

WORLD'S GREATEST WAR DAY BY DAY

THE FOLLY OF IT

(By Camille Flammarion, French Astronomer.)

IT IS impossible coolly to consider this reality (the vastness of the universe) without being struck with the astonishing and inexplicable illusion in which the majority of mankind stumbers. Behold a little globe whirling in the infinite void. Round this globe 1450 millions of so-called reasonable beings—or rather talkers—who know not whence they come nor whence they go, each of them, moreover, born to die very soon, and this poor humanity has resolved the problem, not of living happily in the light of nature, but of suffering constantly both in body and mind. It does not emerge from its native ignorance, it does not rise to the intellectual pleasures of art and science, and torments itself perpetually with chimerical ambitions. Strange social organization! This race is divided into tribes, subject to chiefs, and from time to time we see these tribes, afflicted with furious folly, arrayed against each other, obeying the signal of a handful of sanguinary evildoers who live at their expense, and the infamous hydra of war mows down its victims, who fall like ripe ears of corn on the blood-stained fields. Forty millions of men are killed regularly every century in order to maintain the microscopic divisions of a little globe into several anthills. . . . When men know something of the earth, and understand the modest position of our planet in infinity, when they appreciate better the grandeur and the beauty of nature, they will be fools no longer, as coarse on the one hand as credulous on the other; but they will live in peace, in the fertile study of Truth, in the contemplation of the Beautiful, in the practice of the Good, in the progressive development of the reason, and in the noble exercise of the higher faculties of intelligence.

Paris Prays in Notre Dame For Victory for French Arms

(By Alphonse Courlander.)

PARIS, Sept. 9.—Within Notre Dame there is peace and an exquisite beauty and calm. Paris passes in to pray in the serenity of cool and lofty aisles, where the sunlight, striking through the windows of stained glass, spreads their colors over the gray and rose tinted stone of the walls.

No tourists come there today. No idle visitors tread the pavement into startling echoes, with guides to tell them all the dates, and all the deeds that have taken place within the cathedral. Here in Notre Dame is the sanctuary from the hot Paris beyond the wide, open gates, where Charlemagne lords it by the Seine on his bronze horse.

All sense of war departs before the infinity of rest and peace that seems to stretch far into the pale and distant depths of cool gray columns bathed in a pallid light. Impossible within these walls, to think of the clash of battle of armies marching to the shock of war, of nations and institutions and civilization falling into ruin! And those glorious wheel windows, divine kaleidoscopes of blue and scarlet and all the colors that man has thought of, are here unbroken and untouched, throbbing with harmony, chords of color which the sun turns to an amazing and vibrant melody.

She takes her eyes from the merciful, pitiful face of the virgin with her babe. She is praying with her heart, praying for the safety of some one she loves and the victory of France.

One by one the people come inside of the calm of the cathedral—people of all classes—and they fling themselves down with a sigh of relief before the saints. The statue of Joan of Arc shines white and pure and triumphant, and many look at the virgin warrior and feel that faith will deliver them. These are the days of runs and steel, submarines striking through sea depths, and aeroplanes breasting from the skies, yet faith lives eternally in the hearts of these people, and there is a sweet solace in prayer.

Services All Day.

At the far end of the cathedral, in a small chapel, they are holding services all day. While warriors fight, priests and choirs chant their prayers. Priests in robes of gold and brocade, and priests in black cassock and lace surplices.

"Ora pro Nobis. . . . Ora pro Nobis. . . ."

The glided censer swings to and fro in a scented rhythm, and the candles flame in the half light of the chapel, where, like some scene on the remote stage, the group of priests stands with books in their hands and the white choir sings so beautifully that the music heals the troubled soul.

Pray Hand in Hand.

There is an organ and so wonderfully do the voices blend that at times they seem like an organ, and at others it seems that the organ has all the tremulous, living quality of a human voice.

Women kneel on the bare stones before the chapel, old women who must remember the last war and the terrors of the commune, and old men who have given the best of their sons to France. Here and there I see a young couple, the girl with wet and tearful eyes, the man with set lips, as if he were keeping back his tears until he is alone, kneeling and praying hand in hand. They are to be separated tomorrow.

So in All France.

