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THIRD SECTION

SHOWS MENACE OF GERMAN PEACE

No Just Terms Can Be Secured Till Germany Confesses Herself Beaten.

"HOLD FAST!" NO MOTTO

OF EVERY MAN YOU MEET IN LANCASHIRE.

Lord Leverhulme Talks With Harold Begbie—Germany By Her Own Word Is Not to Be Trusted.

"Would you," I asked, "go to a peace conference with Germany at the present time?"

Lord Leverhulme, long known as Sir William Lever, opened his eyes. "Before she is beaten?"

"The theory is—," I began. "Never! Never! Why, is there a single man holding a responsible position who would suggest such a thing?"

"You mean that Germany in her present mood—"

"I mean that Germany in any mood, until she is beaten, is not to be trusted."

"But you know what the argument is, suppose we go to a peace conference, and suppose that Germany comes out from that conference in warlike mood, we should be able by the economic weapon to bring her to reason."

"You will never get Germany to entertain just peace terms until she is beaten. She might agree to terms which seemed just, which seemed as if they promised peace, but she would never honor her signature. You can imagine her delegates going out from such a conference shaking with laughter and hugging themselves with joy, because they had fooled the English. How can a man in his senses believe for a moment that Germany would keep her word? She has told us that treaties are not binding. She has said categorically that she would break a treaty that is not in her interest. She has not only said these things, she has done them. The greatest of all her crimes is this burglar morality which she has introduced into Europe. Who has a business man trade with a firm which proclaimed Germanic principles? Would it be safe to deal with such a state of mind? Nothing in the modern history of Europe is more menacing to the civilized life of democracy than this Germanic state of mind—this state of mind which repudiates treaties and dishonors a solemn word."

Change of Mind Necessary "But there are reasonable men in Germany."

"Many, but they don't control the Government."

"Don't you think that when peace is established, and the German democracy finds that it is ruined, don't you think that then the war caste will be broken and a new system of government will be set up?"

"That change will only come when Germany is convinced that war does not pay."

"Exactly. And the argument is that you can only bring home to Germany the fact of her economic ruin by establishing peace on the basis of a league of nations?"

"But you will never be able to dictate terms to Germany until she is beaten. The argument you mention is founded on the dangerous fallacy that because Germany is sick of this war she is sick of war in general. She isn't. I doubt if her Government is even sick of this war. You've read the speech of that old brigand Hertling. Is there any sign of a repentance in that speech? It is a chastened speech. Is it a speech of a statesman who wants disarmament and a league of nations? No! Germany is back in her mood of 1914. She believes she is winning the war. And if we talk of peace to her she has won it. Yes, Germany has won, and England is beaten. Why, it would be better a thousand times that every man in England should be dead than that Germany should issue from this war with the feeling of a conqueror. You hear people use the phrase 'to the last man, and the last shilling, and you think it is only a bit of rhetoric; but to my mind it is the most solemn and absolute truth. I mean when I say it that it would in very truth be a million times better for the people of these islands to be dead, every one of them, rather than live on as the serfs of triumphant Prussia."

Meaning of Hertling's Speech "We must hold fast, you mean, till Germany says she has had enough, never mind how long it may last."

"Certainly. The salvation of the world depends upon it. We are back to 1914. We are confronted with a"

Public Library Bulletin

Some New Books of Interest For April—These Books Are Free To All Citizens.

- Mushroom Book—N. L. Marshall.
Tooe Book—J. E. Rogers.
Some Canadian Birds—M. Chamberlain.
Pocket Garden Library—J. Barron.
Breeds of Live Stock—C. W. Gay.
Cauldery—Williams and Fisher.
How to Cut Food Costs—F. L. Cooper.
Fireless Cook Book—M. J. Mitchell.
Major Mechanical Handbook—Rogers.
Business Motor Handbook—Watson.
Borderland of Science—A. T. Schofield.
Modern Europe—1713-1914—E. Herbert.
England's Financial Struggle—From "Frankfurter Zeitung."
Naval Force in the War—C. C. Gill.
Dawn of a Patriotic—D. Hunt.
North American Idea—J. A. Macdonald.
Irish Rebellion of 1916—F. Boyle.
North Atlantic—H. B. Tree.
History of Music—C. V. Stanford.

