

THE WHOLE LIFE OF AMERICA MAY BE SUMMED UP IN THE WORD "HUMBUG"

The Opinion of Herr von Bogdanovic, an Austrian Officer.

Under the title of "Fortschritt und Humbug" (Progress and Humbug), there appears in the May number of the Sueddeutsche Monatshefte, Berlin, an article, which is entirely devoted to England and America. The writer Herr Milan von Bogdanovic, a former Austrian officer, communicates his impression during what he called "der Winter meines Missvergnuens," a certain winter of his discontent, which he spent evidently not many years ago in the United States.

The American type, Herr von Bogdanovic assures us, is not that of George Washington, who was far too much of an English gentleman, but that of Benjamin Franklin, compact of plattitudes, of diligence, of smug prosaicalness, and the keenest of keen eyes to the main chance. Washington was no Yankee, and Mr. Roosevelt could say without any self-consciousness that he himself represents the unadulterated American type much better than Washington. Washington, however, was really a Republican, but not of that sort which sees in the import duty of threepence on a pound of tea an ethical reason for breaking away from the motherland and setting up a Republic. This famous threepence on the pound of tea it is suggested, should be put up on the Capitol in Rome, both having been the cause of the foundation of their respective States. Franklin, if we are to believe this Austrian writer, showed himself possessed of true American "humbug" (a word which he does not always rightly use), because while refusing to print defamatory articles in his own newspaper, he would always print them off specially, in as many copies as were desired, for anyone who choose to pay him for so doing, and to justify his proceeding he found, better than any Tar-tuffe, "des accommodations avec le ciel."

"There is certainly no American language, no American race either, but there are Americans. Even those Americans in whom the English blood has remained purest are nevertheless merely a vulgarised edition (verpöbelte Ausgabe) of their English cousins. The English humour of a Dickens has become converted into the grimace of a Mark Twain." This general vulgarisation is largely attributable to so many of the English who emigrated to America having belonged to a class which happens to be peculiarly obnoxious to Herr von Bogdanovic—the race of Weltverbesserer, or those excellent individuals who would fain regenerate to the world, "shrieking, singing, preaching Puritans and Quakers, people who preach the Kingdom of Heaven seeking thereby to gain an earthly Kingdom."

"Anyone can become an American" we are assured, provided he be sufficiently inferior, sufficiently self-complacent, commonplace, and money grubbing. The American is born, not made. Many who emigrate to the United States bring with them already so much that is American in their mean natures that all they have to do to become admirable Americans citizens is to learn American English. There is more than enough cheap material for the production of Americans, and room for them to spread also. The so-called Americanisation of Europe is not to be ascribed to an intellectual influence of America; it means the success of the vulgar, un-intellectual masses victoriously advancing with the aid of modern means of communication.

"The Americans, their Austrian critic insists, have kept the practical side of their Anglo-Saxon cousins, but have lost the spiritual. It is only necessary to consult an Encyclopaedia to see how few scientific discoveries are really due to Americans, that is to say, the first idea of which took shape in an American brain. "Neither the Railway, nor the telegraph, nor matches, nor the quick printing press, nor motor cars, nor flying machines, nor radio activity, nor electric railways, nor gas for lighting, nor electric light are of American origin." Somewhat grudgingly Fulton is allowed the credit of the steamboat, but he was "an altogether exceptional American inventor."

Referring to Tammany and police scandals, he says:—"Is it unknown that in America not a soul believes in an administration or a justice whose representatives would not make business out of their office? The true American is nite incapable of thinking otherwise, and he does not take it amiss with public functionaries—in deed, he is inclined to consider as a fool a man in a prominent position who does not seize an opportunity of enriching himself."

The whole life of America may be summed up in the word humbug, so this Austrian critic would have us believe—humbug from the bestowal of names such as Rome and Memphis on insignificant unromantic, little towns, to Benjamin Franklin's modes

ty, the Republican Party, which has no monarchy to fight, and the Democrats, who have no aristocracy to combat, and finally, the very name of America itself. "It is no pleasing prospect which is opened up to us in view of the increasing Americanisation of the world, a prospect of the most prosaic business mind being the dominant one; hand in hand with snobbishness and cant." One good point, however, even this Austrian assures his German public, the Americans possess, and that is the virtue of kindness and consideration to the weak, to women and children, which is "an inheritance from their English ancestors."

