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EDITORIALS

The London Times says that the Germans are intentionally exaggerating their shortage of food in order to excuse their foul intention to torpedo merchantmen. "They are whining with full stomachs." "When the German people," says The Times, "cry aloud to the four winds of heaven that they are about to starve, we simply do not believe them. If we reckon in the slightest degree upon the lack of food impairing their fighting capacity, we merely allow them very clumsily to deceive us. At the same time it is manifest that they are feeling the general economic pressure exerted by the royal navy, and the prolongation of the war, which they calculated would be over by Christmas. The need to seek an early decision is more incumbent upon them than ever. They are drawing upon their last two million men, and if they do not win successes soon they can never hope to gain them."

While it may be true that the Germans are not yet in need of actual necessities, it is possible that a real menace is nevertheless pending. According to published statistics, the German grain supply always falls short of the actual demands. If the war is to continue throughout the summer, however, there will be a big drain on their supplies for seed to prepare for next year's crop. The same thing applies to their meat supply. They cannot kill off all their flocks if they are looking at all to the future. The Allies are prepared to fight this battle for years. Can Germany do it?

The prolongation of the war beyond the coming summer will have an important bearing for Canada and the outlying parts of the Empire. If it is to be fought into 1916 it will mean that another one or two million men will be required and that every available man in Canada must shoulder his gun. The issues that will be at stake in the next few months when the big armies begin to move will be immense. The moment must be looked forward to with anxiety by the men who are playing the cards.

The Paris Temps gives extracts from two hitherto unpublished letters of Mr. Rudyard Kipling to a French friend containing observations on the war. Mr. Kipling says: "I tell everyone what everyone

tells me, the war will last three years; but in the bottom of my heart I cannot believe it, and then I wonder how long the Boche will hold out when the war is carried into his own country." Mr. Kipling thinks that the German will not long resist on his own soil. Further on the writer expresses the opinion as a layman that the German will not dare to abandon the lines which they occupy at present, but more probably will strengthen these lines, using up their last reserves. In this case it would be possible to break through finally without great loss. Alluding to his recent visits to the New Army, Mr. Kipling says: "I had never seen a volunteer army of a nation. The result astonished me. It is a new force in a new world."

FINED FOR RAGGING.

Penalty for \$5 Each Suspended During Girls' Good Behavior.

Pendleton, Ore., March 5.—Seven girls of Pilot Rock were convicted in the recorder's court at that town last night of having ragged at a lodge social and were fined \$5 each. The fines were suspended during good behavior. Nine young men had been tried previously for participation in the ragging on the same occasion and seven were convicted. Two served sentences in jail in default of fines. A city ordinance of Pilot Rock makes ragging a misdemeanor.

Steamer's Registry Suspended.

Washington, March 4.—Notice has been given by the Department of Commerce that the steamer M. S. Dollar, of San Francisco, a British vessel admitted under the new law, had been suspended from American registry. No reason is assigned.

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VISCOUNT BRYCE SAYS THAT AMERICA IS GENUINE NEUTRAL

London, March 5.—Viscount Bryce, in an article which was published in The Daily Chronicle on "The Position of the United States in the War," says it is a complete error to assume that those who bear a German name or who own to German blood belong to the pro-German party.

"The children of Europeans who are born in America," Viscount Bryce continued, "grow up normal American citizens for all practical purposes. Their loyalty is to the Stars and Stripes and their feeling for the land of their parents is comparatively weak. What is called the German vote is in some few cities a force to be reckoned with. But when those who lead try to use it as a means for applying political pressure in such cases as this the native Americans resent such an attempt, for with them it is a fundamental principle that Americans must have no loyalty save to the United States, and the great bulk of even hyphenated German-Americans would refuse to respond."

United States Really Neutral.

As to the neutrality of the American government, Mr. Bryce adds, both sides have blamed it, and the government points to this as the best proof of its impartiality. One party, he says, moved by the tragic fate of Belgium, censured the government for having failed to protest "against the violation of Belgian territory and the flagrant breaches of the rules of warfare prescribed by The Hague convention."