AMERICAN TROOPS IN ITALY GREETED BY GENERAL GARIBALDI, PATRIOT'S SON



This is the first photograph exhibited in the United States indicating that American troops are in Italy. It was taken at the Garibaldi Monument in Rome, and shows General Ricciotti Garibaldi chatting with a group of Americans. General Garibaldi, son of the famous Italian patriot and soldier, is the foremost living member of the family, which is probably the most famous in Italy.

Germany which believes itself to be the lord of the nations. Russia is out. Rumania is out. Italy has received a hard blow. England and France are the only enemies left. Germany means to crush them before America gets into her stride. She believes she can crush them. All this talk of peace heartens her. She thinks we are war-weary. She thinks she can endure longer than we can. She is flushed with triumph. She is absolutely cock-a-hoop. Why, look at Hertling's speech! Dare a man suggest that we should surrender Malta and Gibraltar, and all the rest of it, if he were not confident of victory? Think of the mere audacity of it! When have we ever used Malta or Gibraltar for the oppression of nations? Look at our colonies! They are free to all the Germans who choose to go there. Any German can go to our Colonies and buy raw material or set up for himself in business. We have used the British Empire for the good of the human race. And this Germany, whose colonies are bolted on bars against man's kind, who no sooner got Heligoland than she transformed it into a menace against England, whose whole spirit is tribal and selfish and arrogant, this Germany dares to speak of the British Empire as a danger to humanity! What hypocrisy, and what confidence! Why, she was never in more truculent mood. It was never more necessary than it is now for England to hold fast. England with her Allies must go on fighting until Germany comes to her senses and realizes that free men really mean what they say when they declare that death is better than enslavement."

Our Rock of Defence "You think we can outlast Germany?"

"I'm perfectly sure of it. Our people are not so sheepish, but they are of sterner stuff. The population of this country is composed of wonderful material. All down the ages men have come to England out of other countries because they would not bow to tyranny. We have been the rock of defence to many thousands of fine spirits who could not breathe the air of autocracies. I believe our moral stamina has been enormously strengthened by these refugees. We have freedom in our blood. We feel that liberty is as necessary to us as when it is brought home to our people that this war is for freedom or slavery, you'll hear no talk of peace, no plausible suggestions for a conference; you'll hear nothing but the word, passed from man to man, Hold Fast! I'm sure of this in Lancashire. The Lancashire spirit is never cowed, and seldom daunted. You tell me that even our Bolsheviks of Yorkshire would fight to the last if Germany still dealt imperialistically with the nations at a peace conference. I believe that is true of all England. Our only danger is that the pacifist suggests to Germany that timorous souls over here are looking for any other way out of this war than the way of victory. The more that suggestion gets abroad, the more cheerfully will Germany harden her heart. The only thing that can dismay the German Government is our resolute announcement that we'll fight, and go on fighting, yes, if it takes us twenty years more, till Germany asks us for peace. That's the true Englishness of this war, and the sooner it's known in Germany the sooner the war will be over."

Next German Attack.

"You have no misgiving as to a German onslaught in the spring?" "None whatever. All we've got to do is to dig our heels in. I should say that with machine guns, wire entanglements, trenches and our overwhelming supply of shells, one man in defence is as good as three men in attack. I've no doubt we can break any mass attack the Germans may bring against us. We must dig our heels in, as the French did at Verdun; we must hold fast, as we have done before. We can outlive the German in food, and we can outfight him. When he knows that, he'll ask us for peace."

"And when he asks for peace,

you'd admit him to the league of nations?"

"I'll trust Germany when I know she is convinced that war does not pay. Till then I would as soon think of trusting anything she says as I'd trust a forger or a thief. Out and away the most dreadful thing she has done is to shake men's confidence in contracts. That is a crime of the greatest magnitude. She is a confessed brigand. The moral law means nothing to her. She herself has proclaimed to all the world that she is above the moral law. She has introduced anarchy into the society of nations. She has pulled civilization to pieces. She has dragged the whole earth back to tribal barbarism. The very suggestion that we should dream of conferring with such a nation strikes me as madness. Germany herself has told us she is not to be trusted."