From Carrara, Italy, there has reached London and been published a circular issued there while the question of war was undecided by German agents which throws a lurid light on Teutonic methods and misrepresentations. The circular reads as follows:

ITALIANS!
Peace or War: To whom have you entrusted this imminent decision? Beware of the war-at-any-cost instruments of English corruption, who would laugh at a disaster to your nation so long as they remained in the pay of the interested States. They are anxiously working to upset your Government in order to enrich themselves; therefore beware and decide for yourselves the destiny of your Fatherland. None of you are aware of the great progress you have made in these forty-five years of German alliance. Consider those States who maintain a strict neutrality what enormous advantages they enjoy! Look instead at the fighting nations: Russia with her ally France, and retreating from the dreadful agony that has struck those Powers. Look at England, already completely isolated from her world communications by the good work of the German submarines, and propagate imperturbably the will of the Italian people to maintain its neutrality before you have to deplore a million killed.

Do not be misled by the ridiculous lies of the united agencies of Reuter, Havas, and all the other liars! England, in flesh and bone "The European Guide," has finally been recognised by all the world as the instigator of this formidable war; and she is getting the punishment she merits, whilst innumerable surprises are awaiting for her after the war. The Colonies she poses with questionable right are already in part lost by her. Nor will she ever be able to regain them. Her stolen possessions in the Mediterranean—Gibraltar, for example, and many others—will be returned to their rightful possessors.

Have you not noticed with what diabolical perfidy England enticed upon her auxiliary cruiser and children even ignorant women and children although she knew that this steamer was threatened by German submarines? It is palpably evident that she wishes by this base speculation to excite fresh conflicts against Germany?

Have you not observed with what overbearing the English now wish to rob even their unfortunate Allies the French, and with what anxiety they are trying to make themselves masters of Calais and the French coast, foreseeing that the French forces will shortly be so exhausted as to render impossible all resistance?

Soon, however, be sure of it, the German armies will sweep that coast clear of the arrogant English.

And now this "Generous England" is making every effort to conquer you Italians, so that you may consolidate her position, more-than-lost, in Egypt, and is making promises which will never be kept.

Besides, what is the value of an English promise? Everyone knows what a mixture it is of lies and intrigues of every sort.

Compare this instead with a German promise! THE GERMAN WORD IS TRUE. History proves that truth and honesty have always been bound with the souls of the Germans, either in regard to the concessions of territory desired by you, or the numerous other advantages, will be all scrupulously maintained, so that you have the most ample guarantee for the continual prosperity of your country. Send therefore the War-at-any-cost party to the deuce. They are the most dangerous enemies of your country. Let them go into the trenches of their friends, where they will find plenty of scope to show their courage and cool their blood. Remain Neutral.

A Friend Who Wishes You Well.

A Big Fish
Local trout anglers will be interested to know that a brook trout was caught near Orillia recently that weighed six pounds and six ounces and measured 26 inches in length.

HEAVIEST FIGHTING SINCE THE LANDING AT DARDANELLES.
LEMNOS, July 15.—The heaviest fighting which has taken place in the Gallipoli Peninsula since the allied force landed there was that which began late Tuesday last and lasted till into Wednesday. It resulted in a swing forward of the southern line of allied armies for about five furlongs, and in the infliction of staggering losses on the enemy. Those who were in the battle place the Turco-German casualties at 7000 killed and between 14,000 and 15,000 wounded. Many prisoners were taken, too. The whole army in the southern part of the peninsula was engaged, and the Australians and New Zealanders further north also played a part.

ITALIANS PRESSING ADVANCE IN CARNIA.

ROME, via Paris, July 15.—The following official statement from general headquarters was issued last night:

"In Carnia, following our successful offensive, begun yesterday, on the heights constituting the southern slope of the torrent of Anzier (Anzico) the enemy abandoned the most advanced positions which he had previously occupied, first destroying the entrenchments.

On Sunday night in the Monte Nero zone, the enemy during a thunder storm attempted a surprise attack on our positions, but this war repulsed. "Nothing of importance has occurred elsewhere along the front."

