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GERARD WARNS OF LONG, BITTER WAR

Ex-Ambassador Says Germany
Still Has 11,350,000 Men.

HER NAVY IS INCREASED.

United States Has Not Entered War
Against a Weak and Broken Nation,
but Against a People Capable of Tak-
ing and Delivering Many Hard Blows.
Favors Universal Military Training.

By PORTER EMERSON BROWNE
of the Vigilantes.

Ambassador Gerard is no alarmist. Ambassador Gerard is no jingo. Neither is he a tool of the Wall street interests nor a predatory munition manufacturer. So when Ambassador Gerard tells these United States of ours that the German menace is real, actual and immediate it behooves all good Americans to stop, look and listen a lot.

When I asked Ambassador Gerard as to what seemed to him the most important phase of our national problem his answer was characteristically: "Germany."

"Germany," he went on, "has mobilized and put into the field, in actual war service, 13,000,000 men. Of these 13,000,000 men 1,350,000 have been killed, 350,000 permanently disabled. All the rest that have been wounded or disabled have returned to and are now with the colors. And that leaves 11,350,000 troops that the Germans now have in the field. These figures are not guesswork; they are approximately exact.

Has Increased Her Navy.

"And furthermore," he continued, "for the bad news was not yet over, 'during the past thirty-two months Germany has been enlarging and increasing her navy until it is greater in size and formidable than ever before. And that, too, these United States of ours have challenged to a life and death combat.

"Wherefore doesn't it seem to you, since the United States has aligned itself against a nation so pre-eminent powerful, so terribly efficient and so absolutely ruthless as the German nation is and has shown itself to be, that the United States should make every effort to equip itself in every way to face so tremendous a menace?"

I nodded, and profoundly. It did! It certainly did!

"But," I queried, "Isn't there any chance of its being only a short war? The shortage of food?"

"Is something that can't be relied upon," he interrupted. "One good harvest will put Germany back upon her feet. A good harvest every year will keep her on her feet. And accidents are always liable to happen. Furthermore, while civilians all through Germany are feeling the pinch of the food shortage the troops are kept fed.

Warns Against Short War Idea.

"One thing I want particularly to warn my countrymen against is the so called short war idea. It was this fallacy that so seriously crippled France, that so seriously crippled England, in their preparations for their struggle with Germany. They thought it was going to be only a short war, so they made their preparations only from day to day, from month to month. It is not for us to fall into this same, this obvious, error. There is no indication that this will be a short war. On the other hand, it looks as though it would be a very long war—a long war and a bitter war.

"For this, first money and supplies. Credit to the allied governments and everything that, from our vast resources, we can supply them.

"And then universal military training. The volunteer system is no good. In times of national need it has always broken down, as it will always break down, because it is economically and psychologically unsound. Conscription is good as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. The one thing, and the only one thing, that will give us the number of trained soldiers that we must have is universal military training. And that is what all of us here in America must strive to gain.

"Furthermore, I want to impress, and impress as hard as I know how, because it is most important, the present tone of the German spirit. It is cruel. It is brutal. It is bitter.

"With the Germans this is a war of hate, with a capital H. They are going to use all their resources, every means in their power, fair or foul or even worse. They are going to fight with every man, with every gun, with every ship, with every means and every agent that lie in their power to use.

"That is what we face, not a short war, but a long war, and a bitter one; not a broken nation, but a strong, cruel country capable of taking and giving many a grievous blow; not a disorganized nation, short of men and supplies, but possessing still the greatest and still virtually as well equipped an army as is possessed by any nation in the world.

"Let these, then, be the slogans of America: Complete and perfect preparedness, vast armies raised on the basis of universal military service and a whole hearted and whole souled co-operation with the allies.

"We are no longer neutral. It is now our war, America's war. Let America prepare to fight it as America can and, God willing, will!"

A Lesson In Manners

We have neglected certain obligations, Albeit in a purely social way. One should return a neighbor's salutations. And make a party call a certain day. America has failed in manners. Is it a trifle that we lack in etiquette? Surely 'tis time that we returned the visit Of Lafayette.