These views of Lord Leverhulme are quite general in Lancashire. There is no noticeable element of extreme pacifism among the workers. Every man I meet in the great industrial centres of Lancashire feels that it would be a confession of defeat to discuss peace with Germany in her present mood. I have discussed the matter with Labor men holding advanced views, and they are as adamant as Lord Leverhulme. It is important for the Liberals of Germany to realize that even those extreme pacifists in England who would welcome a conference as a way out of this horrible carnage and most bitter suffering are entirely convinced that no peace terms would not ensure the detronement of the German war caste.

The one thing which silences the intellectual pacifist in England is the argument of Lord Leverhulme that Germany by her own word is not to be trusted. I do not think the Liberals of Germany can be aware of the tremendous force of this argument. It is the sole cause of all their suffering.

The Man on Watch

People holding titles must feel pretty cheap after the compliments handed to them by "Billy" Nickle.

When Harry Lauder was here he remarked that in these serious times we should speak the truth and nothing but the truth. The Lampman, however, does not see any decrease in the number of liars in Kingston.

When the City Council entertains the soldiers again, let it take a gentile hint from the Lampman and serve the boys with a bite to eat and something to drink. A reception is never complete without a social cup of tea. A little refreshment was lacking on Tuesday night last.

The Queen's principal is proving himself a great story-teller. His reverence is not backward about telling a good wholesome tale, even though it might shock the pruders. These are stern days and stern things need to be said.

A young man who will not willingly fight for his country is a pro-German as well as the fellow who aids our enemies.

Kingston's idle rich must now get to work in some "useful occupation." However there are very few of this kind here.

"Obedience to conscience is the primary duty of a Christian," declares a speaker who quotes it in defence of the conscientious objector to taking up arms in defence of his country, his family and his religion. That kind of Christianity should be spelled with a small "c."

Badly played music might appeal to one man while another it would make feel wretched. It's just like a meal—one man would think corn beef and cabbage just grand, while another would turn up his nose at it.

The alderman, who declared that

tree cutting on the streets was costing the city \$17 a cord, whereas it costs only \$4, is not a good mathematician.

Somewhere in the Old Testament there is a verse which refers to the streets being full of children, and it reminds the Lampman of present day conditions in cities, even the size of Kingston, where the children are no longer safe in playing on the highways because of motor cars. There's nothing more beautiful than to see the kiddies at innocent play in the streets, but it would seem that the motor car must have the right of way and that the little ones may use the roads only at the risk of injury or death.

—THE TOWN WATCHMAN.

Right in His Lane.

Kansas City Journal. "The welfare workers of this town want to know if you will play for the poorhouse?"

"To be sure," replied Yorick Hamm. "Playing to poor houses is my regular game."

Advertisement for Comfort Soap. Large stylized text: "Yes—we give you more soap now—instead of Premiums". Image of a bar of soap in its wrapper. Text on wrapper: "COMFORT SOAP Without Premiums ONE SOAP FOR ALL PURPOSES Made by PUGSLEY DINGMAN & CO LIMITED".

Comfort Soap Premiums are all right but —

the way they are now advancing in price—and going down in quality—has simply caused us to stop buying new supplies—until after the war, at least.

But, of course, we wouldn't think of giving you less value—so—you'll now get a bigger, much bigger, bar of Comfort Soap at the same price but the new wrappers are not good for premiums.

Wouldn't you rather have the bigger bar?

You certainly would—if you saw the kind of premiums now being offered us by the makers.

You certainly would—if like thousands of others, you used Comfort Soap because of its splendid merit without saving the wrappers.

You certainly would—for in these War times you can do without premiums but you must have soap—the Comfort kind—and as much as you can get for your money.

Now at Grocer's. Same price. All old Comfort wrappers still out will be redeemed as before.

COMFORT "it's all right" SOAP

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