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**EDITORIALS**

Samuel G. Blythe's articles in the Saturday Evening Post are not generally unfair, but he is quite wrong in his supposition that the terrible war that is now ravaging Europe is caused by trade rivalry between Great Britain and Germany. Great Britain, before the war, admitted the products of Germany and all other countries free of duty except certain revenue duties. If she had been jealous of Germany trade rivalry she would assuredly have imposed protective duties on German goods instead of going to war.

But there is no need to elaborate this point, because the causes of the war are plain. On neither side did trade rivalry play any part. Germany, according to her own showing, went to war to protect Austria and herself from Slavonic influence; went to war with France because France is Russia's ally; and went to war with Belgium because Belgium was the easiest way to France.

Another view is that Germany went to war because of the military and imperialistic ambitions entertained by the Kaiser and his junkers and officers, and fostered by such men as Bernhardi. This, we think, is the true view. Germany had sixty-five millions of people confined in a small territory. She wanted more room, wanted an empire comparable with that of Great Britain or Russia. And as most of the world's available area is now taken up, Germany could get an empire only by violence.

Great Britain went to war not only because of the German attack upon Belgium, but because Germany's whole attitude, her threats against Russia and France, produced great alarm, and aroused the instinct of self-preservation. German treatment of Belgium was bad and without cause. But it does not stand alone. It is a key to German policy. It shows that Germany would ruthlessly trample upon the rights of any nation not powerful enough to defend itself. It was first Belgium, then France, then Russia, which, though strong potentially, was supposed to be unprepared.

Having thus made itself all-powerful on the continent of Europe, Germany would have attacked the British Empire. That, at least, was the fixed belief of the British people, and we are sure that Mr. Blythe must have heard that in England. Why then does he ignore this reason, which accounts perfectly for Great Britain's attitude, and adopt the absurd and fantastic idea that Great Britain is influenced by trade rivalry?

Europe is in arms today because of German ambition—not commercial ambition, but the lust of power, and because Germany has aroused all over Europe the instinct of self-preservation. Great Britain is fighting, not for trade, but for freedom. And that battle for freedom is our battle and the battle of the United States and all other free nations.—Toronto Star.

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**RUSSIAN OFFICER'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE BRITISH TROOPS**

A Russian officer who has been attached to the French armies returned to Petrograd a few days ago. His impressions of service will, wires a correspondent of The Times, both interest and gratify French and British readers.

Respecting the French army, he could only repeat what so many Russian soldiers already knew from personal knowledge and observation. He speaks in terms of unbounded enthusiasm of General Joffre, whose calm and unruffled assurance of victory is a tower of strength.

Russian military circles have been considerably impressed by the modesty of the French war bulletins. It has been noted that General Joffre never boasts of numbers of prisoners and the guns taken.

About the British troops, the Russian officer speaks with delight. "They are immense. The quiet, business-like manner in which they face the day's work is a veritable treat for the eyes, and the moment there is a lull in the fighting they start playing games. I saw them many times break off a friendly encounter among themselves to rush back to the trenches, where they coolly proceeded to pour volleys into the foe."

**HERR BEBEL AND THE WAR.**

The late Socialist generalissimo, Herr Bebel, said: "When Germany goes to war there will be whole armies of our adherents in the fighting ranks. As long as all goes well and victory crowns our banners they can do little but let themselves be swept along on the triumphant flood. But once let the impression take root that Hohenzollern prestige has lost its magic—once let the War Lord's pride be greatly humbled by a genuine disaster to his arms—then prepare for a miracle!"

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**CROWN PRINCE IS BLAMED FOR THE FAILURE OF HIS ARMY**

SAID HE LED THE KAISER'S ARMY INTO FRANCE AND HAVING FAILED IN HIS OBJECT IS NOW MUCH CRITICIZED.

London, Nov. 18.—Telegraphing from Copenhagen, W. Duckworth, special correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, says:

"A neutral subject, who has just returned after a week's stay in Berlin, says the Crown Prince is being blamed for the failure of the German advance in France. The people had put their trust in him to reach Paris within the scheduled time. Now he is being openly attacked for failing to penetrate the French right. "An enormous number of slightly wounded men and boys limp about the streets of Berlin, drive in open motors or are seen in the restaurants and theaters. These are so numerous as to seem to be part of a gigantic street campaign to advertise the army. Every man appears to be decorated with the iron cross. The number of iron crosses distributed now is approaching 100,000.

"Gaiety in the cafes seems forced, many informants say. The general impression is that the people realize that the success of the German arms has been too long delayed. This, along with the mysterious whereabouts of the Kaiser and the awful monotone of statements in the daily reports of the headquarters' staff have, it is feared, some deeper significance. "Winter shadows are black in Berlin. Hundreds of women are in mourning. The people are beginning to learn that they are faced with an economical crisis. It is reflected in the faces of the business men in the street, in the increasing numbers of the unemployed, and in the sudden jump in the cost of living in the last fortnight. More business houses have closed, and still further reduction of salaries have been made by those houses remaining open."

**LONDON DOCTOR'S TRIBUTE TO THE BRITISH SOLDIER**

Dr. Ludwig Tasker, of Alexandra Park, London, who is with the R. A. M. C. at the front, in the course of letters just received, speaks in eulogistic terms of the bravery of the British soldier. If the people of the United Kingdom could see the conditions under which our fellows fight, how they fight, and how they die, the cause of the war has been traced to Martin Luther. Why not keep right on back to Adam and Eve?

I swear that every head would uncover to the colors of any regiment bearing the name of a battle, because that name had been won through the blood of real heroes. Believe me, the Victoria Cross is won over and over again in a single day. They are brave! What if you were to see how the wounded act after the excitement of battle! They suffer their wounds, great and small, without a murmur; they get their wounds dressed, take chloroform, give consent to have their limbs amputated, just as if they were going to have their hair cut. They are gloriously brave. Men who have been in the thick of the fight all day, seen their chums wounded and killed, their own lives not worth a second's insurance, still these men cook their food and go off to sleep, and, most wonderful of all, go back to the thick of it next day.

An officer of the Bedfords, while in the trenches was opening a parcel and a letter from his wife, and in the excitement of the moment I suppose the poor fellow forgot his cover, and he was shot through the heart. A pathetic incident also occurred in the case of a Tommy whom we picked up. He had been shot in the chest. By a curious coincidence the bullet which killed him had also passed through a corresponding spot in a photograph of his wife which he carried with him.

**BROUGHTON STRAIT IS CLOSED FOR DEFENCE**

Authorities at Ottawa Take Measures to Protect Vancouver.

Ottawa, Nov. 16.—It has been officially announced here that the western portion of Broughton Strait, near Vancouver Island, is closed to navigation for purposes of defence. Vessels going by way of Ellen Point Channel are in danger of being fired on, it is announced. While no reason has been assigned officially for this action, it is popularly believed to be due to apprehension as to a possible attack from the German fleet that defeated British warships recently off the coast of Chile.

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