

WARS OF CIVILIZATION

THREE HUNDRED YEARS GO INTO THE MELTING POT.

The World's Loss Will Be Tremendous—The Very Best Is Being Destroyed.

By Harold Begbie.

It is too late to stop it. And England is involved whether she fights or looks on. But in the same reason, before we put paper caps on our heads and march through the streets waving penny flags, breathing beer, and singing "Britons Never Shall Be Slaves," let us consider what this war means, and reflect upon the to-morrow of Europe.

This war means the sudden stopping of a clock by which we moderns have regulated not only our meals, not only our journeys, but the habits of our minds. The Big Stick of Brutal Force has been suddenly thrust into the exquisite and delicate mechanism of civilization. The wheels cease turning, the hands are arrested, and the peaceful, friendly, most familiar to-tac of our human sense dies into a silence not yet broken by the clangor of guns, the screams of the dying, and the groans of falling thrones. Already at this moment, civilization stops dead. We in England have done nothing, and even now may be doing nothing in the war, are buried suddenly back into barbarism. We become savages and savages, we mobilize; but it is against murder, religion, philosophy, literature, paintings, and chief of all, perhaps, science, with its torch at the head of our human hosts, are suddenly flung backward; they become savages, and savages, who care to hear what Bergson and Eucken think? Who bothers about books and pictures? Who is ready to endow a laboratory or listen to the chemist, and the biologist? We are back to the days of sticks and stones, but persisting science. "So the struck eagle,"—has armed us with other weapons; the slaughter will be more hideous, the ruin will be more calamitous, and for nobody will there be a crown of glory.

Two Great Changes.

All that has made this strange experience of conscious human life interesting, ennobling, and hopeful, has rested upon commerce; and commerce has been what it has been because of two things. Credit and good manners. Where is credit now? What banks in London, what British merchants ever dreamed a week ago to hear of such a thing as a moratorium? And where are good manners gone? Look for them in Asia, but not in Europe. At every Christian frontier, you can pick up a broken treaty and a dishonored bond. Norman Angel told me this morning that out of this war—"everybody fighting, and nobody wanting to fight"—two changes of transcendent importance will emerge. We shall have a Cossack Europe, and New York will henceforth be the centre of credit. Russia must win. She calls a million 16th century peasants from the field, and Germany mows them down. Another million take their place. Death again, another million. And yet another million of these 16th century peasants. And when it is all over, those who are left will go back to their fields.

Industry To Lie In Ruins.

But Germany, France, England, particularly England and Germany, here will they turn when the million dead are shevelled under bloody soil? The bricks and mortar of industry may be still standing; but where will the credit be? Where will the millions of starving factory hands be doing? How shall we get upon our feet? Where is the clockmaker who will mend the smashed wheels and set the pendulum swinging once again? Happy the Russian who will go back to his 16th century and his field, telling the time by the sun's shadow. Industry in Europe, with other things of older date, will lie in ruins.

In three months from now the democracies of Europe will be crying out for a return to normal conditions. The war fever will have spent itself. The war lords will be confronted by the outraged and maddened victims. What will they answer? Men will want work, they will want wages, they will want food. Europe will ask for the things, and the war lords will be driven to answer. Which of them, with all his wisdom and strength, will be able to restore three centuries of human progress? Normal conditions? These normal conditions are the fruit of 300 years of evolution, 300 years of moral and intellectual evolution—a labor not of yesterday, nor of pygmies. Destroy normal conditions and you destroy today, yesterday, and all the yesterday of European civilization. Expect, then, a bewildering to-morrow.

Destroying Our Best.

Armaments have broken the back of the laborer; and with the fall of the laborer all things fall, all things come to earth. Because of the war lords, and only because of the war lords, the man of science is paralyzed, and civilization itself is paralyzed. Humanity has been found. Too late it discovers it.

Remember this, too.

Among the young conscript soldiers of Europe who will die in thousands, and perhaps millions, are the very flower of civilization. We shall destroy utterly these splendid brains, spirits reaching out to enlighten our darkness. Our fathers destroyed those strange and valuable creatures whom they called "witches." We are destroying the brightest of our angels. At least, then, let us not get drunk. At least, then, let us not sing beautiful songs. Honor may call us to fight, self-preservation may

force us into the slaughter-house; but let us wear on our sleeves the crepe of mourning for a civilization that has the promise of joy, and strike our enemies without a hiccup or a curse. Never shall we know again what is now perishing. And we shall want all our strength for to-morrow. —London Daily Chronicle.

POPE PIUS' WILL.

Testament to be Published in Honor of Him.

Paris, Aug. 29.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Rome says that the will of the late Pope Pius X. written clearly in his own hand on white paper, covers three pages. His holiness began by recommending his soul to God by an invocation to the Virgin. The will then stipulates some legacies, the fulfillment of which he recommends to his successor. The testament will be published as a document in honor of the pope and to show his disinterestedness in earthly things.

ASQUITH WILL EXPLAIN.

Address Meetings Throughout United Kingdom on Country's Position.

