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EDITORIALS

The year 1914 is about to pass out in darkness and gloom. Not for a hundred years have the issues been at stake that 1914 leaves unsolved. Believers in superstition will find it hard to understand why 1913 was not entrusted with this dismal burden. It will be a remarkable coincidence if 1915 should bring somewhat similar results to those of 1815. Democracy and tyranny are again clutching at each other's throats as they were a century ago and perhaps the fates have already arranged another Waterloo. The present is dark but the future is bright because right must reign. Here's to the New Year, therefore, and may it bring us a victorious Waterloo.

The protest made by the United States to Britain is not a warlike act, as a local paper would have the people believe. Neither is it something that has just arisen. The attempt of Britain to prevent her enemies from getting supplies in the United States, which she is entitled to do by international law, has been going on for several months and an agreement with regard to cotton, oil and copper shipments from the States has already been amicably reached. The present protest is over the right to

search ships and is presented as a matter of course and will be solved as all other questions between those two countries have been. As a matter of fact, according to a treaty between those two countries they could not go to war over this issue without first submitting it to arbitration. It is worse than folly to suggest a serious disagreement.

The resolution presented to Congress to prevent the exportation of arms to the Allies can be easily traced to the proper source. The men who are supporting it in Congress both carry German names. The United States is trying very hard to prevent strained relations with Germany while the sentiment of the whole country is strongly pro-British. In this, perhaps, they are showing the usual wisdom of the "children of this world," for they are looking to future business. The President has even forbidden the manufacture of submarines for the Allies in the United States, which is going farther than the law requires. Germany would not object to the States exporting arms if they could get their share. That they cannot do so is part of the advantage that belongs to the strong.

ROYAL YEAST

MAKES PERFECT BREAD

The suggestion that the States should cultivate friendship with Germany in order that Germany might be her ally in a possible fight with Japan, is full of mischief. The American people, however, do not forget that at the time of the Spanish-American war their friends were not in Berlin but in London, and they are not likely to put much value on this bait. The principles that underlie the American democracy are the same that exist throughout the British Empire and are quite antagonistic to those of Germany. Self-interest compels those great countries to work together and with the men at the helm in both countries there is no doubt but that they will.

GOVERNMENT STANDARD DISAPPEARING BRIDGES

(Omineca Herald.)

Once again the bridge went out and once again thousands of dollars in lumber, plank and wages went down the Bulkley.

What bridge went out; the one at Hagwilget which was built by private enterprise?

No! That bridge couldn't go out. It's "not up to the government standard."

Was it the old Indian bridge that did such great service for so many years?

No! The Indians built that. Well, what bridge was it that went out?

Why, the one across the Bulkley from the old town to the foot of that great hill going up to the railway.

I didn't know there ever was one there.

There wasn't but the government officials have been attempting for several months to put one there that is "up to the government standard." This is about three that have already gone down stream.

Are they going to attempt another bridge?

I presume so. There's a lot of voters out of work and in a timber (?) country like this material does not cost much. Then we really must have one bridge in the district "up to the government standard."

Don't you think it would be a lot better to build it "up to the Bulkley standard?"

Hush! Mercy! You're making a suggestion to His Majesty's road and bridge builder. You are apt "to be sued for damages and put out of business in six months."

But why don't they use a good bridge with level grades and a possibility to make a good road.

Man, man! Didn't I tell you to hush? You're asking naughty questions. To get information you should go to Mr. So-and-so. He might tell you. All we are supposed to know is that "it is not up to the government standard." How or why we are not expected to know.

It costs a lot of money to

bridge the mouth of the Bulkley "up to the government standard." Is the government pretty flush just now that such things can be undertaken?

I told you several times to be quiet. Don't speak so harshly; you'll get us all in trouble. Come close and I will whisper what our suppositions are. Now mind, we are not even supposed to have suppositions to think. There is an army of government officials in the old town to do all those little things for us. But, now listen. We have been told several times by different grades of officials that roads would be cut and graded to and from the good bridge that is built on a high level. Nothing has been done yet except the cutting which we did ourselves. We suppose His Majesty's road and bridge builder foresaw the necessity of erecting a bridge across the mouth of the Bulkley "up to the government standard." "Our's not to reason why."