POLICE CAPTURED FRANK MURPHY

Just as he was Leaving Town—He is Charged With Forging Name on Check

The police have had considerable to do with a young man who gives his name as Frank Murphy. He was put in at a local hotel yesterday and was accused of having obtained board at another hotel a month ago without paying for it. This was under another name. Finally when confronted with one of the hotel staff, he expressed his desire to settle. He was fined \$5 and costs and made good the bill.

This morning another case of police interference arose. It was discovered that a check had been passed on the Molson's Bank and it is believed to have been forged. It was dated Toronto, July 12, for \$27.85 and purported to be signed by T. S. Farncombe in favor of F. A. Black. After a hasty search in which an auditor played a great part, Murphy was arrested just as he was on Albert St. He got word of the desire of the police to apprehend him and started eastward.

This morning he was charged with signing a forged document and entering the same and was remanded until next Monday. Murphy or Murray as he called himself yesterday is a well dressed man of 32 years. While he was in the cells at the police station before being brought into court, he made a movement which was thought a preparation for suicide by the use of his belt.

Progressive Business

A scribe in passing the Gorman Shoe House this morning saw carpenters busily engaged and he dropped in and interviewed Mr. Ritchie Thompson who informed him that at the present time they were cramped for room and found it necessary to make large alterations in the store so as to enable them to have plenty of room for the large and up to date stock. The Gorman Shoe House will have this fall. Mr. Thompson states that it is their intention to carry at all times the most up-to-date Foot wear to be found in any shoe house in Canada.

Before placing their fall order Mr. Gorman had Mr. Thompson visit some of the largest shoe manufacturers in Canada, after which they decided to take exclusive agency for the Duchas and Georgia shoes for Ladies and the "Just Wright" shoe for men. These shoes are made in all leathers and at the very latest shapes in stylish footwear. The Gorman Shoe House guarantees will go with each and every pair of these shoes. Reliable footwear, fair, honest and courteous treatment to all, is the slogan of this progressive store. The public are at all times welcome and they will find that the four experienced salesmen now employed will at all times put forth every effort to satisfy and please. We would therefore suggest that before you purchase your next shoes get to least drop in the store and meet Bob "Face to Face"

A Popular Move

Dr. A. W. Stinson's numerous friends throughout the County of Northumberland will be highly pleased at the commendable action of the County Council at its June session in passing a resolution petitioning the Ontario Legislature to restore Dr. Stinson's name to the roll of Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons. The resolution was moved by Mr. R. J. Ross, reeve of Brighton, and seconded by Mr. Geo. Gummer, reeve of Cramahe. The resolution was carried unanimously. The action of the County Council in urging that Dr. Stinson get British fair play will no doubt be endorsed by the electors in general. The community needs the services of Dr. Stinson whose open heartedness is well known.—Warkworth Journal.

ASPHODEL TOWNSHIP SHIP LOSES IN DAMAGE SUIT

Judge Huycke Awarded Plaintiff's, W. J. Sampson and Daughter \$350.

William J. Sampson and Miss Jennie Sampson were awarded \$350 damages against the Township of Asphodel, according to a judgement given out by Judge Huycke at Peterborough in the case of Sampson vs. Asphodel. The action followed an accident to Miss Jennie Sampson, in June 1914. Accompanied by her sister, Miss Lotie Sampson, plaintiff, was driving along the Hastings road near Norwood, and when they were passing a stone crusher operated for the township, the horse became frightened and Miss Jennie Sampson was thrown out and injured. She and her father entered action against the township for \$500.

Mr. F. D. Kerr appeared for the defence, and Mr. I. A. Humphries of Campbellford, for the plaintiff, who is a Percy Township farmer.

In delivering judgement, His Honour Judge Huycke congratulated both learned counsel for the able and gentlemanly manner in which the case was conducted. His Honour found that the stone crusher constituted a

machine likely to frighten horses, and that the defendants knew of this. His Honour also charged defendants with negligence in that when the two girls approached the crusher, which was operating on the side of the road, not one of the four men who were working around the machine, offered to assist. No request was made for assistance, but inasmuch as the men knew the nature of the machine they should have volunteered some assistance. By not doing so they made the municipality liable.

Continuing His Honour said: "It is true that the defendants have a perfect right to operate the machine on the highway, although it might have been placed in a field or on a side road. This might have increased the cost of operation. It is the same old story of the manager of a mine or factory endeavouring to cut down expense without proper regard for life and limb. I find no contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff."

