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EDITORIALS

Mr. Lloyd George's intimation that British preparations for the expulsion of the German invaders from northern France and Belgium are not yet complete will prove a disappointment to many who hoped that the war would be brought to a triumphant end early in the summer. The Chancellor's careful allusion to the need for a very large accumulation of ammunition and war material to be used "when the time comes to drive the Germans out of Flanders and France" indicates that it may be some time yet before the needed accumulation can be made. The daily use of artillery shells is very great, and it would be most unwise to stint the army now in the field to provide supplies for the greater venture of the future.

The public has no adequate conception of the strain under which the arsenals and arms factories of Great Britain have been working during the past nine months. It is stated that three million men have offered for service. In August last, it is believed, there were not a million military rifles in the United Kingdom. To provide two million rifles would involve an average output of 8,000 weapons for every working day since August 1. In the early months of the war no such output was possible, because tools did not exist in sufficient numbers to provide it. The probability is that at present the output is from twelve to fifteen thousand rifles daily, and that there are still many thousands of men in training for whom arms have not been provided.

If the manufacture of rifles and small arms ammunition on an adequate scale has proved a difficult task the problem of providing artillery must have been vastly more serious. Great guns cannot be forged and

bored and finished in a few days. The larger weapons involve weeks and months of labor by skilled artisans. Thousands of guns ranging in calibre from three inches up to the tremendous fifteen-inch weapons for the new super-dreadnoughts have been turned out since the war began. The making of artillery ammunition has gone forward simultaneously, and machine shops all over the world have been brought into service in the construction of shells. The cost of some of the larger projectiles is startlingly great. It is said that each 15-inch shell used by the Queen Elizabeth costs \$5,000. This may include the damage done to the gun as well as the cost of the projectile, but the fact remains that a single day's bombardment at the Dardanelles will use up more than a month's product of hundreds of workmen engaged in the arsenals at home.

Germany had vast accumulations of rifles, small arms ammunition, artillery and projectiles when she declared war. She was "stocked up." Britain went into battle bare of war material and without even the tools to produce large quantities in a short time. It is not to be wondered at that there has been delay. All that Lord Kitchener could have hoped for last fall has been accomplished. The relatively small British army sent to the Continent has assisted the French in holding back the German rush till Britain's great new army could be equipped and put in the field with adequate supplies. The time rapidly approaches when her preparations will be complete. Then there will be war on the western front upon such a scale as the world has not hitherto seen. But the time is not yet. —Toronto Globe.

GERMANS INSULTED AMERICAN LADY

London, May 7.—The Daily Mail quotes Mary Boyle O'Reilly, social worker and daughter of the late John Boyle O'Reilly, the Irish-American writer, as saying that she was robbed by German officials at Warnemuende, while on her way from Copenhagen to The Hague to report the Women's Peace Congress for the English-speaking people, and was ordered excluded from Germany. Miss O'Reilly says her baggage was searched at Warnemuende and her letters of introduction, books, a piece of English gold and some Russian-made toys were confiscated.

"I then had to submit to a brutal personal search," she continued. "My dresses and even the boots I was wearing were ripped open, and I was ordered to return to the boat. My passport was marked, 'Forbidden to Enter Germany.'"

"While I was in the boat an examining officer asked me, 'Do you wish the Fatherland to be victorious?' I replied, 'No.' After further questions he said: 'The Americans are sending England the ammunition without which the English could not beat us. Damn the Americans.'"

Miss O'Reilly says the Women's Peace Congress was packed by the Germans, who, she says, organized it.

A FOUR-YEAR WAR?

London, May 7.—A telegram to The Evening News from Copenhagen quotes the German Counsellor of State, Herr Gottschalk, as saying that systematic efforts were being inaugurated in Germany for the purchase of sufficient foodstuffs for a four-years' supply. This is being done, it is said, on instructions to the German Chamber of Commerce from Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor; on the ground that Germany "must be prepared for at least this length."

Herr Gottschalk is on his way to Sweden and Norway to organize a system for making these purchases.

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The speaker admitted that as far back as April 6 the officer who is writing from the British front under the name of "Eye-Witness" had said the Germans were preparing for this method of attack, but notwithstanding such rumors the British authorities found it hard to believe that any signatory to The Hague convention could violate its fundamental principles and adopt methods which might have such a far-reaching effect in modern warfare.

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