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GERMANY'S REAL AIMS: "We Germans must not be deceived by official efforts to maintain the peace."

In the face of this widespread peace propaganda, and in opposition to it, we must firmly keep in view the fact that no arbitration court in the world can remove and settle any real great tension that exists and is due to a deep-seated national, economical, and political antagonism; and that, on the other hand, it is impossible to change the clear situation of the earth, as it now exists, in our favour by diplomatic artifices.

SANGUINARY AFFAIR.

Some British troops joined the Japanese in an assault on Kiau Chau, and, according to the cables, about three thousand of the besieging party fell. The Germans have not spent millions in rock and mortar and munitions of war, and manned the imposing defence with the best men, without a purpose.

NO POLITICS DURING WAR.

Mr. Osborn, journalist, of London, who addressed a public meeting in St. George's Hall, last night, described in felicitous language, how completely politics had been eliminated from the public affairs of Britain during the war. The most unlikely and unexpected things had happened, and one he commended most highly.

THE MEN AT THE FRONT.

There is published—and the contrast is very interesting—the allowances in Britain and Canada for the wives and families of those who are at the front, fighting, and in defense of their country. Two points are cleared up. One is that from the monthly allowances, so far as the Patriotic Fund is concerned, there may be deducted "any amount which is being received by the beneficiaries in payment, in whole or in part, of the salary which the husband or father is receiving at the time of his enlistment."

HURRIED PEACE AVOIDED.

The man who writes "Through a Monocle," for the Canadian Courier, is not a military authority. He does not pose as one. Still he is a decidedly sensible person. He discusses peace, or a truce, and shows what folly it will be to hurriedly act on a hint that Germany has had enough of war. Permanent peace would be very unfortunate. Permanent peace is scarcely possible.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Germans killing each other and killing their officers, too. Very likely. When men fight in the night at close quarters they do not know whom they wound and slaughter. It's an awful contingency of the war.

WAR BULLETINS.

- Paris official report announces minor successes for the allies. The Prussian guard was defeated in a recent battle by the marvellous work of the French artillery. Berlin papers arriving at Rotterdam are obviously preparing the German people for news of dire defeat. German prisoners arriving in Paris admit that the German troops are practically exhausted. The Germans are making a concerted attack on Antwerp with their heavy guns. British territorial, including the London Scottish volunteers, are now in battle in France.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

John R. Sinclair, B.A. of Queen's, will study theology at Knox college, Toronto, this year. The Portsmouth marine railway is now ready for service. The habit of young men standing on street corners, especially on Princess street, is causing a great deal of trouble.

Historic Clontarf.

Clontarf, where the recent collision between the National Volunteers and the soldiers took place, is one of the most historic spots in Ireland. It was there that, on Good Friday, April 23rd, 1914, Brian Boru and Meath fought the Danes. Brian was killed in his tent; Sigurd, Earl of Orkney and Cathness, perished also, and 11,000 Irishmen and 13,000 Danes are said to have fallen. Victory remained with the Irish, but the Danes re-occupied Dublin.

Did Not "Spot" Bobs.

One of the most interesting collections of autographs in existence may be found in the parish church of Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespeare's town. It belongs to the sacristan, who has an almost miraculous instinct for the scenting of celebrities. And if you ask the sacristan he will be pleased to show you the book.

Foreign Orders.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—A Chicago miller has orders for 100,000 barrels of flour from Turkey and 50,000 from Greece. St. Paul reports large foreign orders for sheep-skin lined coats. The Seaboard has sent bids for 45,000 bushels of wheat. Kansas City has received an order for 100,000 barrels of flour.

HYMN BEFORE ACTION.

(By Rudyard Kipling.) The earth is full of anger. The seas are dark with wrath. The Nations in their harness Go up against our path: Ere yet we loose the legions— Ere yet we draw the blade, Jehovah of the Thunders, Lord God of Battles, 'tid!

MAKING AN EXPLORER.

Shackleton Discusses the Qualities Needed in His Business. In an interesting article in Pearson's Magazine Sir Ernest Shackleton states that the five qualities essential to an explorer are—optimism, patience, physical endurance, idealism, and courage. "The life of an explorer is full of disappointments," he writes, "but optimism nullifies disappointment and makes one more ready than ever to go on."

Prisoners of War.

York Castle, Eng., which is being used as a place of detention for prisoners of war, is one of the finest of the British nation's old buildings. It is well situated for its present purpose, being between the rivers Ouse and Ouse. Its walls enclose no fewer than 40,000 persons. The castle dates back certainly from Roman times; possibly from the days of the ancient Britons.

Ruskin and War.

Ruskin might have welcomed the prospect of a European war. For he had little sympathy with the ideals and aims of the pacifists. "All the pure and noble arts of peace are founded on war," he told the members of the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, Eng., in 1865. "No great art ever yet rose on earth, but among a nation of soldiers. There is no art among a shepherd people, if it remains at peace. There is no art among an agricultural people, if it remains at peace. Commerce is barely consistent with fine art, but cannot produce it. Manufacture not only is unable to produce it, but invariably destroys whatever needs of it exist. There is no great art possible to a nation but that which is based on battle."

Somalis Seek Peace.

The rebellious Somalis who were concerned in the recent fighting near Serelei, have agreed to the terms of peace offered by the Government, and have brought in a peace-offering of 30 horses and 60 rifles. The amount of the fine said to have been fixed by the Government is 1,000 head of live stock and all the rifles in the possession of the tribe. This does not include a separate fine inflicted on that section of the Marehan which was concerned in the action in which Lt. Denton was wounded and some of the rank and file of the King's African Rifles were killed and wounded.

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USE CRAWFORD'S COAL. THERE'S HEAT IN EVERY LUMP. At the close of the second day's campaign to raise \$350,000 for the Canadian Patriotic Fund, a sum of \$250,000 had been collected in Ottawa. Chalmers Presbyterian church, Toronto has tendered a hearty and unanimous call to Rev. J. W. Woodside, M.A., of Vancouver, B.C. John Lally, for twenty years lock-master on Carrawall canal, died on Wednesday after five days' illness, aged sixty years.