

Public Opinion

HOW GERMANY CAN BE CONVERTED.

(Florida Times-Union.)

The most important war-aim is straight shooting.

DOG WITH BAD NAME.

(New York World.)

Finland begging America for food must first get rid of the dachshund under the table.

DEEDS, NOT WORDS.

(Moose Jaw News.)

Anything that puts an obstacle in the way of the military authorities in the carrying out of their duties is playing false with those who are holding down the line for Canada. We are constantly bursting forth into panegyrics of their fineness and our own backing of them. But let us prove it in every way, not by mere lip service.

THE SOUL OF FRANCE.

(New York Sun.)

We have lately read and heard much about the soul of France, and nothing could be more inspiring and sustaining than the study of the unconquerable spirit of that land of heroes and heroines; but it is well to remember that France has, besides her soul, a tenement for it that should not be overlooked.

ENGLAND'S REBELLIOUS LABOR.

(New York Tribune.)

In England, as elsewhere, labor is overwhelmingly loyal and patriotic. If this were not so England would have failed in the war long ago. If it were not so France could not have saved the world for democracy. If it were not so in this country we should not be now in the thick of the work at Armageddon. England's rebellious labor minority is more articulate and political and troublesome than the corresponding element in this country. That is owing partly to circumstances, partly to the fact that volunteering in the beginning diluted the spirit, and largely, besides, to the fact that in Great Britain there was no Samuel Gompers.

CLEANSING THE LABOR PARTY.

(London Morning Post.)

Little wonder if patriotic British Trade Unionists have organized themselves to cleanse the Labor Party of these unsavoury parasites. There is no attempt to split the Labor Party, if we are to judge by the resolution passed on Saturday. The design is to secure a true Trade Union Labor Party, and if this is done it will not be a split but a purification. Certain ticks and maggots have burrowed under the wool and into the skin of the Trade Union movement, and Mr. Havelock Wilson and his friends propose to dip and disinfect the patient animal. If they succeed there will be no split; if they fail we shall be surprised. For the British working man dislikes as much as any the anti-British swarm of nondescripts who claim to represent him—men whom even the Liberal Party rejects.

KAISER AND PRESIDENT.

(A. G. G. in London News.)

But the atmosphere is changing. There are very significant signs that the policy embodied in the League of Nations is no longer a mere pious ideal, but the one practical necessity revealed by the war. The pronouncement of Viscount Grey has given the authority of the weightiest and one of the most cautious of European statesmen to the movement; and in France no less than in England opinion is being consolidated on the Wilson formula. As the force which America puts into the field increases and becomes the commanding element of the Allies in the war, so will the authority with which the President speaks be enhanced. It is not a mere fanciful imagining that sees the ultimate phase of the war epitomized in the persons of the Kaiser and the President—the Kaiser standing for the divine right of kings, the doctrine that force is above law and all the articles of the creed that has brought the world to disaster and the President standing for the new dispensation of a world subject to reason and law and liberated from the tyranny of the sword.

It is because that opposition of ideas is clearer to-day than it has ever been that we can approach the fifth year of the war with the conviction that the end, whenever it comes, will be the end that men of goodwill in all lands most zealously desire.

DOUBLY SINISTER NOW.

(Brooklyn Standard Union.)

Will any other name ever have a more sinister meaning to German military ambition than the Marne?

JOHN BARLEYCORN'S FINISH.

(Savannah News.)

First thing anybody knows some genius will come along with a transparent automobile body and an open-faced suitcase and cook John Barleycorn's goose to a turn. And he's considerably done already.

A PLAN GONE WRONG.

(Washington Star.)

The money spent in the U. S. A. for German propaganda was supposed to be merely a temporary deposit, to be taken back again some day in the form of indemnity.

IS IT COINCIDENTAL?

(Kansas City Star.)

The Kaiser has asked for a new national anthem for Germany. He must be planning to move the watch further back from the Rhine. Which, strangely enough, coincides almost exactly with our plans.

STRIKING FOR GERMANY.

(New York Herald.)

The strike of munitions workers in England is a matter of serious concern to the Allies and all lovers of freedom. At this distance it can only be regarded as much a blow struck for Germany as if the strikers were deliberately to take up arms for that country and against their own.

THE FIGHTING MEN.

(Le Mid, Paris, France.)

Let us acclaim the American soldiers, but never forget the British sailors, without whom Germany would continue to utter sarcastic remarks on the vain menace and fruitless efforts of America. She already knows, and will know better to-morrow, all that this menace means. The day when the American army gains the big success to which we are looking forward let us pay homage to the British sailors, those unseen and silent conquerors who are guarding the seas for us.

THEIR JUST REWARD.

(New York Herald.)