"But," says Viscount Bryce, "it is right that neither side of the case should be put to the United States, the greatest of the neutral powers. The administration might conceive that many questions will arise during the war in which the rights of all the neutrals will be involved, and it might think that the authority with which the United States can speak would be weakened if at the outset its government takes up a position adverse to one or the other party to the struggle. However high the motive, its impartiality would thereafter be questioned."

The Attack on Belgium.

Arguing that the attack on Belgium was a clear breach not only of the convention of 1907, but of the fundamental principles of international law, Viscount Bryce says the breaches which followed rested at first on statements which needed confirmation and that "any government might feel that before protesting against the treatment of noncombatants it needed further evidence which would carry certainty to every fair mind."

"Add to this ground for caution the fact that the United States has always, following the advice of George Washington, endeavored to keep clear of European entanglements in Old World diplomacy."

Regarding the questions of international law and usage which have arisen between the United

States and the belligerents, Viscount Bryce says:

"When a neutral is urged by its citizens to remonstrate with belligerents upon the exercise of any rights which the belligerents claim, it cannot, unless convinced that there is no substance in the grievance, do otherwise than comply."

MUST RUN GAUNTLET OF NEW DEFENCES

Paris, March 4.—Reports have reached Paris of damage to the bombarding vessels in the Dardanelles, but so far as it can be ascertained by inquiries at Tenedos, no serious damage has been done.

Although the allied fleet, under the British vice admiral, S. H. Carden, has entered the Dardanelles, it still has a distance of forty-five miles to go before it reaches the Sea of Marmora, and then it has a hundred miles farther to go to Constantinople. The first task will be to sweep away the mines with which the channel of the Dardanelles is thickly strewn, especially at the western end.

Then the fleet will have to run the gauntlet of the new fortifications erected on both the European and Asiatic side, for a distance of fifty miles until the narrowest point, only a mile wide, between Kilebahi and Kaler Kalesi, is reached. Lines of earthworks and entrenchments have been constructed along both shores, and on the hills back of the forts in the Gallipoli Peninsula all the way to the Sea of Marmora. Presumably these will have to be taken by landing parties.

At the narrow point mentioned are the strongest forts guarding the Dardanelles, nine on the European side and three on the Asiatic side, which also must be reduced before the fleet can proceed.

ROCKEFELLER DOCTOR FINDS LOCKJAW CURE

Injection of Epsom Salt Solution in Spine Expected to Save Hundreds of Lives in War.

New York, March 4.—A method of decreasing the great total of losses in the European war through the treatment of tetanus victims has been discovered by Dr. J. S. Meltzer, of the Rockefeller Institute. Twenty-five instruments for use in bestowing the treatment have been manufactured. These will be presented to the foremost surgeons of the nations at war.

According to the announcement of the Rockefeller Institute, Dr. Meltzer found that one injection of a solution of magnesium sulphate (epsom salts) into the spinal membrane will produce a complete relaxation of the body for hours. This injection relieves the convulsions.

The guess that hits the bullseye always passes for good judgment.

FRENCH PRESIDENT WROTE OF PEACE TO KING GEORGE

London, Mar. 2.—Correspondence between President Poincare, of France, and King George, of England, just before the outbreak of the war has been published here. In a letter dated July 31 President Poincare expressed the opinion that "war would be inevitable if Germany were convinced that the British government would not intervene." On the other hand, he said, "there would be the greatest chance that peace would remain unbroken if Germany were convinced that the British government would intervene."

"It is true," added M. Poincare, "that our military and naval arrangements leave complete liberty to Your Majesty's government."

The French President recalled the close friendship between the two countries and the confidence with which they had worked together for the maintenance of peace as justifying him in using the utmost frankness. He closed his letter thus:

"It is, I consider, on the language and action of the British Government henceforth that the last chances of a peaceful settlement depend. I am profoundly convinced at the present moment that the more Great Britain, France and Russia can give a deep impression that they are united in their diplomatic action the more possible will it be to count upon the preservation of peace."

King George, in replying, thanked President Poincare for the frankness with which the latter had expressed himself and added:

"I am personally using by best endeavors with the Emperors of Russia and Germany toward finding some solution by which actual military operations may at any rate be postponed and time thus given for calm discussion between the Powers. I intend to prosecute these efforts without intermission so long as any hope remains for an amicable settlement."

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