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## EDITORIALS

The barbaric methods of Germany in the present war is on everybody's lips. The crime of Belgium, the needless attack on non-combatants by both soldiers and airmen, and their recent decision to sink all merchantmen irrespective of the non-combatants aboard, has stamped that country with a mark that is far more vile than the mark of Cain. Perhaps, however, the worst part of the whole matter is their attempt to justify their actions as necessary in order to break down the resistance of their opponents. The London New Statesman, in an able article on the subject, shows how this method of warfare has failed in the past. The following is a quotation in part:

"Whether bullying ever pays or not is a question which it is not easy to answer. Clearly, there has always been a great deal of bullying in the relations between strong and weak peoples, as there has been in the relations between strong and weak men. The big Empire has not won its way to its present position by what is called brotherly love any more than the big landlord or the big manufacturer has. On the other hand, there is all the difference in the world between bullying within limits and bullying without mercy. The Roman Republic bullied its provinces without mercy; the Roman Empire by comparison bullied them within limits. The merciless sort of bullying has usually been done either in the name of religion or in the name of culture. Nearly all the great acts of mercilessness which stain the pages of history were interpreted in terms of some lofty purpose like that with which the German apologists justify their creed of ruthlessness today.

"Alva felt no pang of remorse for his cruelties in the

Low Countries. On the contrary, he boasted that, apart from all the thousands he had slain in battle and massacre afterwards, he had delivered over 18,000 people to the executioner. Almost certainly, at the time he had no doubt that he was establishing Spanish and Catholic culture in the Low Countries for ever. But what remains of Spain and her conquering hosts in those parts now? Nothing but a memory and reviling. It would be straining language a little, however, to describe Alva's 'Court of Blood' as a crime of culture. We find a much better example of the ruthlessness of culture in the scarcely less famous massacre of Glencoe. Here was a crime plotted by a statesman as civilized as the most civilized of Germans.

"The Master of Stair," as Macaulay says, was 'one of the first men of his time, a jurist, a statesman, a fine scholar, an eloquent orator.' He was good-natured, not disposed to cruelty, had no personal reason to wish the Glencoe men any ill, and 'there is not the slightest reason to believe that he gained single pound Scots by the act which has covered his name with infamy.' His aim in planning the most treacherous of crimes was neither personal greed nor personal glory. 'His object,' in the words of Macaulay, 'was no less than a complete dissolution and reconstruction of society in the Highlands . . .'

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BERLIN NEWSPAPER  
GROWS PESSIMISTIC

Copenhagen, Feb. 11.—The Berliner Tageblatt in its leading article yesterday said:

"Contrary to official predictions it is uncertain whether Germany's hopes will be fulfilled and she will be victorious. We know the enemy's strength at present, but not his strength in the future."

## IS THAT WHAT HE WANTED?

The present activities of the Nationalists in Quebec under the leadership of Mr. Bourassa having attracted the notice of the Cleveland Plain-Dealer that paper undertakes editorially to explain to its readers the nature of this political movement. It says:

"The Nationalists do not profess to desire complete separation from England. They do demand, however, the establishment of an Imperial Parliament, in which laws for the Empire may be framed by representatives of all the self-governing dominions. Until the establishment of such a representative Imperial government they advise against helping the Mother Country in her hour of need."

The Cleveland paper is quite justified in drawing from Mr. Bourassa's deliverances the inference that what he wants is the closest kind of Imperial Federation, with a central Parliament meeting in London, attended by representatives from Canada and other parts of the Empire. Is that what he wants? He is not satisfied with things as they are, nor does he approve of the voluntary way in which Canada is assisting Britain with men and money in the war. He complains that we have no voice in the British government that declares war, and therefore should not assist in the work of prosecuting war. He seems to want Canada to be represented in a Parliament at London, and if this is his wish then a Nationalist is but an Imperial Federationist under another name.

If this is what Mr. Bourassa is trying to say, that he wants to snuggle closer, to make the Empire more Imperial, centralized, and compact, he has been a much misunderstood man. —Toronto Globe.

TIME TO CONSIDER  
TOLERABLE PEACE

London, Feb. 11.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Copenhagen asserts that Baron Buri, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, at his recent meeting with the German Emperor, drew a doleful picture of the plight of the Dual Monarchy, and urged that the time had arrived for the Germanic powers to consider most seriously the possibilities for a tolerable peace.

The difference between opportunity and the rest of us is that old Op only knocks once.

