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The feeling in the United States has been so outspokenly pro-British that the President has had to urge the public press to abstain in order that the German citizens in that country should not be seriously offended and also that his decree of neutrality should appear more genuine.

"We shall observe President Wilson's neutrality order rigidly. And yet suppose Germany should win? Suppose Germany occupied France, wiped out the British army, and swept the British navy from the sea? Suppose all this had happened and we in the United States had a day or two to think it over? What would we think and what would we do? Our own notion is that if we were guided by ordinary prudence we would instantly recognize the necessity of making our navy not less than seven times as strong as it now is and raising our standing army

to a half million. Our German-American friends who criticize us as being prejudiced against the Fatherland would then themselves realize the real situation. With a triumph of the military spirit and of absolutism in Europe, we Americans would have to step against our wills into the shoes that France has stood in now forty years."

The fight against Napoleon lasted some twenty years. But things move faster today. Europe would be ruined by much less than twenty years of such warfare as is now being waged. The thing is so bad that it cannot possibly last very long. In Locksley Hall, Tennyson predicted the coming of the airship, its use in war, and the "ghastly dew" falling from the skies. This was immediately followed by a prediction of the reign of common sense, the parliament of man, the federation of the world, the furling of the battle flags.

There was wisdom in this association. The old proverb says that when things are at the worst they begin to mend. When the seas are strewn with mines, and the skies are infested with ships that drop bombs, and there is talk of a gun that can send a shot from

Calais to Dover, civilization must feel that it is in danger and must defend itself. The tremendous advance of physical science must be made to serve purposes of construction, not of destruction. For if science is made the servant of destructive agencies, the scientist is degraded to the position of the incendiary.

Consequently even those who predict a long war speak in terms of months rather than of years. There can be no more wars of a hundred years, or thirty years, or twenty years. The world cannot long go on estimated in millions. The men must be released to do useful work. And we believe that they will be ready to consider very seriously some plan by which they will enjoy the fruits of their labor, instead of having them seized as plunder and wasted.

In Vancouver a movement that will meet with the approval of the citizens has been started by the Young Women's Christian Association for the benefit of stenographers and business women at present out of employment. Owing to the general curtailment of staffs in Vancouver and throughout British Columbia, a large number of young women have been thrown out of employment. As they are barred from the rougher sort of manual labor, it is indeed difficult for them to find anything in the way of work. A meeting has been called at the Y. W. C. A. and it is greatly desired that business men of the city attend. It is felt that while much is being done for the dependents of soldiers called away on active service, there is a large class of women and girls who will suffer severely as a direct result of the war and the retrenchment of business. In many instances business girls are comparative strangers in the city and have no relatives from whom they can expect financial assistance, so there is every reason why they should be looked after by some organization and by the city.—Sun.

MAY ABANDON CELEBRATION.

Peace Festivities Would Be Embarrassing While War Is On.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The celebration which was scheduled to take place next spring commemorating the one hundred years of peace between the United States and Great Britain will in all probability be abandoned as a result of the war. It has been reported here. A series of celebrations were planned in about seventy-eight cities and towns in the United States, and large celebrations were to have been held in New York and Washington. Those in charge said that while abandonment of the plan had not been definitely decided upon, Britain had intimated that it would be rather embarrassing for her to participate while she was engaged in a great war herself.

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FRANTIC FLIGHT FROM THE MARNE

French Aviator Describes the Scenes When Germans Were Driven Back.

Paris, Sept. 22.—The best view of the retreating German armies was obtained by a French military aviator, who ascending from a point near Nitry-le-Francois, flew northward across the Marne and then eastward by way of Rheims, down to the region of Verdun and back again, in a zig-zag course to a spot near Soissons. He saw the German hosts not merely in retreat, but in some places in disorderly flight.

"It is a wonderful sight to look down upon these tens of hundreds of thousands of moving men, the long gray columns of the Kaiser's picked troops, some marching in northerly, others in northeasterly directions, and all moving with a tremendous rapidity which was eloquent of their desire to place themselves beyond the reach of the allied armies, who were harassing them every step of the way. The retreat was not confined to the highways, but many German soldiers were running across fields, jumping over fences, crawling through hedges and wending their way through woods without any semblance of order or discipline. These men doubtless belonged to the regiment which was badly cut up in the fierce fighting which preceded the general retreat, being deprived of the majority of its officers and non-commissioned officers. They were a mere rabble of fugitives, many without rifles, having abandoned their weapons in the mad haste to escape the vengeance of French and British pursuers. These scenes of almost panic-stricken flight were witnessed at the end of a week's hard fighting."

BOTHA'S LOYAL SPEECH.

Premier of South Africa Delivers Stirring and Patriotic Utterance.

Capetown, S. A., Sept. 14.—Gen. Botha, Premier of the Union of South Africa, in a speech in the Union Parliament on September 9, said that as the Empire was at war the Union of South Africa was also at war. Their conscience and duty bade them be faithful to the Imperial Government in their hour of trouble.

That was the attitude of the South African Government and of the South African people. The Union defence force had been mobilized and the Union troops at the request of the Government would undertake certain operations in German Southwest Africa.

General Botha dwelt on the righteousness of Great Britain's cause and said that the future of South Africa was being decided on the battlefields of Europe. He alluded to the grant of a constitution in South Africa and to the fact that Great Britain ever since had regarded South Africa as a free people and sister state. As an example of how the Imperial government treated South Africa, he instanced the loan of 7,000,000 pounds sterling which the Imperial government had just made to the Union Government. This was the spirit of co-operation and brotherhood which invariably animated the Imperial Government towards the Union Government on their side were offering South African products for the use of the troops.

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