London, Aug. 31.—Premier Asquith has decided to address meetings in the principal cities in the United Kingdom to make plain the cause of the war and to set forth that it is the duty of every man to do his part to make the issue a successful one for the British cause. The premier has directed letters to the lords mayor of the various cities with regard to these meetings, in which he says: "The time has come for a combined effort to stimulate and organize public opinion and public effort in the greatest conflict in which our people have ever been engaged. No one who can contribute anything to the accomplishment of this supreme task is justified in standing aside."

"I propose as a first step that meetings should be held without delay, not only in our great centers of population and industry, but in every district, urban and rural, throughout the United Kingdom, at which the justice of our cause should be made plain and the duty set forth of every man to do his part."

Desert Lake Items.

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FRENCH BYEWOAKED IN STREETS OF PARIS READY TO GO TO THE FRONT. French cavalrymen resting on the fender of their mounts (standing in background) enroute to the front.

COUNTRYSIDE TIDINGS

WHAT WHIG CORRESPONDENTS HAVE TO TELL.

News From Villages and Farms Throughout the Adjoining Counties — Rural Events, and Movements of the People.

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MAJORITY OF THE WORLD AT WAR

Almost a Billion People Involved in the Greatest Fight in History.

In the world are fifty-three independent governments, or nations ruling themselves. Of these also are at war. Their population is estimated at 944,554,000. Forty-four nations at peace have a population of 615,591,000. Thus the world today contains 221,826,000 more persons involved in war than living at peace. The countries at war and their populations follow: British Empire 435,000,000 Russian Empire 166,250,000 France and Colonies 25,840,000 German and colonies 79,945,000 Japan 67,142,000 Austria-Hungary 51,340,000 Belgium 7,432,000 Serbia 4,000,000 Montenegro 500,000 Total 827,417,000

SELL VALUABLE LAND.

Bank of England Site, Worth Seven Million Pounds. London, Aug. 31.—A large area in the city of London, reputed to be worth anything from 4s. to 4d., a square inch, will soon be sold by auction. The "City" is meant that square mile east of the law courts, and the lots to be sold include portions of Cannon street, Queen Victoria street, Upper Thames street, Broad street, 100 lane and St. Mary at Hill, with a total annual rental of £22,237.

The sale will indicate reliably the trend of values in the centre of London. Of late years the rate of increase in the city proper has declined while in the west-end it has risen rapidly.

Land beyond the Strand in Westminster is being more and more eagerly sought after as sites for business premises, the slight of business from the city to the west has been a most striking development. Nevertheless, plots in the city retain the distinction of being among the dearest in the world.

Some time ago £1,000,000 was refused for the site of the church in Austin Friars.

The three acres on which the Bank of England stands have a marketable value of £7,000,000 at a low estimate, while land adjoining the bank has realized £70 and £80 a square foot freehold, and in King William street £10 and £15 a foot.

The total value of the city's square mile may be placed at about £250,000,000.

Rattlesnake Bite Cured.

London, Aug. 31.—A case of rattlesnake bite has been successfully treated at the Middlesex hospital. An under-keeper at the Zoological Gardens was bitten in two fingers as he was transferring a newly arrived rattlesnake from its travelling box to its cage. After first aid had been rendered the man was removed to the hospital, where he lay for some days in a critical state. Measures were taken to minimize shock and keep up his vitality, and the efforts of the hospital doctors were eventually successful. In ten days he was able to leave the hospital for a convalescent home. It is supposed that the venomous serpent failed to inject more than a small proportion of the usual dose of poison, because, as a rule, the sufferer from rattlesnake bite usually dies in less than a quarter of an hour.

The Fan.

Fans to beguile and fool betray; Infused with hope 'tis a specific Until booby boot a game away.

The sport all know, has many angles; That raise a shout and stir the blood; But while some players may wear spangles, Some others should convey the hood.

Tarantula Bites A Man.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Harry Williams of Elmhurst, Ill., is being treated here for a tarantula bite, he received in southern New Mexico which has caused him to lose 30 lbs. He forgot to lay a hairy roach on his pallet after a cattle-rod and he insect stung him. He rode many miles in a motor car and took the train. His arm is greatly swollen, but he will recover. He drank a quart of whiskey while in the motor car.

Recruit Militia Regiments.

Ottawa, Aug. 31.—Militia regiments throughout Canada are under orders from the militia department to recruit up to full strength as soon as possible in order to make good all drafts made upon them by the enlistment of volunteers for the first expeditionary force. Commanding officers of all regiments are expected to start drilling their men with much more than the usual thoroughness and frequency this autumn. This is in preparation for the expected call for a second expeditionary force from Canada.

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HER TIN WEDDING.

She just celebrated her tin wedding. Has she been married ten years? No, ten times.

TWO BRITISH M. P.'S DEAD.

Labor Man and East Galway Man Pass Away. London, Aug. 31.—A. H. Gill, a well-known Labor member of parliament, died Thursday after a short illness. Mr. Gill, who was secretary of the Operative Spinners' association, represented Bolton for many years jointly with Mr. Taylor, a Liberal.