She will remain behind. He has his card in his pocket, telling him to join his regiment. Who knows when they will meet again—who but St. Clotilde, before whom the candles burn like steadfast hopes that cannot be put out?

The solemn chant of the Miserere rolls in waves of music through the cathedral, and the people bow their heads as the priest lifts the Host—then the candles are dimmed for a moment, and priests and choir move in a procession toward the sacristy, where the door closes on them. But the people remain and pray; and it is so in all the churches of France.

Here in Notre Dame, where an English Henry and a Scottish Mary were crowned in the distant centuries, all is peace and exquisite beauty and calm. Paris passes in to pray in the hour of Armageddon.

GERMAN DEATH LIST SMALL

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Sept. 8.—The twentieth casualty list issued contains 1180 names, including 180 dead and nearly 1000 wounded. The total casualties thus far published aggregate 2200 dead, 10,700 wounded and 3200 missing.

KAISER LOSES PLACE

War Lord No Longer Nominee for The Next Nobel Award.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—A dispatch to the Express from Stockholm says that the name of the German Emperor has been stricken from the list of nominations for the next Nobel peace prize.

MANY LOST ON BOAT

Pathfinder Destroyed Ten Miles Off Scottish Coast.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] LONDON, Sept. 9.—The Pathfinder's destruction occurred about four o'clock Saturday afternoon ten miles northeast of Saint Abbs Head, Scotland. Ninety of the Pathfinder's crew, dead and wounded, were picked up by torpedo boats.

MAY PROVE WAR PRIZE.

In view of the fact of the reported proximity of the Japanese cruiser Idzumo to the Pacific Coast and the coming to this coast within a short time of several vessels of the Australian fleet, local shipping men are speculating as to what will become of the German ship Kurt, which sailed from Santa Rosalia yesterday for Portland, Or., with a rich cargo of general merchandise. Despite the fact that the captain of the Kurt is familiar with the war conditions which exist and will do all in his power to avoid coming into contact with any hostile war vessels, it is extremely doubtful whether he will reach his destination with his command without molestation.—San Francisco Chronicle.

CHINA SHIPS KEPT AT HOME

Announces It Cannot Participate in Panama Naval Rendezvous Because of War

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 9.—China today officially notified the State Department of its inability to participate in the naval rendezvous at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Conditions arising because of the European war was given as a reason.

CARNEGIE SAYS "KAISER IS MORE SINNED AGAINST THAN SINNING"

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Andrew Carnegie, who a week ago called the kaiser the chief destroyer, and called on "all men of peace to hold accountable the emperor guilty of the war," now telegraphs to the London Times:

"The German emperor has not been proved guilty. I believe he has been more sinned against than sinning. Rulers are seldom overruled, but they are unable to control conditions of international quarrels. History alone will record the truth. The emperor, who alone of all living monarchs, preserved peace for twenty-six years, is now entitled to the benefit of the doubt."

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MANY NAVAL PRIZES

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 9.—Hong Kong reports the arrival there of a number of prizes including the American steamer Hanamet. The Hanamet is 2700 tons burden and is owned by W. K. Atz, of Shanghai. The Hanamet is suspected of carrying contraband. Her owner has appealed to the American consul at Shanghai for indemnification.

BRIEF BITS OF THE WAR.

And they talk about civilized warfare! Might as well talk about legal murder or melted ice. Melted ice is water and war is hell and hell can't be civilized. Speaking of dum dum bullets, who used them in the Philippines, and yet the Germans are complaining because the French are making a few of them now.

By this time Belgium ought to be well trained in the art of cleaning up a mess after a war.

Some of the Parisians were in such a hurry to leave town the other day that they didn't care whether they had any style about them.

Baron Von Horst, who was arrested in London the other day as a German spy, is well known in Oregon, having extensive hop interests in this state. At one time he was one of the largest hop growers in California, owning 15,000 acres of hops in that state. In Salem he was well known as Louis Horst.

When Americans make their next tour of Europe they will see a lot of fresh ruins.

FORESEE TWO YEARS OF WAR

Student of Big Contest Loses Hope For Quick End of Fighting

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 9.—A serious protraction of the period of the European war is anticipated by close students of the general military situation in Washington. Their views are based on the failure of the allied armies of France, Belgium and Great Britain to hold in check the first concentrated attack of the German army.

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