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A FIGHT TO THE FINISH.

IN THE view of the New York World, there is meant hope for peace in Europe in the immediate future. The World editorially commented on the situation as follows:

Those who hope for peace at an early date will find no encouragement in the new treaty between Great Britain, France and Russia. Binding themselves not to conclude peace separately, the duration of the conflict is made to hang not upon the necessities of the weakest but upon the interests and will of the strongest member of the alliance.

Unless all the conclusions of Admiral Mahan are wrong, sea power must ultimately exert a prodigious influence upon the results of this conflict. Armies may exhaust themselves in vain so long as the great navies of the belligerents remain afloat. Taken together, the fleets of Britain and France are three times as formidable as that of Germany.

War is a contest also between forces other than those that are in arms. The combined wealth of Great Britain and France, exclusive of dependencies, is three times greater than that of Germany. British and French commerce twice that of Germany, in proceeding, while that of Germany is paralyzed. No matter what the ordinary fortunes of war on land may be the time must come in such a struggle as this when the issue will have to be met at sea. Even a triumphant army cannot sustain a nation shut in from its neighbors and impoverished.

It has been estimated that at the time of Augustus, Rome ruled a population of 80,000,000 to 120,000,000. The British empire has a population of 435,000,000. At its best, the yearly revenue of Rome did not equal that of Holland today, \$84,000,000. The revenue of the United Kingdom, exclusive of all dependencies is \$1,000,000,000.

The new treaty of London can have no other meaning than that all the resources of men and money of the greatest empire ever known have been enlisted for the war and are to be thrown into the balance. It will take time to make them available, but with a resolute spirit behind them it is certain that eventually they will bear heavily upon their adversaries. The prospect is solemn enough to impress even those who are at peace, for it foreshadows a strain upon civilization such as was never before known.

GERMANY AND ANTI-GERMANY

By W. H. Alburn.

WHILE the German soldiers are in the trenches fighting the soldiers of England, France, Russia and Belgium, and expecting any moment to face other nations in arms, the war is being waged just as hotly and just as importantly in the world's newspapers, magazines and books, in pamphlets and public addresses, in private conversation and all the modes of human intercourse.

Never before has a war been carried on like this in the forum of public opinion. And never before has public opinion been so potent and so world-wide. It is no exaggeration to say that the greatest of all wars is being decided just as much in the written and spoken controversies of the ablest men of Europe and America as in the bloody clashes in northern France and East Prussia.

American sentiment, which heretofore has been distinctly friendly to Germany and things German, has suddenly swung to the other extreme. There can be no hiding of the fact that the majority of Americans today condemn Germany for the part she has played in the war. They even begin to discount German culture they have always admired.

Our German-American citizens are naturally hurt by this sudden flare of hostility. Instead of the usual love and appreciation of their race they read and hear open denunciation. And they themselves have rushed to the extreme. In most cases they have championed the cause of the fatherland without qualification. They boldly assert that Germany is justified in this war, that German military methods need no defense, that criticisms are lies, that the war news in the newspapers is falsified, that the conduct of the allies has been uniformly despicable and that of Germany noble, that it is in very truth a war of civilization against barbarism, with Germany bearing the torch of progress.

There is here a fundamental collision of ideas. How reconcile them? Unfortunately it begins to look as if there is no common ground. The Germans cannot understand their critics and their critics have difficulty in understanding them because their national ideals are so different. With Germany the state is everything. To the mystical and philoso-

LOSES ARM IN ROCK QUARRY ACCIDENT

Walter Rhule, of Coquille, Employed in Rock Quarry, Victim of Blast

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Or., Nov. 6.—Walter Rhule, a young man employed at the county rock quarry near here, had his arm blown off by a delayed blast of dynamite. He was horribly bruised and injured, but will probably recover.

It seems that the charge was slow in exploding and Rhule thinking it had failed, went back to fix it. He had hardly started to ascertain the trouble when the explosion came.

HOLDS DECISION.

With Election of County Judge, County Awaits Judge Hall's Decision.

To be elected to an office which is already occupied and which, according to law will be occupied for the next two years, is the fate of former County Clerk James Watson.

Now from all sections of the county Judge Hall is receiving all sorts of advice until he hardly knows which way to turn. Some claim that he should resign and on the other hand just as strong and as many are the arguments that he should remain. And through it all Judge Hall sits serene and declares he will reserve his decision until January 1, which ends his fourth year in office.

As the matter now stands Judge Hall will be the only man from Marshfield holding a county position and also the only Democrat. And after the fashion of the man without a country, James Watson, although elected, is a man without an office. While James Watson and Robert Watson have resided in Coquille for several years, both are from Coos Bay.

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public German mind the individual counts for little. He is but a cog in the vast, complicated machine of nationality and race. There is the great German empire, whose institutions are the best the world has ever seen, whose ideas and ideals in every department of life and thought have a sort of divine sanction. The Germans are the chosen people of modern times. They are destined to dominate the world.

And how can they best attain their world-empire of "German culture"? By force of arms. It is the doctrine of Bernhardi and Treitschke, it is the belief, apparently of Kaiser and Chancellor. The notion seems to have penetrated the entire nation. Germany is a people in arms with a religious faith in its own destiny.

The Germans are actuated almost by the zeal of the Israelites under Moses, of the Islamites under Mohammed, of the Puritans under Cromwell. Such a people cannot be argued with.

To the other nations such faith, such national ideals, backed by the greatest fighting machine ever assembled, is a menace imperiling their very existence. Who is safe, they ask, while such power exists? How shall the democratic nations survive?

And the people of the United States instinctively feel the same peril developing and imagine a Germany supreme in Europe looking across the Atlantic with jealous eyes at the only remaining power likely to dispute her empire.

It is futile for German-Americans to try to win the rest of our citizens to their way of thinking. It is probably just as futile to try to convince the German-Americans that the allies' cause is just, and that present-day Germany is following false gods.

But why should we quarrel about it? Cannot there be honest differences without bitterness? It is a conflict of ideas, not of individuals. Let the Germans be Germans if they like, even in America. And let the other Americans maintain the more typically American view that militarism is an evil that must be destroyed. Can there must be no conquest except that effected by calm persuasion, no domination of rulers or institutions except so far as they win by merit in a peaceful world.

In this free land every man may speak his mind. But if deep conviction drives us to utterance, let us speak in charity and tolerance, condemning falsehood but condemning no man for his opinions, because we are all Americans.

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