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EDITORIALS

According to a private but published letter by Dr. Dernburg, who represents in a semi-official capacity the German government in the United States, an "equitable solution" of the present European problem would include perpetual possession of Belgium. The mere fact that the attack made by Germany on Belgium was the occasion of Great Britain's decision to enter the contest shows how absurdly impossible such a condition is.

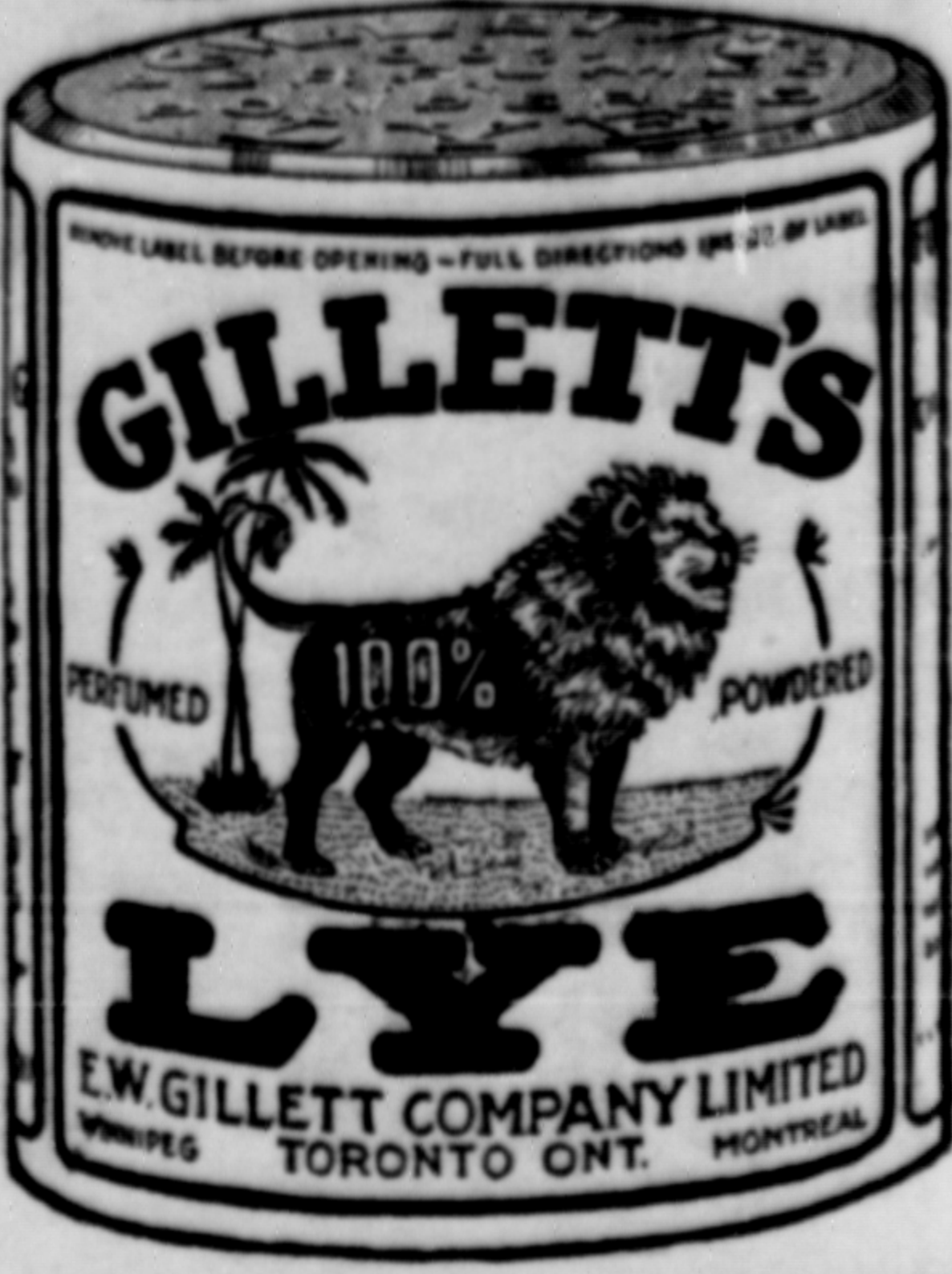
The only alternative offered for the ownership of Belgium is a "guaranteed free sea," which Great Britain cannot concede as he defines the expression. In any proper meaning of it Germany possesses now as much of the freedom of the sea as Great Britain does. Her ships in time of peace can go where they please throughout the while of the British Crown colonies and trade with their people on precisely the same terms as British ships enjoy. This is all Germany is entitled to, and it is all she is likely ever to get.

