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A COMPLIMENT TO CANADA.

A Kingstonian, who spent a couple of weeks in the cities of the western and middle states, informs the Whig that American opinion generally is soundly in sympathy with the Allies in this war. He found, however, everywhere, an active body of agitators, of disturbers of the peace, who denounced Britain in the most offensive way. At St. Louis he found Dr. Dernberg, but he was suave and polished and polite in his utterances. All these men were seeking to convert public opinion in favour of Germany.

A remarkable paper is being published by Germans, with German money, and containing stories and statements deeply affecting Britain. Ah, how the Germans hate Albion, because she interfered with and defeated the plans of the Fatherland! One full page cartoon is suggestive of German opinion towards Canada.

It has been represented that the Germans are incensed against Canada because of her help in the war. Yet in this cartoon, which looks all the more like the British Empire in the British chariot, Canada is omitted from the procession because she will not do John Bull's dirty work. What is the aim or object of this very clear, disguised compliment to Canada? There is some purpose in it.

DOLLAR DAY SALES.

The business manager of the Brantford Expositor, W. B. Preston, is deserving of the recognition of the merchants who waited on him and presented him with an address and a handsome gold wrist watch for his splendid public service. Mr. Preston conceived the idea of a Dollar Day Sale, a sale which was planned for some time ahead and advertised, and a sale which led to a great turn over of goods in the stores.

The sale has been held annually, for three years, and has been a growing success. As Mr. Preston was really the originator of it it was felt that there should be some acceptable expression of the people's appreciation. The Whig, when the first Dollar Day Sale occurred, commended it, and as there was nothing patented about it recommended that Kingston try the experiment. There was no response. Perhaps the idea should have been followed up.

Mr. Preston probably had his discouragements at the outset. The masses take coldly sometimes to suggestions or innovations. Yet when they are pressed by some ardent advocate, of the Preston type, they listen and presumably act. Now that the Dollar Day Sale is a fixture and a success Mr. Preston can rest from his labours and be satisfied, and the merchants did the proper thing in showing what they thought of him.

EVIDENCE OF BRUTALITY.

The New York Times says there has been no proof of the German atrocities. The Belgian Commission, composed of reputable and truthful men, crossed the Atlantic and laid the reports before the Washington government, and what these men said has never been successfully combated.

The Russian government has issued a report on these atrocities, giving evidence of the most detailed character and it challenges contradiction. Irvin Cobb, a journalist and lecturer, while in Germany, where he was entertained by German officers, wrote, (in order that it might pass the censor), that he had not witnessed any German atrocities in Belgium. Since he has returned to America he has been giving a new and repulsive picture of German brutality. The wounded, he reports, are passing from the front to the rear of

Germany at the rate of 50,000 per week. Some of them are cared for and medically treated. In each group there are weeded out five or six who are not to be sent to the hospital. Instead, they are "carried out in a pine box and laid with thousands of other pine boxes, containing the remains of nameless German soldiers."

Evidently the culture of the nation is such as will endorse and condone any iniquity, forgetfulness or abandonment that can take place in the name of war.

OLD MAN ONTARIO AGAIN.

The vice-president of the Fair Associations assumes that there has been some misunderstanding with regard to Premier Hearst. He received a deputation at the time the farmers demanded a hearing on the fair grants. He misunderstood the appointment. He knew that four hundred men had called at the parliament buildings to see him. He could not fail to take notice of the invasion, and he did not put in an appearance, and did not tender his regrets.

Moreover, Hon. "Jimmy" Duff hurt his popularity by intimating that, on account of the war, and the economies it suggested, the fair grants' cut by one-half was bound to stay. On the same evening Hon. Mr. Burrell, the federal minister of agriculture, announced that he looked more hopefully on agriculture and contemplated larger grants to agriculture and live stock exhibitions. Upon this contrast Mr. Smith, M.P., commented, saying that the provincial policy was a mistake, and he said this as a supporter of the administration.

The farmers of Ontario were, in cartoon, pictured as a political power the local government had a right to respect. "Old Man Ontario" has become a familiar figure in the press. "Old Man Ontario" was supposed to be a bosom friend of the late Sir James Whitney. Can the same be said, at the present time, of his successor?

THE WORK OF PIRATES.

The scare proclamation of the Germans is not having the desired effect. The neutrals are under great obligations to Britain for clearing the seas of the German destroyers, and for making trade between two continents possible. They propose to unite in self-defence, and they will probably make the German War Council sorry for its bluster.

Then the German Information Bureau—or the German Fabrication Bureau—is carrying out its commission, which is give the widest publicity to the yarns the fictionists produce from week to week. These circulars are issued through the mails, and they contain lies, lies, and nothing but lies.

