from city to city amid scenes have been quite considerable during of extraordinary enthusiasm. "Dieu the day, and all the chivalry of Europe, kings and princes, nobles and