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THE SUBMARINE RAID

The world is shocked by the telegraphic reports that come almost daily of steamers, trawlers and other craft being sunk by German torpedoes or German mines, sometimes with considerable loss of life, always with brutal disregard for life. And yet appalling as the losses appear at this distance it is significant that coast marine insurance in London still remains at a moderate figure. The Government rate is one per cent, and Lloyd's as well as the marine companies compete with it, although the rate has been hardening since recent losses. In an interview reported in a New York paper the commander of a German submarine indulges in tall talk about what is to happen in the near future. He says the vessels and crews are becoming more efficient every day and boasts that before long British commerce "will be strangled." He cannot understand, however, why insurance rates are so moderate, probably because he is unwilling to realize that the damage done is really insignificant by comparison with the vast amount of tonnage going in and out of British ports every week, coasting vessels as well as ocean ships included. This commander justifies the torpedoing of passenger vessels practically on the ground that for Germany everything is fair in war, and that there are no longer any German vessels in the passenger business to be destroyed. He is frank enough to explain that he and others in control have a method of concealing their periscopes so that it is extremely difficult for a British merchant ship to learn of its danger.

English Journals say the radius of action of the submarines now extends from the west coast of France to the west coast of Ireland. They concentrate outside a particular port for a time, then return to their base, and after repairing damages and giving crews a rest, go on another "beat" usually for ten days. When some of the nations of antiquity made use of Greek fire in naval battles or to destroy a beleaguered town, others protested that it was a barbarous innovation because it exposed the non-combatant as well as the combatant to a painful death. During the Napoleonic wars the British War Office rejected a number of inventions for taking life by wholesale for much the same reason. In the Peninsular campaigns Wellington refused to open fire on towns filled with a civilian population which had "sniped" his soldiers. "I am here," he said on one occasion, "to fight the enemy, not to kill the innocent." In all modern wars till the present one consideration has been shown to the passengers of enemy merchant ships, but the Germans have no regard for what an old text-book writer calls the "conventionalities and standards of mercy and fair play." It is a sad commentary on boasted German Kultur.

THE SALT OF THE EARTH

The latest contribution of Professor von Leyden, to the Frankfurter Zeitung is a gem in its way. Here is an extract: "Finally," he concludes "there are the neutral nations. Most of them side in sympathy with the English, Russians and French; most of them entertain hostile feelings against Germany. Let us ban them from our homes and our tables; they must understand that they are condemned to be left out in the cold just because they do not merit German approval. Germans are the salt of the earth; they will fulfil their destiny which is to rule the world and to control other nations for the benefit of mankind."

The principal difference between the Germans and the rest of the world is that the rest of the world cannot think Germanically. In their own opinion the Germans are in direct and intimate alliance with the Almighty; they are the salt of the earth; with them only is righteousness. Murder, piracy, violation of international agreements, crimes which make ordinary humanity shudder are to them justifiable means to carry out their ambitions, to accomplish their ends.

There are Germans who are not of Germany. There are those who cultivate the German habit of thought until, like the Germans, they believe they are the salt of the earth, and all others must be banned, "condemned to be left out in the cold" just because they do not see eye to eye with these self righteous who are to "rule the world for the benefit of mankind"—in their own opinion.

Some one said, in writing of the Germans and their claims to superiority that "the most offensive cards are those who unceasingly prate about being 'gentlemen,' and appreciate or depreciate it to according as they are or are not 'gentlemen after this standard.' Every other form of self superiority is equally obnoxious. The world wants none of it and will not have it—there is so much bad in the best of us and so much good in the worst of us that the best of us cannot afford to say too much about the worst of us." It is going to cost the world a terrible price to knock the self-righteousness out of Germany, but it is going to be done and when it is done the remaining Germans will be the better for it and the rest of the world will be able to live in peace.

INDISCRIMINATE CHARITY

There are few, perhaps none, of the virtues that cannot, and are not frequently, transformed into vices and causes of stumbling. Charity, the greatest of the three great virtues, we are told by a great French writer—"creates the misery she tries to relieve; she can never relieve half the misery she creates."