Again—the Hyphenated Germans are earning their salaries as the propagators of stories that are calculated to deceive or irritate the Americans. Dr. Dernberg, the former German secretary, writes from St. Paul, that the locking up of the German shipping affects the United States and to the extent of \$500,000,000 a year.

This appeal for American sympathy is ruined by the advertised purpose of Germany to wreck any United States vessels that dare approach the British Isles, and that there will be no regard for the loss of human life. The Germans, in other words, will, if they can, play the pirates of air and sea, and Britain's answer will be a repetition of what Sir David Beaty gave the German raiders only a few days ago.

WEALTH A PUBLIC TRUST.

The Federal Industrial Relations Committee had an interesting day with Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller, Sr., America's two wealthiest men. Mr. Carnegie testified that he had donated \$324,657,350 to various public and philanthropic causes, and Rockefeller gave \$250,000,000.

From both men expressions were received of a more or less surprising character. Carnegie said he never made a dollar by speculation. His were the earnings of great iron enterprises, in which he was engaged. He never had any trouble with his men except at Homestead, Pa., and he was in Europe then. His employees called him, "Kind master, tell us what you want us to do and we will do it for you." They called him "Andy," and he regarded that as a sign of their affection. He paid them good wages, and sold them coal and other supplies at cost.

to give to the world the information it needs, and to the effect that they are using their money as public trustees, that they are giving back the gains taken from the people apparently in undue measure while they were in business.

BISMARCK OF 1867 SPEAKS.

In 1867 Lord Burnham, the principal owner of the London Telegraph, feeling that the day was coming when France and Germany would clash in war, had his foreign correspondent interview Bismarck. The conversation was regarded as confidential, and its record was kept inviolate until recently. Then the Daily Telegraph gave it to the world, as a revelation, or a prophecy.

In that talk Bismarck set forth the desires and aspirations of Germany as he alone was capable of doing. He was Germany. He had more wisdom or presence than a dozen Bethman Holwegs. And he said that Germany did not want Belgium, and Germany would not fight France, unless she made the attack; Austria Germany did not want, because it would be a burden to her. Russia and France would not make an alliance, because they hated each other, and a French-Italian alliance was out of the question. "There remained for France, therefore, in Europe," said Bismarck, "only Spain as an ally," and as he did so he looked at the interview and laughed. Bismarck added, seriously, (and this was forty-eight years ago), that a war between Germany and France would be very unsatisfactory. "It would ruin France certainly," he continued, "but it would most likely ruin ourselves into, the bargain, and do you think that a poor, bankrupt, ragged, starving neighbour is as desirable as a wealthy, solvent, fat, well-clothed one." What a pity the Bismarckian idea was not transmitted to his successor.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Monthly collections of power rates is proposed. It will add to the cost of management, and that will not do. What is needed in these hard times is a reduction in expenses.

A political deadlock in the council at Brockville. And our neighboring town was a few years ago held up as a model to all Canada of how the city's business could be attended to in a non-partizan way!

President Wilson is losing ground with his party, and is not regarded as a political possibility. He would not have been elected but for Roosevelt's Bull Moose movement, which had a glorious beginning and an inglorious ending.

Germany expects the neutral powers to protest against Britain's blockade of German ports. Because they do not protest Germany proposes to torpedo—if she can—any neutral ships that carry foodstuffs within the war zone. A bluff the neutrals may call.

Two hundred and fifty horses, purchased for army purposes, rejected as unfit! This is pretty work, and done by men whose mere qualification as buyers is that they are conservative. If this thing goes on the scandals by and by will be very damaging.

An assurance was given, on behalf of the United States government, that if the Ship Purchase Bill were passed none of the interested belligerent vessels would be purchased. But the opposition to the bill continued. What, doubting or not, accepting this assurance? Hard on the president.

Against the boast that Germany is a self-sustaining nation is the protest of Germany's Chancellor, that England is not going to stand for England's desire to starve 70,000,000. "We certainly are not going to die of famine," But famine it will be eventually unless proof Germany surrenders.

The local government is going to "probe" the nickel question, which means that the war may be over when the report is made, and if Germany is to be affected by a prohibition of the exports article must be taken at once. The Toronto World is to be commended for its propaganda on this subject.

GROW WHEAT FOR BRITAIN.

Montana Farmers Open Up Negotiations With Embassy.
Billings, Mont., Feb. 8.—The Montana Farmers' and Producers' Association sent a telegram to the department of agriculture at Washington, asking that it take up with the British government a tentative proposal of the association to raise wheat under contract for Great Britain. The telegram was referred to the British embassy.

Mrs. John Kish, Westport, announces the engagement of her daughter, Sarah Victoria, to Albert Warren, the wedding to take place February 24th.

