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The Language of Diplomacy

President Wilson's note to Germany is being regarded by many people in the United States and elsewhere as rather mild in its tone. Perhaps they are unaccustomed to the language of diplomacy. Perhaps they are too familiar with the language of the "sensational" and the red ink evening paper. Possibly they have grown so used to slang that ordinary English has lost its force to them. At any rate a careful perusal of the note should enable them to perceive good grounds for all that Mr. Bryan feared from its delivery, and they cannot fail to see that Mr. Wilson does not take back anything he said in his first note.

The language of the note is in the dignified and exalted style customary between two great nations. It is perfectly firm in its representations, but exceedingly polite. There is a good deal of the British strain in the United States, and Rudyard Kipling wrote the warning "Beware my country when my country grows polite." Mr. Wilson is studiously polite. Germany will no doubt take note of this fact. Those who still fear that there is not force enough in the language should try and reverse the situation in their own minds and imagine how the American press would take it should Germany address a similar note to the United States.

Suppose the Kaiser's government called the attention of the United States Government "with solemn emphasis" to a violation of the international law, and very earnestly and very solemnly renewed the representations previously made with the assurance that no word or act necessary to secure observance of the law would be omitted, is it likely that the United States Government would regard the communication as a mere formal protest? And if there be any who still doubt about the spinal rigidity of Mr. Wilson's note, let it be supposed that a similar note had been addressed to the United States by Great Britain and think how would the tail-twisters have regarded it?

The note recalls nothing previously advanced. It sweeps away the German contentions about the war footing on which the "Lusitania" was alleged to have been placed. It bases its protest on the broad principles of international law, long and universally recognized, and on "principles of humanity which throw into the background any special circumstances of detail." The facts have laid upon the government of the United States "a grave responsibility" which is summed up in the closing sentences of the note, a responsibility which forces the United States to call on the Kaiser's government to adopt the measures necessary to put these principles into practice, and to ask "for assurances that this will be done."

It is difficult to see what stronger terms could be used if the language of diplomacy was to be adhered to. It is true that the note was not offensively phrased. There is the suggestion that whatever may have been the provocation of the circumstantial justification for the past acts, in future the United States expects Germany to change her methods. This affords Germany an opportunity to climb down. But it is doubtful that Germany will climb down. Mr. Bryan is testifying by his resignation that he is assured that Germany will not climb down, or yield to earnest and solemn representation.

Mr. Bryan depends on persuasion, argument, investigation and negotiation. Germany refused all these means of peace in her dealings with the great European powers last July and August. Mr. Bryan might argue the leg off a chair, but he never could have persuaded the Kaiser not to go to war once the Kiel Canal was completed. Mr. Wilson knows the sort of beast he has to deal with. Mr. Bryan would walk into the tiger's den and tame him with the steady gaze that holds a Chautauqua audience under a spell.

Stopping the Talk
The rumor that President Wilson will call an extra session of the United States Senate to enable that

body to pass a closure rule before the two house assembly for the regular session of congress has already provoked considerable discussion. Since our house of commons adopted the closure two years ago the United States Senate is probably the only legislative body of any importance which places no limit on debate.

Years ago the British House of Commons and the United States House of Representatives found it necessary to check obstruction by rather drastic rules of closure, and these rules have year by year been more frequently invoked and more rigidly applied. At Washington they undoubtedly caused the house to lose prestige because great measures could only be fully debated in the senate, and public attention was not focused on them until they came up for discussion in the upper chamber.

Mr. Wilson no doubt believes that the ship purchase bill was unfairly stranded and strangled in the senate last session by filibustering methods. Hereafter Democratic senators who knife administration measures must face a roll call if the president has his way.

Familiar arguments are being advanced for and against the innovation. Those favoring closure can refer to many cases where great public measures were smothered by endless debate. The fact that congress dies at a certain day and hour enables a combination of senators to sidetrack a good many measures at the short session. Thus the Canadian reciprocity arrangement was stranded in 1911, causing President Taft to call the new congress in extra session. In Canada the absence of the closure rule enabled the Conservatives to hang up the reciprocity resolutions month after month until Sir Wilfrid Laurier was compelled to go to the country.

