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EDITORIALS

Prof. Eucken and Haeckel wrote a letter setting forth the German case and addressed it to the American universities. "The German University League" handled the letter in the United States, sending it to the leading professors in different universities, and asking them to reply confidentially with any communications of questions that they would like to have forwarded to Professors Eucken and Haeckel for answer. Prof. Albion W. Small, dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Literature in the University of Chicago, was one of those written to in this way, and there has appeared in the Chicago Tribune the letters from the German League and the German professors and Prof. Small's reply. He had no desire, he said, to have his letter regarded as confidential, but on the contrary, could wish that it might reach all who had received the letter from the two German professors.

Prof. Small studied long in Germany, married a German wife, and has always been known as one who did his best to introduce German ideas into American education. But all this has nothing to do with the great issues now before the world. Prof. Small declares that he is "obliged with sorrow to testify that in my judgment the present crisis has overtaken the wisdom of German professors. He goes on: "The fundamental requirement of German scientific methodology for a century has been objectivity. The astonishing fact in every utterance about the war which has reached this country from German professors has been the utter collapse of an objective attitude as viewed from the detached standpoint. "Whether the explanation lies chiefly in the extraordi-

WILL SHELVE SCHEME OF LAND SETTLEMENT FOR TWELVE MONTHS

Mr. C. E. Tisdall Says He Understands This to Be Intention of Government but Will Not Committee Himself.

Vancouver, Jan. 23.—It was intimated by Mr. C. E. Tisdall, M. P., yesterday to The Sun that the land settlement measures proposed some time ago to be introduced at the coming session of the Provincial Legislature are to be shelved for a year. Mr. Tisdall was not certain of this, but said it was what he understood was the intention of the government. It will be a big disappointment throughout the province if such is the case, he said. The government expended thousands of dollars in wages and expenses of a royal commission of investigation. Mr. Alexander Lucas, M. P. for Yale District, was sent to Australia and New Zealand to study the land settlement laws of those countries. Numerous sessions in all districts of the province were held. The investigation extended over several months.

INDIA'S MARTIAL ENTHUSIASM HAS SURPRISED THE WORLD

AUTHORITIES ARE CROWDED WITH APPLICATIONS OF MEN WISHING TO FIGHT—OLD SOLDIERS FROM ENDS OF WORLD FLYING TO COLORS.

A wave of enthusiasm, unparalleled since the mutiny of 1857, has swept over the Sikhs and other martial clans of India, and every native regiment is eager to be sent to the firing line in Europe. Every contingent raised for European service is swamped with recruits, and those who perforce must be left behind are pestering the life out of the military authorities to induce them to form still larger regiments for service abroad. At least so we learn from a Sikh organ, the Khalsa Advocate, published at Amritsa in the Punjab, which reports that this warlike community, the backbone of "the native army of India," has been spoiling for a fight, and the European conflict has given it the very opportunity it desired. The language in which this is stated is characteristic: "In the past days of peace, when the military Sikhs basked in the sun and whiled away their time in hearing old tales and legends, they used to feel dozy, and, even when the story was at its highest pitch, went to sleep. They always aspired to war, in which they expected to win laurels for those on whose salt they have been idly feeding themselves for years. They used to fly, even without being asked to a place where questions concerning the war were at issue. Their arms always throbbed for swords with which they might make slaughter of all the enemies of the British government, and their genuine nature could only be determined by their constitution. Luckily, as we would call it, for those 'desperadoes' it so happened that the chance of showing their rightly vaunted bravery soon came to hand. Their hearts were buoyed up with hope, and nearly all the Sikhs, though even in some cases they had to entreat their officers, managed to go to the front. Following their example, even those Jats (cultivators of the military caste) who had never handled a sword, began to wander about like madmen asking everybody who came in their way if there was any chance of their recruitment. Accordingly, as soon as their desires were fulfilled, they felt as happy as if they had won in the field."

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Prof. Small declares his inability to understand how eminent German professors could resort to such reasoning as they employ, unless they presuppose an incapacity on the part of American professors to detect plain substitution of opinion for reality. He advises German professors to cease addressing their unconvincing appeals to America, as they are accomplishing nothing except to destroy that respect for their intellect that was once world-wide.—Toronto Star.

The commission has prepared a report and submitted recommendations, and the government has made much capital out of the fact that the commission has been at work, and had submitted recommendations for British Columbia. People were beginning to look forward to some definite land settlement scheme and financial aid to farmers as an inducement to settle the non-productive agricultural lands of British Columbia. Residents of the cities naturally would expect that one of the first outcomes of the government land legislation would be an inclination of prices downward.

British Columbia imports now almost everything her people eat. Steamer loads of vegetables, etc., are brought from the Puget Sound country. California contributes largely to the food of the province. New Zealand and Australia ship butter here by the ton. Even China helps feed British Columbia with her industrious hens. Perhaps the province needs nothing more than land settlement at the present time.

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London, Jan. 23.—Arthur Granville Bradley, well known writer on British North America, in The Spectator says that there is obviously much misconception in this country regarding the nature of the German element in the United States and Canada respectively. The noisy portion of the States, he says, is of recent importation, but the bulk of the Teutonic-Canadians, on the other hand, have been for generations in the country and came out of various German states long before United Germany or German ideas existed.

Speaking of the German communities in Canada, Mr. Bradley remarks: "These, it is true, retained their national characteristics with a curious tenacity, but one cannot imagine these 'ever loyal British-Canadians,' as they have proved themselves, sympathizing with modern Germany or Kaiserism."

We would give friendly warning to President Wilson that the present is a time for extreme care and caution in any action which will have a bearing upon our foreign relations, especially upon the course of the war, at this moment, when Germany is intriguing right and left, doing everything to array the United States against Japan, one of the Allies; when Germany has already succeeded in dragging Turkey to certain ruin, and is seeking by every means to stir up trouble in China, India and South Africa, there is no telling what pitfall may be dug for the feet of an amiable statesman.—New York Herald.

BEWARE! MR. WILSON.

Old Sikh soldiers, who had retired from the army and had even emigrated to parts of the world remote from India, flew to the colors when they heard of the war. How great was the enthusiasm among them can be gathered from the London Indian Magazine and Review, in which the following story appeared: "We had practical demonstration of the wide-spread desire of Indians to take part in the war when a tall, vigorous Sikh, from the Argentine, arrived at headquarters, unexpected and unannounced. While working peacefully on a sugar plantation, a thousand miles inland from Buenos Ayres, he heard of the war

FRASER MILLS REOPEN DEMAND FOR LUMBER

Victoria, Jan. 25.—There is good news for the Comox district in the announcement that the Canadian Western Lumber Company at Fraser Mills is to reopen after being closed down for some time. An order for three million feet of lumber has been received from the United Kingdom. The shipment will be despatched through the Panama Canal. Employment will be given to 350 men. The lumber business is expected gradually to improve, and the company expects to keep its big mill in operation continuously.

No Rest For The Wicked

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