Public Opinion

Don't Be Inquisitive.
Hamilton Times.
It is said that John D. Rockefeller has given away in his time \$250,000,000. How much has he left?

Looks That Way.
Windsor Record.
Certain events transpiring in Europe would indicate that the firm of "Mainsell and Gott" will shortly dissolve partnership.

Napoleon Recalled.
Brantford Expositor.
Napoleon, at St. Helena, said, in reference to brute force: "The more I study the world the more I am convinced of the inability of brute force to create anything durable. The Kaiser could probably see the point of view now."

Need Them All.
Hamilton Spectator.
Considering that they get three weeks' holidays annually—something no private employer would grant—letter-carriers are not doing badly in securing Saturday half-holidays in addition, during July and August.

Disillusioned.
London Advertiser.
Six months of war finds the world gasping no more illusions about armed peace. All nations, even the Germans, must feel that war has had its great demonstration before civilization, and that civilization will have no more of it.

Kingston Events
Twenty-five Years Ago

Arrangements have been made for a Y.M.C.A. convention here. Kingston and Quebec wanted the gathering, but Kingston's claims were the strongest. Oscar Hopkins, who escaped from the penitentiary, was captured in Albany, N.Y.

S. J. Kilpatrick purchased a lot on Barrie street, part of the estate of the late Gilbert Merritt, for \$2,000.

STORE WAS BURNED
AT KEMPTVILLE, SUNDAY
While the Owner Was on a Visit
to His Daughter in
Kingston.

A few hours after he had arrived in Kingston, to visit his daughter, Miss Lois Percival, a third-year student in arts, at Queen's University, Mr. Percival, of the firm of Percival & Mundell, general merchants at Kemptville, received a telegram stating that his place of business had been burned to the ground. Mr. Percival and his daughter took the first train for home, on receipt of the news.

Mr. Percival made the trip to spend the week-end with his daughter, who has not been in the best of health. Miss Percival resides at 479 Princess street. The father arrived on Sunday morning and late in the afternoon, he got the message about the fire.

Further word on Monday stated that all that was left of the property was the storehouse. The cause, saved through the efforts of the fire fighters. The store was fairly well insured.

Outlook Of War.

Toronto Globe.
The British army estimates make provision for the maintenance of over three million effectives outside of India. Britain has in France at the present time 780,000 men. Were the trained men now in the United Kingdom awaiting transportation to France to be moved at the rate of a division a day—a high figure when we consider what 20,000 men need in artillery, draught animals, transport wagons and general supplies—it would take all of February and the entire month of March to transport Britain's new army to France or to the coast of Belgium should it be some considerable sea-borne force.

By May the British field army in France may be over a million and a half of men, with another quarter million on the lines of communication. France should be able to keep her fighting force up to a strength of 2,000,000 men that the allies in the west can reasonably count on at least 4,000,000 men for active service on the battle-front when the word of advance is given. The mud of Flanders and snows of the Vosges will be gone by that time, and the troops will be sick of the trench warfare of the last few months and ready for the huge call.

Only Begun The Fight.

London Mail's Berlin Correspondent.
I do not agree with a distinguished English war expert who thinks Germany will "cave in" three months after any considerable body of enemy troops has invaded and occupied German territory. He thinks that when the mills and factories of Rhineland-Westphalia are within the enemy's grip and when the textile and coal industries of Silesia are stifled by the conqueror the death-knell of German resistance will ring. The conquest of the industrial provinces will deal Germany a blow equivalent to her doom, but I believe implicitly in the Germans. They are inspired by the spirit of Frederick the Great, as they say they are, and that, like him, they will keep on fighting to the last man and the last mark. Events may prove my view false. But my task has been to base a view on what I have seen and heard. Let us be honest with ourselves. The Germans have accomplished wonders in the war. The internal organization of her economic forces is a marvel. They have done everything alone, for egg-shell Austria was beaten before she began. I think it fair and reasonable to say that, colossal as their losses, humiliating as their military disappointments have been, Germany, if asked to surrender to-day, might justifiably retort that she has "only begun to fight."

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BROCKVILLE ALDERMEN
GET BLACK HAND NOTES
They Are Called Upon to Resign
Their Seats at Once
or Suffer.

Brockville, Feb. 8.—The municipal pot in Brockville is boiling and running over. The deadlock in the council caused by Mayor Donaldson refusing to put a motion at the last meeting appointing the standing committees is a topic of widespread discussion. A statutory requisition signed by six members of the council was presented to the mayor on Friday, requesting him to call a special meeting Monday night, when another attempt will be made by the majority to over-rule the attitude assumed by the chair. Two of the councillors numbered among the majority faction are in receipt of Black-hand letters threatening them with dire destruction unless they resign their seats forthwith.

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