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BRITISH PAPERS DISCUSS THE PROTEST OF THE U.S.A.

The Spectator Says it Amounts, in Substance, to a Demand From the Copper Kings For Permission To Sell To Germany Munitions of War at Inflated Prices—Saturday Review Regards it as a "Friendly Document"

London, Jan. 1.—The Spectator discusses the American note at length. It recognizes that interests of neutrals differ from those of belligerents in all wars and says it would be extremely unfair to object to frank statements by neutral countries of their views. Observing that it is much easier in some ways to be a belligerent than a neutral, the Spectator points out that in some future war Britain may be neutral, in which event she would be as desirous of upholding the rights of neutrals as America now is. Declaring that at the time of the last conference of The Hague it was generally supposed that Britain was more likely to be a neutral than a belligerent in future wars, the Spectator continues:

Be Just to Ourselves

"Though we have every desire to be just to Americans we must also be just to ourselves. We are engaged in perhaps the very greatest war the world has ever known. It is involving us in a terrific toll of life and money, and we are justified in using all our recognized methods of warfare to abridge this toll and bring the war to an end."

The Spectator adds that the difficulties under which American trade is laboring are not due primarily to interference with shipping by British warships, but rather to the general disturbance to trade occasioned by the war throughout the world.

"The sooner peace is restored the better it will be for American trade," the article continues. "If we can, by naval pressure prevent our enemies from receiving supplies from neutrals we shall be advancing the date at which peace will become possible."

Germans Violators

The Spectator asserts that in many important instances the Germans have violated the conventions adopted at The Hague, to which America is a party. Being the greatest neutral state, she is under peculiar obligations to insist upon the sanctity of The Hague conference. Without suggesting that America should go to war, the Spectator insists that the bystander is under legal obligations to interfere "to prevent crime."

It says that people on both sides of the Atlantic would attach greater importance to President Wilson's note, if he accompanied it with equally strong representations against breaches of The Hague conference by Germany. It argues that American trade has suffered greatly from the disappearance of German shipping, and states that the difficulties in the cotton trade antedate the war.

Impossible Request

"It has yet to be explained how, except by carefully searching ships, on the way to neutral countries contiguous to Germany, we can prevent the Germans from being supplied with materials required by the German armies. It advances the argument that statistics of American exports of copper to neutral states show that some of this is being supplied to Germany, and asks: 'Does President Wilson, do the American people, expect this country to look on unmoved while our enemies are thus supplied with the means of killing our soldiers?'"

"The American copper interests, it is said, can sell to the allied nations or to neutrals not adjoining Germany at prices as high or higher than before the war. It states, however, that the demand of the American 'copper kings' is that they be permitted to sell copper to Britain's enemies at inflated prices, which demand cannot be granted."

The Spectator says that Americans will remember their own actions during the civil war, and concludes:

"Our traders claimed the commercial rights which in fact if not in name, were the rights of supplying to the enemies of the United States goods needed by those enemies to continue the war. The North sternly refused to grant to recognize any such rights for neutral powers. Will any American stand for this and declare that his father was in the wrong?"

Between Friends.

The Saturday Review describes the note of President Wilson as a "document from a friend, who just because he is a friend can say such things which between strangers would be regarded as having a rough edge."

The position of a belligerent with respect to the command of the sea,

says this paper, is difficult, even when neutral governments are friendly. But this position is determined absolutely by the fact that England has that command of the sea, and "cannot surrender her right to use it for the defeat of the enemy by any means sanctioned under international law."

"Unfortunately," the Review continues it is necessary to interfere with the custom of neutral countries of selling in the dearest markets, but there is evidence that Britain will "strain to meet every reasonable complaint, and make the yoke of the trident as light as is compatible with the objects of the British navy."

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THE following is an account of the heroic conduct of a French medical officer who, while in charge of the medical corps of one of the French divisions, was attending to the wounded in the Civil Hospital at Ypres during the bombardment of that place. On Nov. 9 he commenced a letter explaining the situation at that time:

"I have the honor to inform you that for the last four days, with the help of volunteer assistance, I have been attending to fifty-four German wounded at the Civil Hospital at Ypres. The hospital has been struck by six shells, one of which was an incendiary shell.

Bread Falling

"Bread is falling, and my assistants are sharing their own with the wounded Germans."

The letter continued that to a suggestion that since the position of the hospital and the danger incurred by their own men was known to the Germans, and these considerations did not appear to affect them, there was no reason why the French should concern themselves any longer about their fate, his answer had been as follows:

Superior to Them

"I replied that our superiority consisted precisely in showing to this race of vandals that we possess those humanitarian feelings of which they seem to be devoid, and that we should do this because example is the only law which nations obey. If we imitate the Germans there is no reason why the present state of things should not continue for ever, for we are merely descending to their level, whereas the mission of France is to elevate the Germans to our own."

"So long as I remain here, by your leave, I will continue to look after the wounded Germans, showing them that a French doctor laughs at their shells and only knows his duty."

On Nov. 10, when the situation improved slightly, he wrote:

Returned to Post

"Two nursing sisters have returned from Poperinghe crying, driven hither by remorse for having abandoned their sick charges."

"I am continuing to dress the wounded. There are now only fifty-two. Two have just died. The others are in a very grave condition, their wounds are suppurating. All the men but one are in bed; one is suffering from tetanus."

This was the officer's last message, though, with the nurse, he remained in that hell for at least three days longer. He is reported to have been killed by a shell on the 13th of 14th, and on the morning of the 14th the surviving wounded were in sole charge of the nurse, who had remained faithful to the last. The Frenchman had died at his post tending the maimed and suffering enemy. And his devotion was not in vain, for on the evening of the 14th the wounded Germans for whom he had laid down his life were evacuated to a place of safety.

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