ATTITUDE OF ITALY  
CONDEMNS GERMANY

Failure to Aid Triple Alliance  
Shows That the Kaiser Was  
Aggressor in War

William Roscoe Thayer, of Boston, whose "Life and Times of Cavour," established his rank as a historian, and who is admitted to be one of the leading American authorities upon Italy, points out that Italy's failure to join Germany and Austria is sufficient condemnation of the Teutonic Allies. As a partner of the Triple Alliance, she was bound to come to the support of Germany and Austria if they were attacked. She was specifically exempted from participation if they were the aggressors.

Italy had all the evidence before her, more evidence, probably, than is contained in all the White Papers. She was alternately threatened and coaxed by Germany. Yet she refused. As Mr. Thayer says, what more proof is wanted that Austria and Germany were the aggressors?

The Kaiser asserted that the sword was forced into his hand, that France had violated Belgian neutrality, that the war was one of defence against Russia, against the "navyism" of England. The sufficient answer to all this is the attitude of Italy.

## Would not Fight England.

One interesting fact about the Triple Alliance, which Mr. Thayer gives on the authority of "the dean of Italian statesmen," who wrote to him a couple of months ago, and that has not previously been made public, is that Italy was specifically released from going to war with England, even if England should have waged offensive warfare against Germany or Austria.

There were two good reasons for this provision. In the first place, there has been a very strong friendship between Britain and Italy since the war for independence. In Palmerston and Lord John Russell Italy found valuable political allies. A similarity of national ideals, and the fact that there were no points of friction in foreign policy, caused uninterrupted good feeling.

Another reason for Italy's refusal to be a party to a war against England was the fact that when the Triple Alliance was entered upon Britain dominated the Mediterranean, just as Britain and France now dominate it. Every coast city in Italy could be destroyed by the British navy, and the greatest armies in the world could not save it.

Mr. Thayer reviews some of the reasons that Italy has ill-will against both Germany and Austria. She realizes now that she was tricked by Bismarck, and that her original fears of France, which were the chief Italian reasons for the Triple Alliance, were unfounded.

She feared that by abolishing the temporal authority of the Pope she had incurred the implacable hostility of the two great Catholic countries, Austria and France. She could not be sure that either or both of them would not conspire to restore the Pope to his old position.

Moreover, there was bad blood

between Austria and Italy, and Bismarck suggested that if Italy entered the alliance she would at one stroke protect herself against both of her potential enemies. Events have proved that Italy needed no protection from France; and as for her relations with Austria it might be said that war was the only injury that she was not made to suffer. Indeed, it was part of Bismarck's policy to encourage enmity between the other partners of the alliance.

## No Profit for Italy.

Italy has made nothing out of the alliance. The only territory that she has been permitted to acquire, Tripoli, she had to seize in opposition to her partners' wishes, for Mr. Thayer says that if Italy had not taken Tripoli Germany would have done so, although this move would have cost her the friendship of Turkey, which has been important in her recent policy.

He says that Italy ought to have been wise enough to see that without any alliance at all Germany would have been bound to defend Italy in the event of an attack from France. She has found, too, that Italian and German ideals are fundamentally opposed to each other.

The Italians, like all other Europeans, have resented the arrogance of the Germans, and since Bismarck took the helm in Germany not one word has been said by a German sovereign or minister of sympathy with democracy or freedom.

## Sympathy With Allies.

In view of all these facts, Mr. Thayer does not believe it possible that Italy will remain neutral throughout the war. Self-preservation demands that she shall not see Germany triumph, for her statesmen know, probably having had it on the authority of the Kaiser, that in the event of a German triumph Italy would be the next victim.

An even stronger motive, if, indeed, there could be a stronger motive, will impel the Italians to fight side by side with the Allies. In their past civilization and in their modern ideals they belong with the Western powers, for they know the origin of their independence. German militarism is as much abhorred by the Italians as by the Americans. Italy's motto is the motto of Cavour, who said: "I am the son of Liberty. To her I owe all that I am."

SEATTLE RUSSIAN CONSUL  
HAS JURISDICTION HERE

Seattle, Feb. 11.—Nicholas Bogaiavlenky, Russian consul at Seattle, has been notified that his office has been raised to a consular generalship, with jurisdiction over Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Alaska, and British Columbia. There are only two other Russian consular generals in the United States—at San Francisco and Chicago.

## DIXIE PASSES OVER.

Dixie, my faithful old buggy horse, died several days ago and was given a nice burial. Sleepy staggers and old age was the cause of her death. She was about 24 years old. A place is vacant that never can be filled. Mrs. Robert Davis.—Obituary in Tri-county, Ark., News.

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