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THE GERMAN HUMBUG.

The war has opened the eyes of the world to the fact that the German is a humbug, his pretensions to super-efficiency dross, and his invincibility bluff, says the Boston Record. He has not made good. He never made good. It has taken about three years of bloody warfare to expose him, but the exposure is nearly complete.

In enumerating Germany's "achievements" during the present war, the Record says:

"Throughout this war he has achieved mighty victories over women and children and civilians. He has smashed Belgium, has impressed the world with the power to enslave civilian workers and to shoot women. He was turned back at the Marne by a French general with a numerically inferior force. He pounded with superior numbers against the British line, and failed. He stormed Verdun with the full might of his military strength, and there was halted by a small defending force until reinforcements could arrive; and the German flag never entered that French position. But he overran little Serbia, he conquered Roumania, he sank the Lusitania, he pots merchantment and drops bombs on schoolhouses.

What is this tremendous German might which, fully prepared, arrogant with purpose, swelled with pomp and blasphemy, roared across the peaceful world with shouts of frightfulness and defied God and man with the cry of ruthlessness? It is a power now dug into trenches, waging a defensive war and trying by intrigue, wheedling and duplicity to save itself from obliteration. To this pass has come the boasted German might!"

The Philadelphia Ledger points out, what much of the world was blinded to by the boastful pretence of Germany, that the German never held his own against competition, even before the war. Where, asks the edger, were those Prussian giants of industry, etc. when the Standard Oil Co. "reached its long arm into Berlin itself and drove German oil interests to pitiable supplication for government relief from unconquerable Yankee competition? How miserably weak were Prussian agrarians when American manufactured meat was driving their products out of the markets of Berlin, Hamburg and the Frankforts! Were these super-scientists asleep, that American agricultural machinery tilled the fields of all Europe, that American typewriters and American sewing machines brooked no rivals, and that even the economic doctrines on which modern Germany rose to wealth and power were imported from the United States?"

The Ledger concludes: "The Germans have driven no great American firms from any field where they have met us in free competition and seldom have we failed to get the better of them; they have wrecked no carrying trade of which we boasted, and we have sold our locomotives under their very noses even in countries which they have politically dominated."

"We do not like boastfulness or spread-eagles; but we grow weary of the cant about 'German efficiency,' which is in large measure humbug."

WORSE THAN DISHONEST.

The independent Ottawa Citizen, formerly a strong supporter of the Conservative party in Canada, has a word to say to those partizan Conservative newspapers which are attempting to shift responsibility for the situation in Quebec to the shoulders of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. To the unbiased observer there is no more pathetic symptom of the weakness of the administration in the conduct of the war than this tendency on the part of its newspapers, the Citizen declares, and it deplores the fact that as the opposition to the compulsory military measure becomes more pronounced in the Province of Quebec, the administration press all over the country, instead of attempting to find some rational solution to the problem, redoubles its efforts to make it clear that the opposition leader alone is to blame for the difficulties encountered. This is worse than dishonest, the Citizen points out, and it adds:

"Politically, this may be intended to

draw attention from the National alliance with the Conservative party in 1911, an alliance emphasized in a significant manner by the recent retirement of Hon. Mr. Patenaude from the cabinet, but while this may have some value in an electioneering sense, it is an affront to the intelligence of the average Canadian to tell him, as does a local contemporary, that the province of Quebec virtually awaited a lead from Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the matter of conscription, and that the attitude of that statesman in the House determined to a large degree the stand of the French-Canadian province. It is worse than dishonest to assert that Sir Wilfrid handed Quebec over to Bourassa. The fact is that the influence of Bourassa was strong enough in 1911 to defeat Sir Wilfrid in the Dominion by almost dividing the number of seats in Quebec province. The outcome of the election gave the Liberals a majority of nine seats in that province out of a total of sixty-five."

The Royal Commission of Judges which is giving Hon. Bob Rogers a new trial, held a brief public sitting at Montreal yesterday. The Hon. Bob was asked a few questions by his counsel, and a newspaper despatch says a statement of the case was filed, but as there was only one copy extant, it was not handed to the press. So far as known, counsel for Rogers did not raise the point that Judges were disqualified by law from sitting on royal commissions. It was Rogers himself, it will be remembered, who raised this point when Judge Galt of Winnipeg declared that he would not believe him under oath. But Sir Robert Borden having appointed two Judges a commission to review the case, evidently concluded that the point was not well taken.

St. John newspapers want to know why potatoes are retailing in that city at 60 cents per peck, while the wholesale price in Fredericton is \$2 per barrel. The explanation is probably found in the fact that the St. John dealers, like some nearer home, purchased their stocks before the price slumped.

Through Our Sieve

If poets are born, not made—blame their ancestors.

Will coal and wood learn a lesson from that slump in potatoes?

The Chinese emperor's reign was no more than a shower.

Keep your temper if it is good—and don't lose it if it's bad.

July seems to have supplanted June as the month of roses.