Dr. Dernburg raises the question whether the attack on Belgium was "a breach of international law." This purblindness is on his part a mere affectation. He knows perfectly well that it was one of the grossest and most iniquitous violations of the law of nations known to history; absolutely

unprovoked and inexcusable. He knows that the violated treaty bound Belgium to defend her territory against both France and Germany, and that this was frankly admitted by both powers in 1870. In one sentence he says: "Germany does not believe in conquering and subjugating unwilling nations," and that "no such attempts have ever been permanently successful." In the very next sentence he says Germany has conquered Belgium "with untold sacrifice of blood and treasure," because "it offers to German trade the only outlet to an open sea." There is no German population in Belgium, but there are French and Flemish people in abundance. This lapse into frankness was fortunate in the interest of truth.

Germany will no terms of peace offered to her except by all three of the great allied powers, and she will have to ask them before she gets them. The financing of the war for years to come has been arranged. The armies are all ready, waiting only for an adequate supply of ammunition. The remainder of the war in the west will be an inferno of artillery fire. If Germany desires to escape the ordeal which is just beginning she can do so, but not on Dr. Dernburg's terms.—Toronto Globe.

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SOLDIERS AT WILLOWS AIR THEIR COMPLAINTS

There have been rumors for some time that the soldiers at The Willows were not treated in a manner befitting men who had offered their lives to their country but the following letter, addressed to the Victoria Times seems to show at least one abuse of authority:

To the Editor—About twelve hundred men at The Willows who, though they are prohibited from saying or doing anything against the orders of their superiors, were but yesterday free citizens of the Dominion and as such entitled to their rights and a hearing as anyone.

Below is a copy of Regimental Order No. 270, 48th Battalion, C. E. F.: Stoppage of Pay: "Five dollars will be deducted from each man's pay on April 30th and May 10th, 1915. Such money will be carried on the pay list as credit, and should a man be discharged within six months money will be expended in buying civilian clothing; if not discharged, the money will be paid to men at the end of six months. If a soldier deserts this amount is forfeited."

Every man who has enlisted will obviously be able to go away in the clothes he came with—in the event of his being discharged—so the chief reason for above is said to be "as a security against desertion."

The government is apparently legitimate picking for agents and contractors, but when about 2 per cent of the men who enlist—with the full knowledge that the country's services may call for their lives—decide to desert and take a shirt or pair of government socks with them then it is time to dook ten dollars off every man in the battalion. Some, it is true, have joined because they needed a meal-ticket, but by far the greater majority left good jobs and comfortable homes in order to do the right thing by our country and we intend doing so to the bitter end, but we at least expect to be paid what is coming to us while doing it.

A private soldier is not permitted to ask questions, but we would like to know whether the head of the militia thinks that the oath of Canada's manhood is of less security than ten dollars or whether some of the "higher ups" need the use of about twelve thousand dollars for six months.

If you will kindly publish above it may help a little towards fighting what we consider a wrong, and also help the people of Victoria by having \$12,000 spent in the city which the country would otherwise never see.

SOLDIER.

COSTS TO EAT HOLES IN TRUST CO. FUNDS

Vancouver, April 29.—That the bill of costs for the preliminaries in the liquidation of the Dominion Trust will be carried to an appeal is practically admitted by those who are in the know and interested in the curtailment of the expenses attaching to the proceedings. The expenses are much higher than was at first anticipated.

The cost of the staff employed during the first month of the provisional liquidation proceedings amounted to \$12,000, this being reduced for the second month to \$2,200, in addition to which were the salaries of the principals in the auditing of the affairs. These were one salary of \$25 per day, two of \$20 per day and one of a modest \$10 per day, a grand total of approximately \$3,500 for the two months.

Thus the total works out at: Cost of staff for two months, \$14,200; salaries of principals, \$3,500; solicitors' bill of costs, \$6,504; a grand total of \$24,204.

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Communicating school for subalterns and N. C. O.'s above the rank of Corporal on Friday, the 30th, at 8:45 p. m. in Drill Hall.

Officers commanding companies will render to the Adjutant by Thursday, 29th inst., nominal rolls of their companies.

O. C. companies will ascertain and report to the Adjutant how many men under their command are in possession of complete uniforms, this report to be rendered by Thursday, 29th inst.

O. C. companies will render to the Adjutant by Thursday, 29th inst., the names of any men having knowledge of bugling or who are desirous of becoming members of a bugle band.

"A" Company will parade on Wednesday, 28th inst., and Friday, 30th inst., at 8 p. m. in Drill Hall.

"B" Company will parade on Thursday, 29th inst., at 8 p. m. in Drill Hall.

The bayonet class will be held on Monday, 26th inst., at 8 p. m. W. S. MARSHALL, Lieut. 96-101 Acting Adjutant.

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