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GERMANY'S SUBTLE INFLUENCE.

There are men in Montreal so engrossed in business, and so secretly, that there is no routing of them out without hurting the interests which must be saved.

The German element is sometimes enlisted for other than personal and financial reasons. The spy system, in its perfection, necessitates the participation of Germans in many occupations which are congenial to them.

It was hard to eliminate these men from the business in which they were engaged, but it had to be done. Mr. Curtin, the American correspondent who has spent some time in Germany and made many discoveries there, may be somewhat misled with regard to German interests in Canada.

The soldier vote has not changed materially the result of the recent elections in British Columbia. The liberal party will have to form a government, and it will show its appreciation by its acts of the help it received from the conservatives.

DR. SKELTON'S CONCLUSIONS.

Those who attended the luncheon under the auspices of the Canadian Club on Wednesday were more than pleased with the insight which the speaker gave into certain phases of our national life.

The excursion into Quebec was personal in its character. It was promoted by men of various occupations and diversities of mind, for a personal purpose, namely, to study issues at closer range.

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people, and he saw much in both which explained their positions. The cure for the differences on both the language question and the question of recruiting was the obliteration of racial lines and prejudices, and the cultivation of the broad Canadianism which is bound eventually to reconcile the people and unite them nationally.

The Toronto News is giving advice to the lieutenant-governors of Alberta and Saskatchewan as to what they should do if it is proposed to have elections in the provinces during the war.

UNITED STATES CHANGING.

On the occasion of his acceptance of the democratic candidacy for president Mr. Wilson used an expression the ambiguity of which has annoyed some people more than it has impressed them.

"No nation should be forced to take sides, but no nation can any longer remain neutral as against any willful disturbance of the peace of the world. The nations of the world must unite in joint guarantees that whatever is done to disturb the whole world's peace must first be decided in the court of the whole world's opinion before it is attempted."

An explanation is offered by Dr. Dernburg, who, during the earlier months of the war, was so busy in the United States, as a propagandist, and who, through the exposures which followed his actions, had to leave the country.

The Monroe doctrine, it has been pointed out, and by the British press, would be unequal to the strain of a German invasion; there was a fear, which is passing away, that in the event of a German success in the war America would be the object of a German attack.

América afraid of Germanic hegemony? Rather America should be afraid of British hegemony.

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will act. Which is another way of saying that the government will wait until after the presidential election before it does anything.

A former Kingstonian, now a prosperous and wealthy contractor in the United States, has acquired several hundred acres of land along the lake front, and proposes to build a summer home. He is welcome in our midst.

It is significant to notice that the state department of the United States government has asked the German government for its explanation of the Marina disaster. An apology may satisfy the president, but it will not satisfy the friends of those who went down in the torpedoed ship.

A specialist claims to have found the germ for rheumatism. The soldiers, returning from the trenches, are not afflicted with germs. Their rheumatism is caused by standing in the watery trenches, by frequent chilling foot baths while on duty.

Eight hundred militia officers, called to serve their country with the regular army in Mexico, have resigned. They have been given a roasting by the press, and they deserve it.

PUBLIC OPINION

He Surely Is. (Montreal Mail) King Constantine, who tells an American journalist he believes the Allies will win is very careless about the way he places his bets.

So It Would Seem. (Montreal News) The political profs in Manitoba have cost half a million so far, which shows that it about as expensive to find out about graft as the graft is itself.

Reasonable Conclusion. (Peterboro Review) If this war is to be followed by one thousand years of peace, as a Calgary man predicts, even the United States should be ready to stand up for her own rights in the next world-wide outbreak.

Inviting the Fates. (Toronto Mail) Does Germany want to get Norway into the war? Then Germany must count upon Sweden attacking Norway; and Sweden will have to consider the "Russian peril" as a reality, not a dream.

Exhibiting Himself. (Hamilton Spectator) Sir Sam Hughes proposes to stimulate recruiting by visiting the centers of population. For the benefit of those who don't live in centers of population he might get himself filmed and exhibited as a moving spectacle.

A Gallant Clergyman. (London Advertiser) Capt. The Rev. W. E. Kidd has been awarded the Military Cross. He is as spirited as the notorious Capt. Wm. Kidd, the 17th century pirate, who was finally hanged in London.

Random Reels

"Of Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings."

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KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

A hard winter is predicted. Work in the city is scarce, and work scarcer.

Thirteen soldiers were enrolled under the army flag at a meeting in the Kingston Hotel, conducted by staff captain and Mrs. Southall.

BRITISH WAY OF GETTING TRADE

Toronto Business Men. "Both the United States and Britain employ manufacturers' agents to represent them, but in the former case the agent is able to get his commission within a reasonable time after he sells a bill of goods."

SUCCESS OF THE NEW BRITISH LOAN

Financial World, New York. "There can be no question about the reception of the new British loan of \$300,000,000. Last August a \$250,000,000 loan was quickly subscribed for and now a similar offering, in a market that is stronger than it was last summer, ought to have a reception more emphatic."

Political considerations will not be allowed to govern the latest flotation. Banks and individuals have accumulated such a large surplus of funds that the one cry is for avenues for its employment.

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