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SLANDERING THE LIBERALS

The charge of unpreparedness for war, so persistently made by the Northcliffe agitators on both sides of the Atlantic, is the half-truth that is worse than a lie, and is equalled in effrontery only by the slanderous assertion of the Toronto News that "the Liberal party in Canada, as in England, is a party disgraced and utterly discredited." Before the British Liberals came into power, in 1905, the foundations of German aggressive policy were well and securely laid, and the opprobrium now heaped upon Mr. Asquith and his colleagues differs only slightly in degree from that which Conservative statesmen had to bear at the hands of the "professional whippers" during the previous five years. Even Mr. Joseph Chamberlain did not escape the slings and arrows of the Maxses when, in 1899, he went the length of declaring for an Anglo-German alliance. The history of British foreign diplomacy in the twenty years preceding the present war represented in the main a continuity of policy by both the great parties. Prince Bernhard Von Buelow, in "Imperial Germany," makes the striking admission that:

"It is in no small degree due to the unbroken continuity of her foreign policy, handed down from century to century pursuing its aims on definite lines, independent of changes of party government, that England has won such magnificent successes in international policies. The alpha and omega of English policy has always been the attainment and maintenance of English naval supremacy."

This war provides a complete refutation of the sweeping gen-

eralities indulged in by the Northcliffe scaremongers. To hold Liberals responsible for the successes in recent years which attended German diplomacy in directions calculated to strengthen her position as a great world-power is to fly in the face of incontrovertible facts. Nor are the Maxses and the Northcliffes on more solid ground when they allege that this conflict, with all its surprises in technical warfare, could have been foreseen and provided against. Nothing in the whole course of Lord Roberts' campaign served to throw any light whatever on the actualities of war as revolutionized by German secret preparations. Had the proposals of the military critics been carried into effect the immediate result would have been an enormous outlay on methods of warfare which German military science has rendered obsolete, and a consequent waste of resources which would have seriously weakened Britain in the day of resting.

Those who delight in minimizing British efficiency in this war should read the memorandum appended to the German Navy Bill of 1900. No one can rise from a perusal of this document without a feeling of thankfulness that the efficiency of Britain as a maritime power, resting her security on naval supremacy, has brought to pass the forebodings of German statesmen:

"An unsuccessful naval war of the duration of even only a year would destroy Germany's sea trade, and would thereby bring about the most disastrous conditions, first in her economic, and then, as an immediate consequence of that, in her social life. Quite apart from the consequences of the

possible peace conditions, the destruction of our sea trade during the war could not, even at the close of it, be made good within measurable time, and would thus add to the sacrifices of the war a serious economic depression."

Germany's emergence into the regions of world-policy was a challenge to Britain at sea, as Bismarck, forty years earlier, had challenged the military powers of Europe in the furtherance of his continental policy. The efficiency in this war of the British navy—for which a Liberal government was directly responsible—is not challenged by the enemy. The British navy, in maintaining the unbroken traditions of British policy makes victory for Germany impossible.

Democracy in the hour of trial has stood the test of war and belied the false prophets. Hence the fury of the Northcliffes and the Maxses.—Toronto Globe.

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The Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg, born a Grand Duchess of Russia, mother of the Crown Princess of Germany, is at present residing at Cannes, on the French Riviera. Her relations with the German Court and with her son-in-law are well known not to be of a friendly character; and Le Matin, in an article on her, states that she has formed the project of endeavoring to get her daughter to leave the Crown Prince. She has not yet succeeded, but she is not without hope. Fifteen days ago, says Le Matin, the powerful auto of the Grand Duchess took her from Cannes to the Swiss frontier. There she took the train to Innerlaken, very happy, for she was going to meet her daughter, the Crown Princess. She believed her daughter had absolutely decided to quit "un Empire maudit." But the Crown Prince had mistrusted his wife, and had taken precautions. The young mother was there, but not her two children, of whom she is very fond. She believed she would have been able to bring them with her, but they had been detained by force. It was a Princess in tears that the Grand Duchess found, and with whom she could only have a short interview. The Grand Duchess returned to her chateau in Cannes alone. But, says Le Matin, "with her ardent and fearless disposition, she does not despair. She has sworn to take away her daughter from those who have definitely compromised her happiness, and who have shaken one throne to which she was called."