Wonder what Von Hindenburg said to the Kaiser about that line.

Yuh can't blame the \$5,000 motor fire truck for enjoying good roads while it can.

A definition of "beauty." What a young man in love for the first time thinks his girl possesses.

In retaking Lens and its coal mines the British will win for France a place near the grate.

One advantage of being the flying corps is that it takes one out in the open air.

Fruit growers will probably discourage waste by placing the bottom of the strawberry box as near the top as possible.

Funeral Friday Morning.
The funeral of the late Frank E. Roberts will take place Friday morning, leaving the late home of the deceased at 8.45. High mass will be celebrated at nine o'clock at St. Dunstan's church by Rev. Father Moore. Interment will be made at the Hermitage. The deceased was a well known young man and was only in his thirty-second year. Death was due to pneumonia, the deceased having taken to his bed on Saturday and death ensuing Tuesday. He is survived by his father, Mr. Thomas Roberts, one brother, James of Lynn, Mass., and one sister, Mrs. John Lifford.

OF SOCIAL INTEREST

Mrs. George W. Hodge is giving a girls' tea this afternoon in honor of her niece, Miss Christian Edwards of St. John.
Mrs. Charles D. Richards and little daughter Margaret, have gone to Norton, Kings county, for the summer.
Mrs. J. Dickson Palmer is giving a luncheon today in honor of Mrs. George Ferguson of Vancouver.
Mrs. W. H. Steeves and Mrs. Harold R. Babbitt poured at last Saturday's tennis tea. The hostesses for the day were Misses Louise Sterling, Molly Barry, Lucile Hawkins and Gladys Fitzgerald.
Miss Georgie Murchie is visiting Miss Frederica Edgecombe at Cherry Bank.

EXPLOSIONS OF BOMBS IN CHICAGO

Chicago, July 11.—Three bomb explosions in widely separated sections of the south side early today caused the deaths of one man and the fatal injury of another, damaged a score of buildings and drove dozens of families into the streets.

Two of the explosions are laid at the door of the "Black Hand," the other to labor trouble, according to the police.

The bombs were exploded in buildings with stores on the first floor and apartments above, driving many of the residents into the streets in their night clothes.

Silva O'Connor and his brother were passing the building at 1900 West 59th street when the explosion occurred, and the former was killed instantly. The latter was fatally injured.

LAKE STEAMER GOES DOWN

Ortonville, Minn., July 11.—Seven persons lost their lives when the excursion steamer Muskegon went down on Big Stone Lake, near here, last night during a heavy storm.

EARTHQUAKE IN THE TIGRIS

Melbourne, July 11.—A despatch received here from Suva, Fiji Islands, says damage has been caused in the Samoan Islands by a severe earthquake and tidal waves. The Friendly Islands also have experienced an earthquake.

HARDEN'S PAPER SUPPRESSED

Copenhagen, July 11.—Die ukunnt, Maximilian Harden's publication, now has been suppressed for the remainder of the war, according to the Berlin Tageblatt. Herr Harden has been mobilized under the Auxiliary Civil Service law and will be employed at a military base. The government some time ago had planned to take this action but lacked the courage.

STEEL PLANT DESTROYED

Wilmington, Del., July 11.—Practically all of the main portion of the plant of the Wilmington Steel Company was destroyed by fire early today. No estimate of the loss was obtainable. More than 250 men were employed in the section destroyed.

MISSION GOT HOME SAFELY

Washington, July 11.—The Italian mission has arrived safely in France on its way back to Italy after a visit to the United States, according to a message received here tonight from the Prince of Udine, head of the mission.

Distinguished Officer.

Lieut. George R. McCord, D. S. O., of Sackville, is registered at the Queen Hotel today. Lieut. McCord enlisted in the ranks in August, 1914, and became staff sergeant in the 12th Battalion. He went to France as a private and after long service was given a commission. Later he served with a trench mortar battery and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order. Mr. McCord formerly was a law partner of Mr. A. B. Copp, M. P., at Sackville.

An Annual Visitor.

Mr. Nelson A. Cliff who has been spending the winter in California, has arrived here and is a guest at the Queen. He is being heartily greeted by many old friends. It is his intention to spend the summer in the province.

PERSONAL.

Mr. A. J. Carroll of Montreal, is in the city.
Mr. E. S. Vye of Newcastle is registered at the Barker House.
Hon. Josiah Wood of Sackville, is at the Queen.
Mr. H. W. Friel of St. John, is registered at the Queen.
Hon. Robert Murray of Chatham, is in the city.
Mr. E. S. Carter of Rothesay, arrived in the city last night.
Mr. F. G. Spencer of St. John, is registered at the Queen.
Hon. W. P. Jones of Woodstock, arrived in the city this morning.
Rev. Charles R. McNally and family of New London, Conn., are visiting relatives here.
Mr. D. W. Mersereau, M. P. P., of Fredericton Junction, is in the city today.

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