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GERMANY'S BLUFF

Since the armistice was signed and hostilities ceased Germany has been pleading poverty and consequent inability to fulfil the terms upon which she agreed to surrender; pleaded also that the maintenance of a certain force under arms was necessary for her national safety. The Allies treated her leniently, made many concessions, permitted her to retain a "police force" and otherwise treated her as a reputable, honorable nation should have been treated.

France had always maintained that her disarmament was not being carried out in accordance with her solemn agreement and when an investigation was made she apparently satisfied all the Allied nations, except France, that she was disarming and getting rid of her war material as rapidly as the safety of the country would permit.

It will be remembered that during the past few days the Allied Council agreed upon the amount of reparation that Germany must pay and that she was well able to pay. It was agreed also that unless she complied with the terms specified, the Allies would be obliged to penetrate further into Germany and take charge of German Customs Houses and so collect the amount of reparation agreed upon.

Germany, as was to be expected, has protested against this agreement. Her press is lashing her people into a fury of indignant protest against the whole agreement. She is the wronged party; she wants to get out of the mess with a whole skin and begin business again on an equal footing with her former enemies.

"YOU GO LIZA, YOU GO"

Those who have heard that affecting though somewhat overworked drama, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will recall a scene in which, when matters had come to their worst, Uncle Tom sorrowfully advised "You go Liza, you go".

A somewhat similar scene is, it is currently reported being enacted in the Bell Cabinet at present. It appears, so says the rumour, that they want a new Premier. They are all willing to accept the honor with its emoluments and perquisites, but they all recognize the risk; the man upon whom the mantle falls or who wears the shoes, in case there is no mantle must run his election.

It is said also that among the rank and file there is keen anxiety that the Premiership be offered to either of the portfolio holders but this too is known to be a baited hook and neither of them can be induced even to nibble at it.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Germany is a good sport. She is willing to toss up whether the indemnity be reduced by half or by a third.

CURRENT COMMENT

Some time ago we commented upon the ignorance of the educated. Then it was in the sense of the specialist whose knowledge of the particular subjects of his study was profound, but who on the general topics of every day discussion was in an almost dense ignorance.

Referring to Patrick Henry's immortal utterance "Give me liberty or give me death," he suggested that if the dead could revisit the land of the living and see the vast system of social organization and social science which now controls he would probably simplify his language and say "Give me death."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the halcyon days of his ministry disposed of the strong man of his cabinet, the late Israel Tante, because in a comparative degree he varied from the policy of his leader. In like manner another tower of strength, the Hon. A. G. Blair was allowed to step from his position as Minister of Railways because he refused to endorse the Transcontinental Railway project.

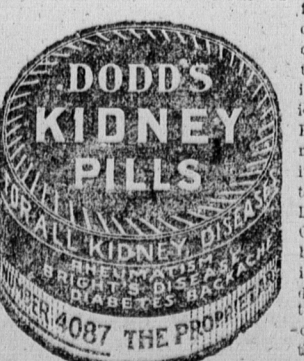
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LIFTING MEN

Sad will be the day for any man when he becomes absolutely contented with the life he is living, with the thoughts he is thinking and the deeds that he is doing—when there is not forever beating at the doors of his souls some great desire to do something larger or which he knows that he was meant and made to do because he is a child of God.—Phillips Brooks.

If we work upon marble, it will perish if we work upon brass, time will efface it if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust but if we work upon immortal souls, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten all eternity.—DANIEL WEBSTER



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