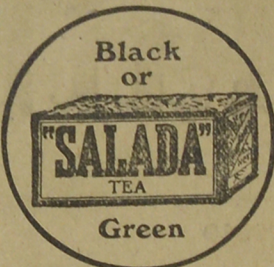


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## PRINCE BISMARCK COULD SEE WHAT WAS COMING

One Time German Chancellor Had Wonderful Foresight—Was Impressed by the Fact That North America Spoke the English Language—Descendants of British Stock Fill Important Positions in the Great Republic.

(New York Sun)

London, Jan. 15—Viscount Northcliffe, the publisher, goes to the Germans for the prophesy of the great political reaction now being experienced. Bismarck, he recalls, was once asked what was the most important political fact of the present day. He replied, "The fact that North America speaks English."

"Bismarck, in spite of his antiquated theories of government," said Northcliffe, "and his short sighted acceptance of the militarist policy regarding Alsace-Lorraine, was clearly a man who saw what was coming."

"At the time when he gave this answer there did not appear to be any particular significance in the fact that the language of North America is English. What is happening today proves him to have been a far seeing prophet of events."

"It is always difficult to forecast what history will have to say upon any given incident. But I do not think there can be any doubt that our descendants will read in their history books that a most valuable and permanent outcome of the great war in Europe was a better understanding between the people from which the main stem of American colonists sprang."

Leaders Have English Names  
"Britons generally who have not been across the Atlantic are too ready to talk as if the American people were

of what is loosely termed 'Anglo-Saxon' stock. Those who are leaders among them—the present Cabinet is an example—are often mostly of British descent, it is true."

"The persistence of British names among the Americans who are best known in England is apt to mislead superficial observers. They think of President Wilson, President Taft, President McKinley, President Cleveland, President Grant and President Lincoln."

"They think of Financial Secretary McAdoo and Secretary of War Baker, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Secretary of the Interior Lane, Secretary Houston, Col. House and others."

"At the heads of the biggest businesses, of schools and universities, of large industrial undertakings, are also to be found, more often than not, descendants from British stock."

"But it is a delusion to suppose, as many Englishmen still do, that the United States is still peopled entirely or even mainly, by men and women of British blood. The American population is a mixture, and it gains by being a mixture, just as the British race gained in the ages of its formation by being composed of various elements, Norman, Celtic and Danish, in addition to the Anglo-Saxon."

An Important Alliance  
"The British is still the strongest individual strain in the population of the United States, though for many years

before the war the other strains had, by means both open and secret striven to displace it."

"Now the possibility of that ambition being gratified has passed away. The war will do more, it has done more already, than any other event could have done to mould the different American racial elements into a nation united and distinct."

"It will not be an 'Anglo-Saxon' nation, but its language will be English, its legal and political forms will be derived from those of the British Isles and it will carry on many of the best Anglo-Saxon traditions."

"As Bismarck anticipated correctly the fact of its being an English speaking nation will have a very strong influence upon the history of the world."

"For this coming together of the America people with the peoples of the five independent States which compose the British Empire, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa—this alliance of the English speaking communities for the purpose of upholding law and order and the right to self-government, and respect for treaties and engagements, and fair dealing with small countries—this understanding cannot be permitted to pass away as a mere phase of international relations. It is too valuable, too important for that to be its fate."

### Date in Human Mind

"The French poet and statesman Lamartine called the French Revolution a date in the human mind." He meant by this that it was one of those events which alter not alone institution but also modes of thought. The armies which cannot organized for victory were fighting for something more than their right to be governed democratically and not monarchically."

"They were fighting for the cause dimly perceived to be the cause of mankind. The idea at the back of the revolution was that of a square deal for everybody, small as well as great and not only for individuals but for nations. The very same idea lies at the back of the American and British participation in this war."

### Prejudice Long Standing

"Neither Britain nor the United States had anything to gain by taking part in the European conflict. They would have gained much by keeping out of it. But their sense of right and justice would not let them keep out of it. That is what makes their alliance 'a date in the human mind.'"

"It has taken them a long time to come together. Much misunderstanding, many prejudices have had to be smoothed away. The Americans hated the English because they beat them in the War of Independence. It is always the victors who keep up soreness a longer time than the worsted. The English affected to despise the Americans for their attachment to material interests."

"Dickens wrote unjustly and unkindly for the only time in his life, about his visits to the United States Leigh Hunt trimmed his sail to the breeze of popular feeling when he wrote: I can't get it out of my head that Americans are Englishmen with the

## LONDONERS VIEW LATEST HUN U-BOAT

London, Jan. 2—One of the German U-boats, which has been brought up the Thames to Westminster pier, for London to see, is the latest type of submarine and is equipped with devices that are being studied with interest by naval experts. This boat is the U-C 95, one of the few mine-laying submarines in existence. She was built only about three months ago.

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### Wilson Represents Ideal

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"Mercantilism had been, he said a great blessing to the country. What must be done to prevent its becoming a curse?"

"I answer simply that we must do all we can to rear greater fabrics of religious, philosophic thought, literary thought, scientific, artistic, political thought; to summon young men more and more into these fields, not as a matter of taste or social opportunity, but as a patriotic duty; to hold out before them not the incentive of mere gain or of mere pleasure or of mere reputation, but the ideal of a new and higher civilization."

"It is because this advice has been followed that the American nation chose a President like Mr. Wilson, and that it entered the war, not for any selfish end, but because its sense of justice and human dignity had been outraged, because it felt that the war was a date in the human mind, and that no great nation could be unaffected by the issues raised."

### Allies Stand Together

"The work to be done after the war will be no less urgent, and it is to my mind imperative that the United States, Britain, France, Italy and Belgium should stand together in the doing of it. They must stand together if they want to enforce, as I firmly believe they do, the world principle of the square deal."

"They will stand together and so they will bring about the fulfilment of Bismarck's saying that the fact of North America speaking English was the most important political fact of modern times."

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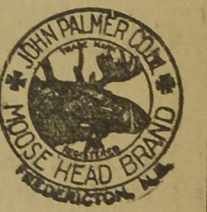
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