

WORLD FREEDOM IS AT STAKE IN PRESENCE OF DEADLY PERIL

All Other Issues Are Swept Away — Germans Have Erected a Great Empire in Which to Express Ideas Foreign to International Democracy.

Frank H. Simonds, the military expert of the London, Eng., Times, writes:

Never perhaps since the outbreak of the war has there been a greater need for clarity of statement and perception of the real issues of the conflict. We are confronted to-day with one of the simplest and most terrible of duties, world freedom is at stake, and in the presence of deadly peril it is time to postpone all discussion of the subsidiary issues, which are the ambitious, chiefly legitimate, of the nations allied against Germany.

After nearly four years of war the Germans have erected a great Empire, conquered by the sword, in which their will is supreme, and in which, after the war, they mean to express their ideas, which are destructive of all our western civilization holds to and all American democracy believes in. We are no longer compelled to go to Bernhardt or Fretzke to find examples of what the German idea means. We have spread before us in Belgium, in Poland, in Armenia, exactly what the German means to do and is doing.

At the present moment millions of Belgians, Poles, Frenchmen, Serbs, and other conquered races are living and working under conditions recalling the worst phases of African slavery. Populations have been moved from their homes to slave camps, all the rights of people conquered or invaded, have been abolished. A million Armenians were recently turned over to the Turkish butcher, because they lay along the road of future civilization, then the certain

consequences will be to weaken civilization everywhere.

There is no longer a question of Alsace-Lorraine or of the Trentino. There is no longer a question of Serbia or of Belgium. These are but details. The real question is whether the people of the United States, of France, of Britain, of Italy are to be compelled for long years to embrace the German theories of armaments and of a nation organized in peace for war, whether we are to keep our sons permanently in the barracks and in training camps, or whether we are to fight it out now and defeat the whole German idea upon the battlefield in the present war in which our chances are brighter than they will be in the next.

Germany has to-day under her immediate control nearly 200,000,000 of people. She holds more of Europe effectively than did Napoleon, and she opened the roadway from Europe to Asia, as Napoleon was not able to do. Her recent successes have silenced that moderate element in Germany, which will only be able to raise its voice again when the German militarists can no longer present to an infatuated people the prospect of new nations conquered and fresh provinces annexed. We shall surrender the whole world, German, quite as much as non-German, to the militaristic ideal, if we permit the German map of the world to stand unamended, and the German ideas to survive the present struggle undefeated.

The past six months have given every thinking man or woman in the allied nations final proof of what the Germans mean to do, of what he is doing. To discuss what the German has done and is doing is worse than idle, it is sheer folly.

It is no longer even possible to discuss the question of whether victory in the field is possible or impossible, if German defeat is impossible, if the German can escape with his profit, if the map of Europe and of Asia, which he has drawn, can endure, then there is an end of all prospect of world peace, of civilized existence for future generations. It is no longer the problem of estimating what we can do, it is a plain question of recognizing what we must

ENGLISH WORKMEN DRAW RECORD WAGES

Collection of Income Tax Gives Evidence of High Salaries Paid

(Associated Press).

Sheffield, England, March 18.—The collection of income tax from wage-earners is causing many heartburnings in the prosperous industrial district around Sheffield. Investigations of the income tax man there have shown many incomes almost fabulous when compared with peace-time wages.

After all allowances are made for children, insurance, expenditure for tools, and other deductions, it is found that individual workmen here will pay tax on incomes ranging up to \$10,000 a year, the highest figures being reached by the so-called "tonnage men," who are paid on the amount of material turned out.

A list of fitters in one Sheffield factory shows incomes ranging from \$2,400 to \$3,000 a year, while other crafts receive corresponding wages. Many of the best paid workers are Swedes and Dutchmen, who work their machines to the limit and are not hampered by any rules or regulations as to amount of output.

Many of the best paid workers are Swedes and Dutchmen, who work their machines to the limit and are not hampered by any rules or regulations as to amount of output. We have come to the end of any discussion, just as the city whose inhabitants saw a barbarian army approaching its gates, had no choice but to defend itself, since to surrender meant slavery and worse.

And the world has a better chance to-day against Win II. than it had against Napoleon at any time between Austerlitz and Leipzig, they are all mild compared with the classic story of German bestiality, as in the case of the Belgian Prince, where the men were taken on the submarine deck, their lifebelts removed, and then it submerged. Men of one three-masted schooner were left with only one oar in their boat, and for this the master had to beg, the others being thrown overboard.

U-BOAT CREWS VERY NERVOUS

Submarine Seamen Are Ill at Ease While Attacking British Vessels.