FUTURE EXPOSURES MAY TELL SOME TALES

Mr. H. H. Stevens displayed a deep vein of loyalty at the meeting at Carleton Hall, South Vancouver, when he doubled up his fists and banged into Alvo Von Alvensleben, Count of the German Empire.

Von Alvensleben and Von Etlinger, said Mr. Stevens, were accorded too much courtesy by the people of British Columbia. Mr. Stevens was right. The two Germans were received altogether too kindly in Vancouver and were, even after the war broke out, treated with too much tolerance.

Just how a good British Columbia Conservative can attack the two kinsmen of the Kaiser at this late date and explain satisfactorily the intimate relations in the past between the Conservative party and Alvo and his band, is a puzzling question.

Alvo always had the entre to the Premier's office at Victoria. Alvo, when the crash came, was in very heavy on British Columbia coal lands, timber lands and wild agricultural lands. It is common knowledge that at the Tory trough in British Columbia, Alvo stood head and shoulders above many of the others and sometimes even pushed his front feet into the trough.

It is quite possible that after the story of Alvo Von Alvensleben's connection with the public men of British Columbia is told that Mr. Stevens, Mr. Bowser and Sir Richard will never again be able to wave a flag from a public platform.—Chinook.

GREY SAYS THE UNITED STATES IS WITH BRITAIN

London, Dec. 31.—Sir Edward Grey, speaking in London, said that he was fully conscious of the "great sympathy which existed in the United States in the mighty struggle. If the British fleet and the Empire were destroyed by Germany, the Monroe doctrine, in the enemy's estimation, would not be worth thirty cents."

The wise man learns from observation rather than from experience.

GERMANY DOESN'T WANT A FINISH WAR

New York Deduction From Von Tirpitz Interview Is To That Effect

New York, Dec. 30.—The most significant indication of the attitude of Germany's war leaders that has come from the battle front is contained in Karl Von Wiegand's interview with Admiral Von Tirpitz, head of the German navy. As a frank declaration of the beliefs the war has forced upon the Kaiser's chief advisers, Von Tirpitz's statement is more important even than the recent interview with the German Crown Prince.

Von Tirpitz speaks of Germany's ability to keep the war going as long as Great Britain desires, but his words seem to be shadowed by a spirit of desperation.

He suggests sternly that if Great Britain persists in fighting for an overwhelming decision, Germany will have to protect herself regardless of means, but simply in accordance with the first law of nature. The British must be terrorized into reasonableness, is Von Tirpitz's real message to the world.

He defines how this can be done. He wants to know what America would say if Germany ordered her submarines to torpedo England's merchant marine. It has been a recognized rule of modern warfare that unarmed ships of the enemy cannot be sunk unless all souls aboard are rescued. Von Tirpitz's proposition, however, is to make submarine raids against these trading vessels and torpedo them as warships are torpedoed, sending all souls to the bottom.

Only a condition of desperation can explain a suggestion of this character being made by the responsible head of the German navy.

PATRIOTIC EMESIS.

Henry White, first secretary of the American Legation at London, tells a story of some German and English officers who were dining together before the war. After the dinner an Englishman, to show his respect for the German Emperor, lifted a brimming glass, in which he toasted Wilhelm II. After he sat down he waited for a time for a return toast to King George. Noting that it was not given, he asked the Germans if they were going to comply with the custom. Receiving a negative answer, the Englishman arose, and, assuming a threatening attitude, shouted:

"You'll toast my sovereign, or," as he put his long middle finger in his mouth, "up comes your blooming Kaiser."

The toast was given.—New York Times.

The secret of health lies in a careful selection of food and thorough mastication, says an expert. A case of pick and chews.

The Kaiser is said to be composing a hymn to celebrate "The Day." But the most appropriate one will be "The Day That Is Past and Over."

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