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EDITORIALS

The sorrows of Poland, if written down, would fill a very large volume. The tragedy of the conquest and partition of this brave nation, a century and a half ago, was long the favorite example, for poets and orators, of a great international crime.

But evidently the sufferings of the Poles are not yet at an end, and in some sections of their country their condition is more deplorable than it has been for many years, if ever before.

It is over the Polish province of Eastern Prussia, Russia and Austria that the desolating tide of battle has swept back and

forth, causing widespread suffering and horror on every hand. More than five hundred towns, chiefly occupied by Poles, are reported to have been destroyed in the course of the fighting which has surged back and forth over this territory.

One of the ghastly tragedies of the war is the way in which compulsory military service has forced Poles to fight against Poles. There are great numbers of them in the Russian army; and perhaps as many more in the ranks of the Austrians and the Germans.

International law no longer permits a conqueror, like Napoleon, to force the troops of a beaten army to take service

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under his banner and possibly to lead them against their own countrymen. But virtually such a fate has befallen the Poles this year; the far-off consequences of breaking up and partition of their ancient kingdom having been to set them in unnatural battle array against each other.

PROHIBITION PROVES FRANCE'S SALVATION

Enabling People to Withstand Emotional Shock of War—Helping Birth Rate.

Paris, Jan. 19.—The French people are enduring the emotional strain of the war well, said Prof. Anatole Chauffard, an eminent member of the French Academy of Medicine, speaking yesterday at the Academy.

Normal persons, he declared, had adapted themselves courageously to the agonies and uncertainties which suddenly had broken up all their customary habits of thought, action and feeling, but in the case of certain emotional subjects the emotional shock had resulted in mental confusion and excitement or in depression, and these, attacking the nervous instability, had produced grave disorders.

The early closing of wine shops and cafes, the prohibition of the sale of absinthe, and physical education, Prof. Chauffard said, were among the things which explained the strength of the race supporting, the shock also would contribute to the restoration of the birth rate and to the moral and physical condition of the nation.

COPPER IMPORTS INCREASE EXPLAINED BY SWEDEN

Growing Domestic Consumption—Electrification of Railroads Contributed.

London, Jan. 19.—The Swedish Legation has issued a statement concerning copper imports to Sweden, which purports to show an increase of 1,479,374 kilograms (4,794,623 pounds) over 1913. It points out, however, that of this increase 853,334 kilograms (1,879,534 pounds) were imported since the war started.

RUMORS RIFE IN SOUTH THAT GERMANS PROPOSE RAID ON WINNIPEG CITY

So Persistent Are the Reports, Canadians Spending Winter in Los Angeles Notify the Government.

Winnipeg, Jan. 13.—Rumors are thick in Los Angeles of a proposed raid on Winnipeg by German reservists in the United States. January 27 is the date set for the attack. So persistent are the reports and so numerous are the phases that give color of probability to them that Canadians spending the winter in California are taking the matter seriously and have sent messages to the Canadian government.

"Several years ago—was able to do a German reservist a very great favor, and he in return called him up last Friday to say he wanted to see him and go to his place at once, which he did. The burden of his trouble was that, knowing he had considerable property interests in Winnipeg, he wished to warn him of impending danger and to take some steps to protect his Winnipeg property.

"This man was appointed by a German officer to go to Winnipeg, which he said, was the point of attack, together with Port Arthur and Fort William, in order to cut off the grain and other supplies at these points. He said the recruiting officers told him that there were now about 20,000 Germans in Winnipeg, and virtually all were armed, and about 200,000 would make the attack. The date was about January 27."

According to the writer he was told by a detective that the plans of the reservists were to ship as many trucks as they could near the Canadian border as quietly as possible, with the armor plate in boxes in a knock-down state, ready to be bolted together to form armored trucks. The expedition would then move to Winnipeg.

JOHN REDMOND AGAIN HEADS IRISH LEAGUE

Annual Meeting Congratulates Irish Nation on Self-Government.

Dublin, via London, Jan. 20.—John Redmond has been re-elected president of the United Irish League at the annual meeting of the directorate held here.

Resolutions were adopted congratulating the Irish nation on the triumphal end of the ambition of the last forty years for a national self-government, but maintaining that in view of the critical situation which might arise in the near future the continued existence of the national organization until the crisis has passed is vitally essential.

Selects Rhodes Scholar. Halifax, N. S., Jan. 18.—Harry McCleave, of Stewiacke, N. S., has been elected by the senate of Dalhousie University as the Rhodes scholar for 1915.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S HAT IN THE RING

Vigorously Defends His Policies in Notable Address to Indianapolis Democrats.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 8.—President Wilson shied his hat into the ring for 1916 today. He flung down the gauntlet to his enemies and made a vigorous defence of his policies in his long-awaited address before the Indiana Democratic Club in the Hoosier metropolis.

He declared the people of the nation probably would have opportunity to show whether they believed his administration was a success or not. His audience took up his words and long cheers, ending in "1916," which echoed through the hall, gave prolonged approval of his challenge.

Defends "Watchful Waiting." President Wilson announced himself as in favor of a national employment bureau for the first time in his political career; he staunchly defended his policy of "watchful waiting" in Mexico; he held the Republican party up to scorn as an organization which had a "new idea in thirty years," and declared that the courts of the nation must adopt speedier methods of administering justice in the near future.

He called upon the people of the United States to cast their gaze upon the European war if they would be satisfied with life in a free and peaceful republic.

"Love the Democratic party, but I love the country more," he said. He declared that when even the Democratic party ceased to be the party of progress he would leave it.

The President declared that the new currency act had been responsible for the first January in many decades in which money stringency had not occurred.

Congress' Great Record. "The present Congress has the most remarkable record of any since the Civil War," he declared.

He also created a sensation by asserting that if last November's election had been a Presidential election the Democratic party would have had a majority of 180 votes in the electoral college.

The President's address is regarded in all quarters as by far the most important utterance of his political career, and as the signal for all his supporters to rally to his side for his coming fight for renomination.

GEN. LEMAN, PRISONER OF KAISER, HONORED

Paris, Jan. 19.—A bust of General Leman, the defender of Liege, who is now a prisoner of the Germans, was crowned with a wreath of laurel in the presence of representatives of the French and Belgian governments and 5,000 spectators in the Trocadero here. During the ceremony Jean Richepin, the dramatist, declaimed "The Marseillaise."

Because a man takes off his hat in an elevator it is no sign that he will not growl about the cooking at home.

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