(Correspondence of The Associated Press).

London, March 18.—Crews of the German submarines are downhearted and often extremely nervous. British seamen whose vessels have been torpedoed and who have thus had an opportunity to observe the Germans bear testimony to this fact.

In the official records of the submarine war, says the Manchester Guardian, again and again the submarine crews are described as "very depressed" or "very nervous." Here is one description: "Master and crew all agree and were very much struck by the pallid appearance of the officers and crew of the submarine, and by their nervous and excited manner. The captain of the submarine was continually urging haste and the officer who was placing the bombs could hardly hold them from sea condition of nervous tension in which he appeared to be."

One of the crew who had lived long in England, speaking to the boats' crew, cursed the war and wished it was over. In many cases, the Germans tried to justify themselves or excuse themselves to their fellow-seamen. Some of these remarks show the hideousness of the German fighting system, but they are all mild compared with the classic story of German bestiality, as in the case of the Belgian Prince, where the men were taken on the submarine deck, their lifebelts removed, and then it submerged. Men of one three-masted schooner were left with only one oar in their boat, and for this the master had to beg, the others being thrown overboard.

EARLY CLOSING IN SIMCOE UNCERTAIN

Varied Opinions Are Expressed by Those Directly Concerned

The early closing question is not at all settled. Some of the clerks say they would prefer to get off at six and return at seven for two hours more work, to working through till seven and joining the family at 7.30.

Outside the proprietors and the clerks, other citizens are interested. The garage men claim that farmers buy autos for the chief purpose of running in to town evenings, while the horses "rest after a long day's work. Short handed as they are they cannot spare the time in working hours. Some go so far as to say that the business men should do their proposed production work in the forenoon and should be compelled, if necessary, to keep open evenings for the convenience of the farmers, to whom the country and the Empire looks to save the situation.

As matters stand, some of our best stores have been closing at six-thirty or seven for some years. Still others claim that an open Wednesday and Saturday evening should suffice, but that one day a week is not enough, as the shops could not take care of the Saturday night combined trade of town and country shoppers.

"To enforce this by-law will mean to put a fence about Simcoe, from the business stand point," said one business man to The Courier, "and the big fellows who are endeavoring to close out everything and everybody, are not dreaming as to how the country merchant is laughing under his hat."

It was reported to-day that an anti-closing petition is on the rounds and is being liberally signed too, although those who promoted the pre-petition informed members of council that they had practically a general signature of almost all business men, and that the council had to act.

Mr. Reid, who drew up the petition was of the impression that the merchants prepared the petition simply that council might know the will of the merchants, and be guided thereby without compulsion, but that was not the attitude in which the petition was supported by promoters who addressed council.

The petition did not recite whether the move was made in deference to the clerks or the proprietors or both, or whether it was designed, that all might have a longer evening for gardening. If the latter is the reason morning gardening has much in its favor, as it can be indulged in before dressing for work in the shops.

Had Simcoe young people organized a debating club or a literary society, the question might have been threshed out intelligently and satisfactorily by the members and the present evident chaotic wavering of opinion as other considerations loom in view might have been avoided. The question has not been considered in all its bearings.

Even the most ardent supporters of the measure three days ago are now doubtful if a by-law will be passed.

BABY'S HEALTH IN THE SPRING

The Spring is a time of anxiety to mothers who have little ones in the home. Conditions make it necessary to keep the baby indoors. He is often confined to overheated badly ventilated rooms and catches colds which rack his whole system. To guard against this a box of Baby's Own Tablets should be kept in the house and an occasional dose given the baby to keep his stomach and bowels working regularly. This will prevent colds, constipation or colic and keep baby well. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

CONSCRIPTION IN Nfld.?

By Courier Leased Wire

St. Johns, Nfld., April 11.—A special session of the colonial legislature for April 23 to enact measures for increasing the colony's naval and military forces, was called to-day by the cabinet. The possibility of introducing some form of selective service has been under discussion here for some time. It was proposed also to further extend the life of the present Parliament.

DAIRY COMMISSION.

By Courier Leased Wire

Montreal, April 11.—The dairy produce commission, which succeeds the old cheese commission, held its initial meeting in this city yesterday. The new commission, which represents the British ministry of food, through the Allied provisions export commission, located at New York, discussed the price of cheese for 1918 and a cable was sent to the ministry of food with a view to securing authority to make a definite arrangement to purchase all the cheese of 1918.

The ministry of food is prepared through the Allied provisions export commission, to purchase the exportable surplus of Canadian cheese, butter and condensed milk of this year's production and in such a manner as to insure some parity of prices.

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