David Starr Jordan, President of Leland Stanford University, in a book "The Human Harvest," used as a text book in some of the United States and Canadian Agricultural Colleges, says, "Unwise charity is responsible for half the pauperism of the world. That pauperism has become perpetual is due in part to the charity that, in aiding the poor, helps pauperism to mate with pauperism. It is the duty of true charity to remove the causes of weakness and suffering."

In Toronto recently some of the unemployed were offered work on farms in neighboring counties. J. McMillan, James McLean, J. J. Holman, and J. J. Holman, 4-21-131

job. He was getting three meals a day why should he work? And he would not. The old adage, "If a man does not work, he may appear hard hearted, but it is much more than the mandarin charity that feeds and so perpetuates the evil which it would remove. There are legitimate objects of charity, the helpless, but in a world that is full of the bodied who refuse honest work deserve neither pity nor charity."

Very much of the evil and the idleness which indelicate charity comes from well meaning people who become possessed with a misguided work-leaving mania. There is room for charity, but it should be dealt out with the utmost care, not to perpetuate idleness, but to help the helpless. Where charity encourages parasitism it becomes cruelty.

NO CLASH WITH RUSSIA

There is too much of a tendency to borrow trouble in the discussion of the relations of Britain and Russia after the war. Those who talk about the inevitability of war between the two should realize that they are just repeating what German or German inspired writers are saying.

The latter wish to bring such a war about and those in British countries who take up the cry are simply playing the enemy's game. The best opinion in the Old Land has abandoned the idea that the two Empires must clash. The following from a man who knows it well represents the view which the well informed British public is now taking:

The Slav is not naturally domineering, and has no craving for power as a mere means of aggression. He belongs to a kindly race, melancholy, as shown in the national poetry in which his soul finds expression. He has a craving to love and to be loved and would join the other European nations as a friend and a brother. His strength will be the strength of love. . . . The Balkan Slavs only wish to accomplish their own destiny quietly along the borders of the Slav sphere, and the rest of the Slavs desire their freedom—only their freedom. And when this is accomplished, the Slav colossus will no longer constitute a danger to Europe, but a safeguard. His political power will only threaten those who would tamper with the foundations of peace from mere lust of dominion.

MISCHIEF MAKING

That the war fever may become epidemic and that very diseased ideas may grow up with little justification is evidenced by a report on the relations between the United States and the European belligerents, written by Captain Charles E. Hughes, Chief of Staff to Admiral Fletcher, and which is now being seriously considered by the United States General Naval Board.

The report points out that immediately after the war ends, this country is reasonably certain to have to deal with a triumphant Germany or England.

A member of the Naval Board said recently: "There is much justification for the warning. Captain Hughes shows that the European war grew out of the commercial ambitions of England and Germany. It is a war for supremacy."

"The United States built the Panama Canal for commercial expansion, and it behooves the United States always to maintain it as a naval base and as the radiating point for her commerce, and make it impregnable against attack, because the control of the canal will be a pivotal point in any naval demonstration against the United States."

"With Cuba as a base, Captain Hughes thinks the first point of attack would be the Panama Canal. He believes that with a superior fleet an aggressor would have no difficulty in landing 250,000 or more men on the American coast."

ANOTHER INJUSTICE

The Japanese Consul-General for Canada, speaking at St. Thomas, Ontario, strongly denied the statements that have been made that his country was bent on aggression in China, taking advantage of the European situation to further its territorial ambition there. It had stood for the policy of the open door in that country and would continue to do so. The consul-general declared that the reports being circulated were the work of intriguing German mischief-makers. This statement of his is fully confirmed from other sources. It has been shown, for instance, that the item so widely circulated a few weeks ago that Britain and Russia had joined in a protest to the Tokio Government against its Chinese policy was absolutely foundationless. There is nothing that would serve German purposes better at the present time than to engender suspicion of Japan among the western nations.