The Liberals who complained bitterly of the obstruction against reciprocity, carried obstruction much further against the naval bill. Then the Borden government quite properly adopted the closure rules. Those rules have not been invoked at any subsequent session, but then it must be remembered that in none of the subsequent sessions were any contentious measures brought down by the government.

But the closure may yet prove a powerful weapon for the Conservatives in power, and the day may come when they will complain against its use by a Liberal government.

The strongest argument for the closure is that the majority should rule. Yet in the United States a bill passed by a majority of both houses may be vetoed by the president. Even in Canada we still preserve the preposterous senatorial veto. The closure insofar as it takes an absolute veto away from the minority is to be commended: insofar as it tends to unduly restrict debate and reduce the legislature to a mere registering machine it is to be deprecated.

A happy medium could be found if everyone wanted to do what is fair and just, but if everyone wanted to be fair and just no rules of any kind would be necessary.

Paternalism and Liberty

Modern Germany is wholly the product of an empire where Prussia was predominant. The Germans of today have been accustomed from infancy to the rule of a paternal government and to the regulation of their lives from the moment they became of value to the state to the end. Not only the military power, but the industrial forces of the country were subordinated to the plans of the governing state, and it would be futile to deny the extraordinary foresight with which all were co-ordinated for the purpose of establishing European and ultimate world domination. The result is seen in the way Germany is sustaining not only her own share in the war, but the burden of allies who alone would be of comparatively little account.

No other of the continental nations so labor to prepare themselves for war, and none contemplated aggressive action. They naturally were more or less apprehensive of the German menace, but those under democratic government had not the power, even had they had the will to organize for defence as Germany did for offence. Britain particularly with its long tradition of individualism and personal liberty would have fiercely resisted even an approximation to Prussian methods. It has taken ten months of war to bring home to the British people the fact that the whole resources of the nation in men and industry must be subordinated to the higher demands of the state. If that need is new learned, instructed patriotism will do the rest.

Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation Quarterly Dividend

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Canada Lumberman and Woodworker

At this time when Canada has become more acutely alive than ever before to the necessity of increasing production in all departments of industry and expanding the volume of her exports, trade journals can lend important service in that direction. This has been recognized by The Canadian Lumberman and Woodworker, the semi-monthly periodical, with headquarters in Toronto, published by Hugh C. MacLean, Limited, in the interest of the lumber, woodworking and allied industries throughout the Dominion. The current issue is known as the "Export Number," and its pages are devoted almost exclusively to information regarding the export trade of Canada in wood and wood products.

No pains have been spared to make this export number of value to lumbermen and manufacturers. Considerable space is given to the opportunities offered by foreign markets, and the reports have come from the pens of practical men, who know whereof they write. Many valuable statistics are presented, and the resources and trade of the provinces are dealt with separately and in detail. Even a cursory perusal reveals the great future of the Canadian lumber and wood industry, which seems to have been crippled to a considerable extent through the lack of adequate shipping facilities. The number is attractively illustrated, and cannot but be of great value to all engaged in the business.

"SIMPLIFIED SPELLING" FOR FIFTEEN YEARS

(In the letter's amended spelling.)
In the editor of The World: I have seen the statement several times that a Chicago daily paper was the first to put to practice the "great" amended spelling, evidenced by certain twelve words. The phonographic Magazine, a Cincinnati monthly, is the latest to repeat this as it does in its June issue, page 161, thus: "As recently as June, 1912, simplified spelling found its first effective defender and exponent in a daily paper—The Chicago Evening Post."

Allow me to say that your paper, The Toronto World, a morning daily, has been doing this since 1900. The World deserves credit for persistence in a good cause. Let it be reborn of its just credit, I rite this.

(Signed) A. Hamilton.

"PUNISH THE GUILTY" SAYS EX-ROBLINITE

Member for Morris Will Vacate His Seat in Disgrace.

WINNIPEG, June 11.—J. Parent, Conservative member of the provincial legislature for Morris, has written his electors, announcing he will not stand as a candidate again. "I take this stand," he says, "owing to circumstances over which I have no control, principal of which being the revelations now being made before the royal commission. I hope the authorities will not spare money or time to punish all parties, if any who are guilty."