John Roche, M.P. for East Galway, also passed away Thursday morning. Mr. Roche was returned unopposed last election.

In both cases, as in that of Mr. Hogg, the late member for London-derry, who died a few days ago, it is stated that the political parties will avoid a contest.

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GERMANY'S DIRTY WORK

FLOATING MINES SANK DANISH TRAWLER AND NORWEGIAN STEAMER.

Twelve Lives Sacrificed—Both Craft After Striking Mines Began to Sink Instantly, Trawler Bursting Into Flames.

London, Aug. 28.—Floating mines in the North Sea caused havoc to shipping last night and this morning. The big Danish steam trawler Skull Fogeti was lost with four lives and the Norwegian steamer Gottfried was blown up with the loss of eight lives.

Thirteen survivors of the Skull Fogeti were landed at Shields by a fishing steamer which picked them up. The mate said it was a beautiful weather and nothing happened until 10 last night, when there was a sharp concussion as the vessel's bow struck the mine. Flames instantly rose above the bow and the vessel began to sink. Two more explosions soon followed. The crew made for the lifeboats.

Six men were asleep in the forecastle. The mate and others went to rescue them and found four killed by the explosion. The survivors were half an hour in a small boat before they were picked up.

Four survivors from the Gottfried were landed at Shields by the fishing boat Norden. The crew of the Norden say that at about 9 o'clock last night they heard an explosion in the distance and another at midnight. Two louder concussions were heard at about three o'clock this morning. About 5.30 the look-out spied a man floating on a plank. He was rescued and was found to belong to the Gottfried. Later another survivor was rescued. He proved to be the captain of the Gottfried. He had kept himself afloat with the aid of a life-belt. Afterwards two other men with only a plank between them were hauled aboard.

A member of the Gottfried's crew said that the mine struck the vessel forward and that the ship sank in two minutes. It is thought that three men in the forecastle were blown to pieces. The Gottfried, built at Stockholm in 1899, had a gross tonnage of 425 and was 140 feet long. She was owned in Haugefund Norway. The Skull Fogeti was a ship of 272 gross tons.

INDIA RISES TO LOYAL HEIGHTS

Evidence of Desire to Render Practical Help to Empire.

Simla, Aug. 31.—Practically every Indian ruling chief has offered his entire military and financial resources for the service of the empire.

An urgent inquiry has been addressed to the viceroy by the ruler of the ancient state of Rewa, who writes: "What orders from his majesty for me and my troops? This is typical of the spirit which prevails everywhere."

The Maharajah Scindhia of Gwilor and the Begum of Bhopal are discussing the equipment of a hospital ship.

The Punjab Chiefs association has passed a resolution expressing the determination of the Punjab aristocracy to serve Britain in war as well as in peace. This and the offer of Malik Umar Haqat Khan, on behalf of the Mahomedans, to serve in any capacity that the government of India may think fit, exemplifies the attitude of the great mass of educated Indians in British territory.

A Resemblance.

They were talking about poor memories at a smokefest in Washington recently, when this story was told by Capt. John H. Glennon of the United States navy.

Among the witnesses in a civil suit that was tried in the Lone Star state some time ago was an elderly woman. During the recital of her testimony she was asked to recall the appearance of a certain party.

"I can't do it," answered the witness. "He has been dead more than three years."

"You can't do it?" irritably returned the attorney. "If your memory is so bad that you can't go back three years let's try to refresh it. Now think again! Did the party referred to look anything like me?"

"Why, yes," answered the witness, with a brightening expression, "when I come to think about it he did have the same sort of a vacant look on his face."

Knew Their Own Party Best.

An excursion party from a woman's club had gone to the country. As there was only one very small hotel in the neighborhood some of the members had to sleep in a farmhouse.

Everything was very simple, although scrupulously clean and home like. But there was naturally a lack of some of the luxuries of high-priced hotels.

Bedtime came, and some of the ladies discovered that there were no keys in the locks of their rooms. They consulted the farmer's wife.

"That good woman was frankly surprised. "Why," she said, "we don't usually lock our doors here, and there's no one here but you. But, then," she added, as she scrutinized the ladies carefully, "I suppose you know your own party best."

Pat's Joke.

"That was a hard looking customer we just passed," said a traveler in Ireland to his cabman.

"Faith, sorr, an' he's as bad as he looks," was Pat's reply. "He's done 15 years for lavin' his wife without visible means of support."

"Oh, come now, Pat! A man can't get 15 years penal servitude for that."

"Shure, an' can't he, sorr?" said Pat with a roguish twinkle in his eye. "He did, though. And, bedad, isn't it lavin' your wife widout visible means of support when ye throw her out of a window on the third floor?"

Merchants Bank, \$30,000

Ottawa, Aug. 31.—The Merchants bank of Canada has given \$25,000 to the Canadian Patriotic fund and \$5,000 to the Canadian Red Cross Society.

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