ON TO HUNGARY

A map of the immediate district shows what the struggle for the passes in the Carpathians means and why such importance was attached to the fall of Przemysl. It commanded three of the routes through the mountains. The Dukla pass is some sixty miles to the southwest, the Lupkov thirty or more miles further east, while the Uzsok is directly south of the captured fortress. The attempt to force these is now proceeding, so the dispatches tell through, they will overrun the Hungarian plains, the most productive territory in the country, to which not only the rest of the Dual Monarchy but the German Empire looks for agricultural supplies, while there will be no serious obstacle in the way of an advance to Buda Pest' the Hungarian capital.

It is to prevent the overrunning of the Hungarian plains that the German railway trains are filled with soldiers who are being withdrawn from the western area. Verily Germany's position is becoming hopeless. The enemy is at both her doors and she is rushing her troops from one door to the other. How long can she hold out?

NOTES

Sweden and Norway some time ago decided to act jointly in asserting their rights whenever occasion arose in connection with the war in Europe. Now it is announced that Danish, Swedish and Norwegian shipping companies are to consider a proposal for co-operation with respect to their business on the Atlantic. The war that they have escaped is doing a lot to unite the Scandinavians.

Mercantile shipmasters in Great Britain are now demanding that guns be placed on their ships. Their demand is prompted by a desire to be in a position to fight back when attacked by a piratical enemy submarine. It has justification behind it, even if the arming would give an excuse to the pirates to act even more cold-bloodedly than they are already doing.

Americans in Germany are said to be decidedly uneasy in consequence of the popular ill-will being shown against the Government at Washington. This may be a sign that the Germans are really beginning to see inevitable defeat and are seeking to place some of the blame on Uncle Sam.

W. N. Jeweler

Making the Day-After-Day Task a "Matter of Business"

A housewife buys "table supplies" oftener than she buys any other kinds of goods. Perhaps her purchases of groceries would total, item for item, in the course of the year, all other purchases combined.

Buying eatables is the day-by-day task. The task may never be postponed. It is an imperative one. The visit to the grocer is, with most housewives, a part of the daily routine. If she does not visit the stores in person, she telephones her orders—or directs the ordering.

She is apt to fall into certain habits of ordering groceries—and these are likely to lend to a certain "sameness" of table fare which, after a while, palls upon those who partake of it.

It is not a good idea to fall into this rut. It is not well to provide an unchanging table routine—one that each member of the family could foretell accurately before going to a meal.

When somebody wrote that "variety is the spice of life" the truism was probably born of an experience with a monotonous table fare. The adage, like most adages, voiced a protest.

The woman who reads this may not be deserving of criticism upon this score. Or, she may be.

The fact remains that not many women struggle very hard to evolve "new ideas" for the table. The "line of least resistance" is so attractive—fits so well the mood of the busy day—that "the same old things" are too often provided for the table.

Progressive dealers in eatables would not have it so. They would prefer to have the dinner table an always interesting resort in every home. They are glad to co-operate with housewives in the work of breaking table monotony, and in providing "the unexpected" at very frequent intervals. Their advertisements in this newspaper, in which many, many different GOOD THINGS TO EAT are itemized and priced, should afford suggestions to housewives of IMMEDIATE VALUE. Try the experiment of serving a "surprise" at your table—and make that meal more interesting and cheerful to the members of the family, and more gratifying to yourself, than any "dining room event" in your home in a long time.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Easter Sunday, so keenly anticipated by the ladies, especially the younger folk, was regrettably a very disagreeable day, an although large congregations were present in all the churches, the spring styles were noticeably absent. Musical programs of interest and merit had been prepared by the various organists and were delightfully rendered. The chaste decorations of banks of Easter lilies and cut flowers lent effectiveness to the beauty of the musical numbers.

The rendition of Stainer's Crucifixion by the members of the First Methodist Church, under their talented organist, Prof. Thompson, was a rare musical treat greatly enjoyed by those present.

Lieut. W. D. Herridge, eldest son of the Rev. W. T. Herridge, D. D., and Mrs. Herridge, who has many relatives in this Province, has left Ottawa for Halifax on route to England, where he will be posted in the Imperial Army for active service.