BULGARIA HAS SENT PROTEST TO TURKEY

Detention of Passengers and Freight is Cause of Friction.

LONDON, June 11.—The Bulgarian Government, says a Bucharest dispatch to The Times, has sent a strongly worded protest to Turkey because of the continued indifference of that country regarding traffic on the Dedagatch railway and the detention of passengers and freight.

MORE AND BETTER LIGHT

Realizing the effect of well lighted grounds, the exhibition authorities are arranging for considerable more light at the fair this year. The flag-pole on every building will be topped with a 500 candle-power light and a string of colored lights will be run from the addition buildings along the rear of the grand stand. The Gooderham fountain will also be illuminated with colored lights.

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If the German nation as a whole has not, thru its misconceived obsession, become a "hate" race, even down to the children of the last generation, then the "hymn" might profitably be forgotten by Germany, for it certainly makes of the German a world laughing-stock.

Recently in London it was reported that the dedication of members of the Royal College of Music and report has arrived that it was a pronounced success as a laugh producer. The "hymn" was sung at the ceremony.

DENY THAT BRITISH CRUISER WAS SUNK

Austrian Submarine's Attack Resulted in Slight Damage Only.

LONDON, June 11.—The press bureau issued a statement this afternoon declaring that the British light cruiser reported to have been sunk by an Austrian submarine was not seriously damaged and reached port safely.

SPANISH OFFICIALS EXPRESS PLEASURE

Inspected Flying Machines in Toronto and Treated to Excellent Flights.

E. Herrero and Juan Vimeira, two officials from the Spanish Government, arrived in Toronto yesterday and will stay for a few days to inspect a dozen aeroplanes constructed for war purposes. J. A. McCurdy stated that the company was assembling twelve more Long Branch in a few days, under the inspection of the foreign officers. The two officers paid a visit yesterday to the school at the sand bar, where they were treated to some of the best flights ever made on Toronto's waterfront. Both officers expressed themselves as being well pleased with the exhibition.

RECEIVES \$500 COMMISSION

Fred H. Ross of the firm of H. Ross & Company, Toronto, was awarded \$500 in full of claim without costs in the non-jury assize court yesterday before Chief Justice R. Meredith. Ross entered suit against Blanche A. Taylor for \$112.50 being a commission for finding a purchaser for lots on the Kingston road.

FOLLOW THE KING CLUB IS FORMING

Anglicans Have Organization Pledged to Abstain During Period of War.

FAVOR BOARD'S ACTION

Golden Rule Series in Schools Strongly Endorsed by Synod.

A "Follow the King Club" to be organized among Anglicans in Ontario, was one of the measures passed at the final session of the Anglican synod yesterday.

The object of the club is to enlist members who will refrain from drinking intoxicating liquor as a beverage during the period of the war. D. Creighton and Dr. N. W. Hayles were appointed a committee to start this propaganda.

The two vacancies in the synod, caused thru the death of W. H. Cross and the resignation of Lawrence Baldwin, were filled by John Catto and H. E. Blackford.

The clergy were not taking the proper advantage of the Widow and Orphans Fund was the import of some discussion. There are 165 clergy and only \$5 are taking advantage of the fund, said Provost Mackenzie, and although every man can make whatever provisions for his family, I think that every minister should take advantage of the fund. With reference to those at the front: it was stated that the payments could be deducted from the money paid as principal.

Archdeacon Warren reported that there was a decrease in the church population in 1912, and a partial recovery in 1914. The same applied to the church attendance.

The work among the foreign element in the city has not gone as far forward among our people as other denominations, Archdeacon Warren stated.

It was urged that the clergy interest themselves in seeing that the religious instructions that are now laid down by the government for schools be fully carried out.

Bishop Sweeney said that he wanted the synod to heartily endorse the action of the educational board in introducing the golden rule series, compiled by Dr. Seth, which in his opinion, was a strong step in a direction that the synod could well endorse. A unanimous affirmative expression was given.

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