There are dark days and dreary nights ahead for the Hohenzollerns. Unable to visit the capitals of polite nations, their manners will deteriorate and the fork become a mere haunting memory. For them no big game hunting in the Rockies or tiger shooting in India, no merry evenings in Paris, no trips through the beautiful English country with stops at comfortable, historic inns. To them alone, among all the dwellers on earth, will be denied the pleasures and advantages of foreign travel and association with cultivated society. Truly a sad outlook is theirs.

IN GERMAN JAILS.

(Freie Zeitung, Bern, German Republican.)

The German bourgeois press with few exceptions (such as the Berliner Tageblatt) unite in condemnation of Lichnowsky. The only point of disagreement is whether Lichnowsky should go to prison or an asylum. In Germany one is permitted to ascribe the war in a general way to imperialism. But one may not openly discuss the question of the central powers' share of guilt. Liebknecht is in prison. Rosa Luxemburg is in detention, and thousands with her. Professor Nicolai is in prison. Captain Paasche, son of the vice-president of the reichstag and nephew-in-law of Harden, is in prison. Old Baron Eckhardstein, who was formerly attached to the embassy in London, passes from detention into prison, and from prison into detention. The harmless Lilly Jan-nasch, secretary of the "New Fatherland League," has been imprisoned for months. That aristocratic leader of the political section of the general staff and knight of the Iron Cross, who gave publicity to Lichnowsky's Memorial, has been put into a lunatic asylum. August Bebel once spoke a very true word: "Formerly, inconvenient people were put into a monastery, to-day they are put into a sanatorium."

EVERYBODY'S DOING IT.

(Chicago News.)

Among the clothes that are "much worn" this year are last year's.

"DER TAG" WON'T DO.

(Chicago Daily News.)

Germany will never come into the society of free nations until it has something to celebrate, like the fall of the Bastille or the Declaration of Independence.

WASTED EXHORTATIONS.

(Brantford Expositor.)

The exhortations of the Food Controller to can fruit aplenty is not likely to meet with a vigorous response with raspberries retailing at from 25 cents to 28 cents per box.

THE WORLD'S BAD MAN.

(Boston Globe.)

In a frontier town it sometimes happens that there is no organized government, no semblance of law and order, until the "bad man" forces the rest to co-operate in self-defense. The Kaiser is the "bad man" who has compelled co-operation and organization in this world community of ours. We can thank him, if for nothing else, for the enemies he has made.

THE REWARD OF STEADFASTNESS.

(Washington Post.)

As the glorious day of victory approaches, the great Allies will do well to search their hearts continually, to purge therefrom all temptation to take advantage of their position by denying justice to the small and weak. If they do justice they will be rewarded by enduring peace and prosperity. If they forget their trust and deny liberty to others they will be punished by another war, in which they will again fight for their existence, perhaps without the help of the combination of elements that is now winning them the victory.

FORTUNE'S CHAMPION.

(The New York Evening Post.)

The Kaiser is sadly missed nowadays. Early in March we used to hear from him two or three times a week, telling the world what he was going to do, advising us of the "historic moment" of complete German victory which he was about to usher in, and mouthing great things about the "German sword." Why was he suddenly fallen silent? The world will not know what to think without his guidance. No one else is so deep as he in the counsels of Gott, and if he does not reveal them to us every day or two, we shall be in danger of going wrong.

SUBSTITUTES FOR TIN CONTAINERS.

(Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.)

The scarcity of tin for commodity containers has led to the adoption of cardboard boxes on a large scale, not only in this country but in England. It is reported through a United States commercial attache at London that 5,000,000 cardboard and fibre containers are produced in that city each week. This substitute was introduced in England after the receipt of a large number of samples from America in June, 1917. As showing that the United States is to be credited with this particular economy, it is said that nearly 80 per cent of the substitute containers made in the United Kingdom are manufactured with machines made by one manufacturer in the United States. In the manufacture of card index and similar boxes, cardboard, wood and fibre are being utilized. The attache reports also that tin containers are now used in England only for pressed food-stuffs and meats.

WHAT THE BEST MAN GETS.

(The Vagabond, Boston.)

In a book on "The Conduct of Life," by the Viscount Haldane, I found a quotation from a lecture by Professor Bosanquet which expresses a truth that the majority of men and women in all walks of life ought to know so well that it will never be forgotten.

There is so much foolish talk about the easy time the men at the top have. As a matter of fact the heads of the businesses are the hardest workers.

"We do not give the 'best' man the most comfort, the easiest task, or even, so far as the conduct of the enterprise is concerned, the highest reward."

"We give him the greatest responsibility, the severest toil and hazard, the most continuous and exacting toil and self-sacrifice."