The father was allowed fifty dollars and the daughter three hundred dollars for both financial and personal damages.

Reported Missing

George Holland of Madoc is reported as "missing" in today's casualty list. He was brigaded with the Tenth Battalion, First Overseas Contingent.

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Number in the hospital July 5th 29.
Mrs. Mather lady on duty for the hospital for July.
Mrs. W. Woodley lady on duty for the home.
Gifts to the Home.
Royal Templars of Temperance—cake and meet.
Mrs. S. Treverton, Lemon Pie.
Mrs. W. Fick, Eggs.
B. A. Sandford, fish.
Mrs. Sinfield, eggs and catsup.
Mrs. Nightingale, can fruit.
Mrs. G. Lazier, can fruit.
Mrs. F. Widdy, meat.
Mr. and Mrs. Embury, oranges, bananas and peppermints.
May Connors, strawberries.
Alice Bonsteel, Cor. Sec.

W. C. A. NOTES.
The regular meeting of the Woman's Christian Association was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday afternoon July 5th.

Expenditure:
Hospital and Home \$1925.00
From paying patients \$1897.45
City patients 20.00
Medicines and Dressings 174.40
Extra Meals 6.50

Total \$2098.35
Number of patients admitted during June—93.

Store Hours during July and August
8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

RITCHIE'S

Store Closed Wednesdays at noon
During July and August

BUY YOUR SUMMER NEEDS AT RITCHIE'S AND SAVE IN THE JULY CLEARANCE SALE

Things that you are most in need of now are offered in the July Clearance Sale. Whenever you go through the Store you will find Yellow Price Cards; they indicate the great offerings.

JULY SALE OF BLOUSES
Up to \$1.75
WHITE BLOUSES 98c.
Every blouse in the latest style made up of neat volles, lawns, and plaques, reg. up to \$1.75 a whole table full at the July Sale price 98c

SPECIAL DRESSMAKING OFFER
For the July Clearance Sale
The July Sale is extended to our Dressmaking and Dress Goods Department—these two departments having joined hands in offering the following splendid opportunities to the Ladies of Belleville and vicinity to have a Summer Dress or Suit made at a decided saving.

July Sale of House Dresses
\$1.50 House Dresses, 98c
They are made of fine quality broads in light and dark stripes and other fancy patterns of fast colors, sizes 34 to 44 July Sale Price 98c

July Sale of UNDERSKIRTS
UNDERSKIRTS 98c
Satin, Satin and Silk-line qualities in all the new shades and a number of styles regularly up to \$1.50, July Sale Price 98c.

Any Silk or Wool Materials that sell at 50c yard made up and nicely trimmed complete for \$15.00

Your choice of any Silk or Wool Materials, Selling at \$1.00, made up and nicely trimmed complete \$19.00

July Sale of CORSETS
\$1.35 CORSETS 89c pr.
Made of heavy English coutil, non-rust steels, and six best D. & A. hose supporters, 5 hooks and a clasp, nicely trimmed and regularly \$1.35, July Sale Price per pr 89c



July Sale of RAINCOATS
\$5.00 Raincoats \$3.95
Ladies' and Misses' sizes, made of the paraffin treated in fawn shades, sewn seams, storm cuffs and two pockets, regular \$5. July Sale Price \$3.95

July Sale of Spool Cotton
3 SPOOLS FOR 5c
200 yds to the spool of fine six cord Cotton suitable for machine or hand use 3 Spool for 5c

Regular 75c Silk or Wool Materials made up and nicely trimmed complete for \$17.00

July Sale of MUSLINS
15c Figured Muslins 8c
Ten different patterns had all new in white or colored grounds and pretty flowered designs, reg. 15c each, July Sale Price each 8c

July Sale of TOWELLING
Linen Towelling 12 1/2c yd
Pure Linen in grey and white stripes, white with red border and pure white 16 and 18 inches wide, July Sale Price per yard 12 1/2c

Any Silk or Satin Dress Materials that sell at \$1.50 made up and neatly trimmed complete for \$24.50

July Sale of Lace Curtains
\$1.25 Lace Curtains 98c
Nottingham Lace Curtains with overlook stitched edges, white and ivory, good patterns, 100 of reg. \$1.25, July Sale Price 98c

Your choice of any \$2.00 Silk or Wool Dress Materials, made up, nicely trimmed complete **\$27.50**

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