Mrs. Bartlett, of Charlottetown, after spending some weeks at the Ritz-Carlton in Montreal, has arrived in St. John's on a short visit. She is the guest of Mrs. Clarence B. Allen, Sydney Street.

Miss Bessie Beer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Beer, is now in Newton, Mass., where she purposes training in the Newton Hospital.

Dr. Ivan McKinnon, son of Mrs. Donald McKinnon, McGill Avenue, who was Clinical Master of the ear and throat ward of Charing Cross Hospital, London, has resigned his position and has secured a commission with the Army Medical Corps attached to the Second London Ammunition Corps Royal Field Artillery. He embarked from Southampton, England, on March 20th, for France. Dr. McKinnon is the seventh of his mother's family now in the service of the King and will be followed by the well-wishers of his home friends.

A delightful dance was given by the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in their hall on Thursday evening.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR READERS OF THE GUARDIAN

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TO MY ABSENT SON.

When dawn unlocks the portals—
Of the doorway of my eyes,
When Consciousness ascends her throne
My spirit to you flies,
I steal into your chamber,
And softly kiss your brow,
I am beside you there, my darling,
Though I cannot tell you how.

And when the hour of noonday
Is over all the land,
When homeward wend the toilers,
A weary, hungry band,
I am with you then, my darling,
I stand beside your chair,
And lay my hand in blessing
On your brow, to me, so fair.

And when the twilight deepens
At the setting of the sun,
And alone at your desk you linger
When the long day's work is done,
I am then beside you, darling,
Your loving arms I feel,
Your kiss upon my forehead,
As beside your chair I kneel.

And in the silent watches
Of the dark and sleepless night,
When slumber's pall is o'er you,
And gone is moral sight,
Beside your bed, my darling,
My spirit lingers oft,
As in the lights of childhood
I came with footsteps soft.

EMMA S. PAIGE.

ening which was very artistically decorated with red, white and blue and patriotic emblems. The nicely arranged program was danced to splendid music, the floor being in superb condition, by a bevy of interesting young people who voted the evening one of the nicest of the season. Refreshments were very daintily served, while Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. A. W. Weeks, Mrs. F. R. Heartz, and Mrs. W. B. Hyndman pleasantly performed the duties of chaperones.

The serious illness of Dr. Warburton came as a severe shock to his wide circle of patients and friends. It is pleasing however to note that his condition is now somewhat improved and his restoration to his usual health is eagerly looked forward to.

Golf is again being talked of, and those who enjoy the freedom of the Links are impatiently awaiting the first of May when it is expected the grass will be sufficiently dry for a round of the Links. On Thursday evening a meeting was held in the Y. M. C. parlors, when after the reading of the minutes the following officers were elected for the coming season: President, Mr. D. B. Stewart. Vice-President, Dr. Goodwill. Secretary, Mr. W. W. Clark. Treasurer, Mr. H. E. Miller. The executive committee is Mr. H. W. Longworth, Mr. J. M. Hunter, Mr. W. K. Rogers and Mr. A. A. Alley. The ladies who so capably undertake the social affairs of the Club held their meeting some time ago, and have most efficient officers. Mrs. W. S. Stewart is President, Mrs. Gane, Vice-President, and Miss Edith Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer. The House Committee this year is Mrs. C. H. B. Longworth, Mrs. A. W. Weeks, Miss Haviland and Mrs. E. H. Beer. The Ladies' Committee is Miss Bartlett, Miss Ethel Haszard, and Miss Rose Longworth.

The annual tea and sale in St. James Hall on Thursday afternoon, which came as a pleasant break after the long Lenten season, was even more lavish than in former years. The several tea tables were marvels of culinary art and very largely patronized. In the schoolroom, with its bright patriotic colors, were the refreshment and candy tables, ice cream table, five o'clock tea table and the different and tables laden with dainty and intricate articles of needlework. This tea is always the event of Easter week.

The death of Miss MacKieson came as a shock to her old friends yesterday morning. A younger lady she took an active part in the social life of this city, her father being Dr. MacKieson, a prominent physician, lovingly remembered by older citizens.

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