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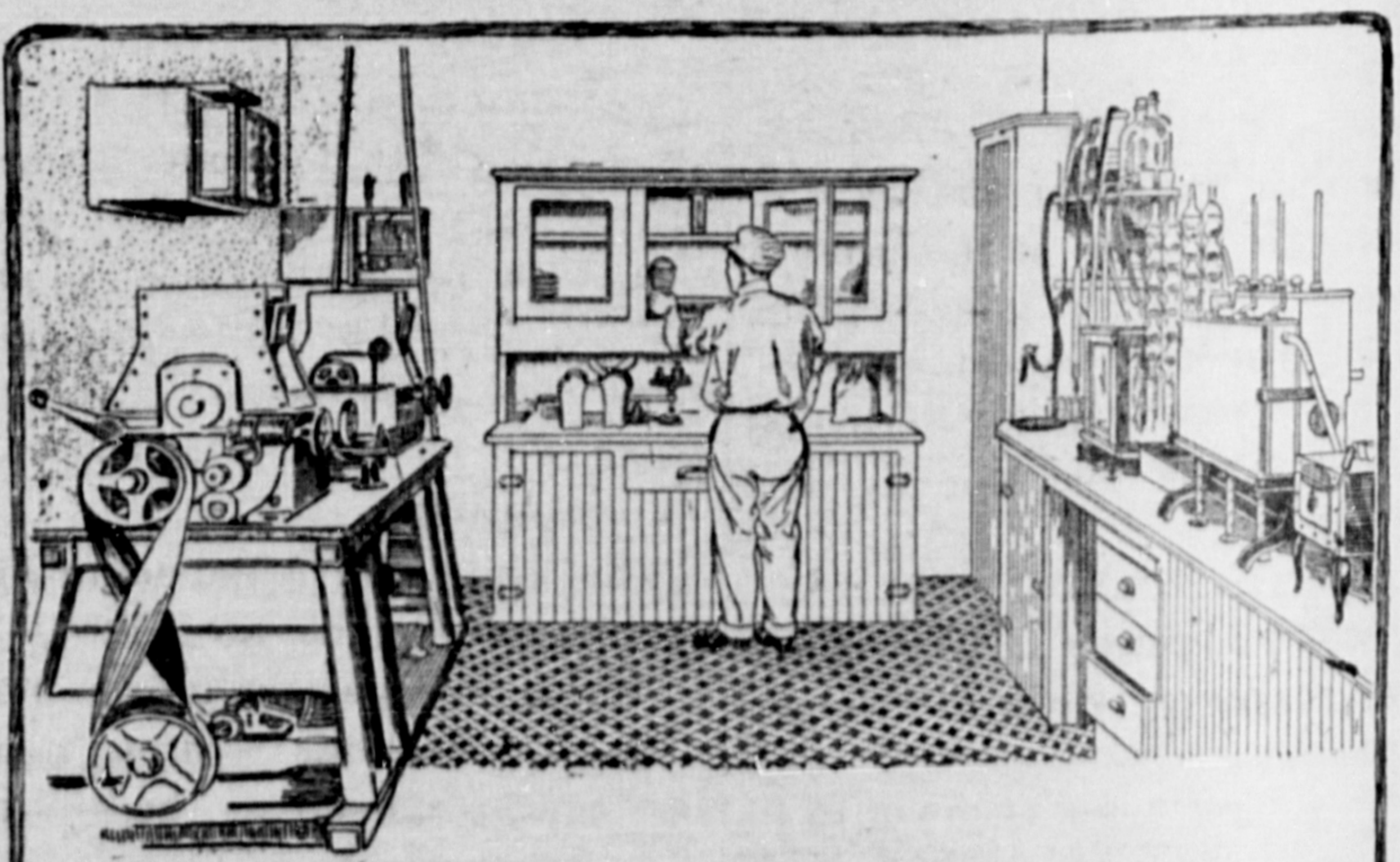
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