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## GERMANY'S REPLY.

Germany's reply to the American note is typical of her diplomacy. The sinking of the Lusitania was unintentional, and enquiry is being made regarding it. Britain's misuse of the American flag confused the German officers; hence the mistake. In other words, if Germany did sink American ships, Britain was to blame for it.

Germany regrets that Americans lost their lives by the sinking of the Lusitania, but the liner was sunk purely in self-defence. Von Jagow insists that she was armed, though United States officers know that she was not.

The request for a guarantee for the future has been politely ignored. Germany is not worrying much about how Americans feel about it, evidently reckoning that President Wilson has enough to occupy his attention in Mexico. The President's reply is liable to be short and to the point.

## PRZEMYSYL.

Though there is nothing more than a Vienna report that Przemyśl has been retaken by the Austrians, it is quite probably the case, but, within a comparatively few days, Petrograd will almost certainly be able to report that it is again in the hands of the Russians.

Undoubtedly, the Russians have been in difficulties. When the history of the war comes to be written, people will marvel at the difficulties overcome by the Russian army. On the western front men and guns are moved from one point to another on speedy automobiles; on the east, the Russians have had to transport their huge guns and munitions on mules or horses through swamps and rocky, mountain defiles. Under such conditions, lines of communication are apt to become disconnected, and sections of the army are bound to become isolated for short periods.

From every setback, the Russians have recovered val-

antly, and the Austrians have invariably paid dearly for any little gain they have made. With Italy getting into position in the south, Russia is going to have more scope in the future, and a very few months hence the Allies are likely to be right in the heart of Hungary.

ABOUT THE RANGE  
OF BIG NAVAL GUNS

Since the Queen Elizabeth made its dramatic entry into the war there has been a great deal of nonsense written about the range of its guns, which, we have been told, outrange any other weapon in existence and can send their projectiles twenty-eight miles.

Of course, if 15-inch guns are in combat with 6-inch, the difference in range is considerable, but for all practical purposes the 12-inch gun has quite as long a reach as the 15-inch. Indeed, the United States government has appended a table to the fortifications appropriation bill which goes to show that, if anything, the advantage in this matter lies with the smaller weapon. According to this table the range of the various guns when trained to an elevation of 15 degrees is as follows: 12-inch, 24,874 yards; 13.5-inch, 21,658 yards; 15-inch, 21,193 yards. This shows a difference of two miles in favor of the 12-inch guns as against the 15-inch.

Range depends largely upon elevation, but as a rule naval guns are so mounted as to be incapable of firing at a greater angle than about 20 degrees. The official American table, however, credits the British 15-inch guns with a range of 46,290 yards if elevated 45 degrees, a note being added to the effect that such an elevation is "not used." This represents close upon twenty-six and one-half miles, but firing at such a distance would hardly be effective because of the large angle of the fall of the shot and the consequently small "danger space."

—P. A. Hissam, in London Globe.

Good intentions will not save the man who is careless about using the money of other people.



PRINCE ADELBERT—Son of Emperor William of Germany, who may command an Austrian naval squadron.

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The following are extracts from a two-column article in the Toronto Globe by Norman Lambert, special correspondent:

Prince Rupert, May 19.—Vancouver, littered with the remains of financial wrecks, tells most eloquently the story of a period of reckless spending. It can testify in bitter words to the irresponsible methods of the McBride government during the past five years. But to see, as well as to hear, the truth of this public arraignment, it is necessary to visit Prince Rupert and travel into the new hinterland of British Columbia. The south is the old part of the province, where the people are suffering directly from inflation in both city and country. In some measure, the

people of the south have themselves to blame as well as their improvident government. But the new north, with its outlet and a very important inlet at this place, suffers today through unscrupulous and pernicious influences from outside. New British Columbia, with its paltry pioneer population, has been sacrificed by the predominant political organization of this province to the greed of private capital. Naturally, Prince Rupert reflects the effects of such a sacrifice.

None of the expected trade from or to the interior has come to pass. The principal sources of revenue to the Grand Trunk Pacific Company are the halibut fishing industry and the copper mines, both of which are operated along the coast line, and provide a goodly amount of through traffic to the United States. But the interior valleys are non-existent at the present time so far as the welfare of the railroad and the people living in Prince Rupert are concerned.

"All our vegetables and meats come from Alberta or from the United States," was the information given at the principal hotel in Prince Rupert.

"Do the valleys east of here not supply this part of the province with food?" was the question asked many times of many people.

"Why, no," was the general reply; "no one is producing anything along the railroads. All the land is taken up by speculators."

The instances of illegitimate speculation in lands in northern British Columbia are legion. It is not a case of public versus private development. Those interests which have been able to stake lands in such extensive tracts have not colonized the country. They have not even given full payment to the provincial treasury for their estates, and the provincial government evidently has not been strong enough to enforce payment. The record of payments in arrears at Victoria, amounting almost to fifteen million dollars, in proof of the manner in which these deals have been transacted.

A man who had examined the official pre-emptor's map, secured from the government land office, with a view to settling in the Bulkley Valley, which, roughly contains 120,000 acres of agricultural land, told your correspondent that it was absolutely impossible to make up a total area of more than ten sections.

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