Our social calendar is much neglected, And "busy" is not always an excuse. Some adequate return might be expected. And courtesy may rust for lack of use. Suppose, in manner both polite and hearty, Before this suitable occasion goes, We manage to return that little party Of Rochambeau's.

—Theodosia Garrison of the Vigilantes.

CHEER FRENCH WARSHIP IN WELL KNOWN PORT

Fighter Which Conveyed Mission
to This Country Drops An-
chor In Well Known River.

Somewhere along the Atlantic coast the other day—or maybe it was the Pacific—a heavily armed French warship, with all her teeth showing, steamed casually into a well known seaport and dropped anchor in a prominent river.

From the windows of tall office buildings in a large city not a thousand miles from (name deleted by censor) hundreds of clerks and stenographers of both sexes, not to mention their employers, watched the friendly stranger and evinced enthusiasm at her warlike appearance.

Her bluejackets lined the rails and waved their bonnets with loud cheers in acknowledgment of the dipping colors from the forts, the foot-foots from harbor craft and the frank delight reflected in voice and gesture from crowds on piers and ferryboats.

She proved to be the armored cruiser (blankety blank), which helped to convey the French mission, including the popular General (name deleted by censor), to this country. She had just made a day's run from the port which was her destination on that voyage. Ropes and chains could not extract the name of that port from the writer of this war item.

Her commander—we'll call him Captain Nemo—extended a courteous welcome to reporters, and they were shown over the vessel by its officers. The (blankety blank) has four turrets, two forward and two aft, armed with eight eight-inch guns and two seven and one-half inch guns, not to mention a multitude of machine guns and three pounders.

Her interior spaces are lined with racks of rifles, revolvers, bayonets and cutlasses. She took part in the Dardanelles operations. A brass plate on her forward turret bears the inscription, "Dec. 23, 1915—Sollum." It signifies an adventure during which she blew some Turkish fortifications to pieces at close quarters without receiving a scratch.

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2,628,000 GERMANS IN ARMY.

Estimate Made by French Observers at the Battle Front.

Indications on the French front show that the strength of the German forces totaled on April 1 219 divisions, each comprising a maximum of from 10,000 to 12,000 combatants.

Of these divisions 143 faced the French and British, but only ninety-nine were in the actual line, the others being held in strategic reserve. The remaining seventy-six divisions were then on the Russian, Roumanian and Macedonian fronts. Many of the strategic reserve divisions have since been thrown into line and, owing to losses, were later sent to the rear for reconstitution.

At the maximum of 12,000 men to a division and 219 divisions the German army would consist of 2,628,000 men. With seventy-six divisions there would be 912,000 men on the eastern and Balkan fronts. This would leave 1,716,000 Germans actually on the fighting line in the west, with 528,000 men in the strategic reserve.

Since the arrival of the British and French missions in Washington it has been understood there that the entente has under arms in France 6,000,000 men, of whom at least 3,000,000 can be rated as combatants in the line and the strategic reserve.

WHALES KILLED BY MINES.

Many Found in North Sea With Heads Blown Off.

England has a new ally in the fight against German mines. Many reports are coming from the North sea of dead whales being found with their heads blown off, presumably after bumping the horns of mines.

It is suggested that the admiralty might open a training school to teach the sea monsters to hunt for mines.

An Expensive Blunder.

For mistaking movie picture of German U boat for American submarine and applauding, a man in a New York theater was manhandled, arrested and given ten days in the workhouse.

Clock Ran 119 Years.

Clock in old St. Paul's tower, New York, stopped for first time in 119 years when it was taken down to make way for one that is expected to last 200 years.

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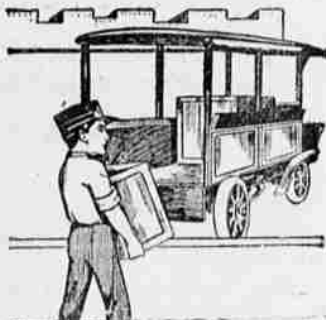
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