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### NEWS AND COMMENT

## BRITISH FAILURES CAUSE DISGUST

Heavy Sacrifices Are Without Results. Russia on Toboggin Slide

At no period of the war, says a London dispatch, have doubts and misgivings prevailed in England to such a lugubrious extent as at the present moment. Not even the most steadfast British optimist or pro-British sympathizer could by any stretch of imagination pretend that the situation in England or for England is either cheerful or encouraging.

Disgust, rather than downheartedness, is the dominant note. Four full months of ideal fighting season—May to September—have gone by and Germany is as firmly entrenched in France and Belgium as ever. In the Dardanelles 12 miles of front at a cost of 87,000 casualties (including 41,000 men lost in the last 34 days) are all that Lord Kitchener was able to mention to Parliament as the result of the terrific Gallipoli campaign against the German-led Turks.

### Russia's Situation Discouraging

Of Russia one speaks only in accents of utter despondency, which is little alleviated by Kitchener's amazing declaration that the Germans in the eastern theater "have nearly shot their bolt." The imminency of Vilna's fall, the continued menacing of the Petrograd railroad line, and the serious suggestion that Hindenburg and McKensen's limitless sweep may even have Odessa as its objective, with a pounce on Constantinople and co-operation with the Turks, with the Dardanelles as its purpose, are not evidences to the British public mind that the Kaiser has merely "shot his bolt." in Russia.

A few days before Kitchener's flatfooted optimism in the House of Lords, Mr. Lloyd George wrote a preface for a compiled edition of his "Wake Up England," war speeches. In it he plainly suggested that Russia, not Germany had "shot her bolt." He declared: "Poland is entirely German; Luthuania is rapidly following; Russian fortresses deemed impregnable, are falling like sand castles before the resistless tide of Teutonic invasion. When will the tide recede? When will it be stemmed?"

### Gzar Regarded as Badly Beaten

If Mr. Lloyd George's animad-

versions in regard to Russia mean anything they mean that Russia is badly beaten—for the present at least—and that her power to be of slightest assistance to the allies is lamed for many months to come.

With the Minister of War and the Minister of Munitions so widely at odds as to whether Russia has "shot her bolt" or not, it is not surprising that distracted Britain, collectively known as "the man in the street," does not know what to think. Meantime the arithmetical evidence of his own eyes is not conducive to good cheer.

Within the same week in which the two Cabinet Ministers chiefly responsible for the war on land were contradicting themselves as to Russia, the government submitted two memoranda showing what the struggle has cost in lives and treasure to date and what the pay of the piper in the immediate future is likely to amount to.

No town will become a good business center so long as its business men rely on a few merchants to make the effort to bring trade to town. Too often the men in a few lines of trade are the only ones who reach out for custom. Our merchants wait until these men induce the people to come to town and content themselves with trade that naturally drifts to their place. A public spirited man should ask himself if he is doing his best to attract people to come to town to trade, in helping the entire business community, and no town is a success unless all lines are working to extend the trade as far as possible and trying to bring a larger territory in the circle in which the town is the business center.—Itemizer.

### Give Us Something Hard

The Civil war ended in 1865. Yet in an address delivered at Spokane the other day, Governor Willis, of Ohio, made the unsupported assertion that national legislation was in the hands of members elected from the southern states, who had no sympathy

with the people of the northwest. If this is not demagoguery, please give it a name.—Dallas Itemizer.

Its Democracy. Any school boy could tell you that.

### IS OLDEST MESSENGER "BOY"

Snowy Haired Uncle John Speeds With Telegrams at Eighty-four.

Luling, Tex.—J. E. Palmer of this city probably enjoys the distinction of being the oldest messenger "boy" in the world. At the age of eighty-four he works for the Western Union from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m., delivering messages from one end of the city to the other.

Palmer was born in Flemingsburg, Ky., Jan. 29, 1832, and fought all through the civil war Uncle John, as he is better known, came to Caldwell county in 1899. He is snowy haired and slightly bent.

## U. S. SUBMARINES ARE BUILT THE STRONGEST

Our Undersa Craft Beat Those of Other Nations.

Washington.—Whatever else may be said of the submarine torpedo boats of the United States, naval experts familiar with this type of craft are confident that the underwater boats of no other nation are built on stronger lines. In fact, naval officers say that none of the great world powers requires the construction of submarines to resist anything like the great water pressure that is required of American submarines.

Submarines built for the American navy must have hull strength sufficient to resist the pressure of the ocean at a depth of 300 feet. Before these delicate craft are accepted they must have withstood pressure at a depth around 210 feet, which is deemed sufficient, but must be strong enough to go much lower. British and German submarines are not required to stand pressure at 300 feet, the requirement usually running around 200 feet. German submarines, as a rule, are tested at a depth around 150 feet and those of the British navy sometimes at a greater depth.

Of all submarine defects those affecting the propelling engines have been most numerous and bothersome. The development of this type of engine has been very gradual. Until very recently, however, engine trouble has been of common occurrence in submarines, and the work of construction has been delayed more by engine defects probably than from all other defects combined.

For example, while the contracts for submarines usually call for delivery within two years, it has been under-

stood at all times that the vessels could not be completed and delivered in that time, and the reason given always has been the engines. It is believed, however, that the submarine engines have been so far perfected that from now on delivery of the boats may be confidently expected within the contract period. Naval experts concede that Germany may have a superior submarine engine.

While deeply regretting the loss of the F-4, with its crew of twenty-two men, naval officers take pride in the fact that that was the only fatal accident to an American submarine, while similar accidents have happened to the submarines of the big European nations on more than one occasion.

But submarine cruising is hazardous at best. The structure of a submarine is necessarily delicate. Any one of many things might be responsible for wrecking an underwater boat.

### Cow Prefers Pear Diet.

Hood River, Ore.—E. Reeve Claxton, an orchardist on the west side, has a cow that has been expensive to keep this summer. Mr. Claxton figures that the cost of the cow's feed, including fifty boxes of d'Anjou pears, has been about \$112.50.

### RECALLS 1861 SCENES.

Preacher, Once Fiddler, Made and Lost Seven Fortunes.

Shasta, Cal.—S. D. Newbill, evangelist, has just been on a visit here to recall the scenes of 1861, when he was a gold miner.

"I mined some, but I fiddled more," explained the preacher, "for the miners liked my fiddling and paid well for it at the dances.

"I came across the plains with ox teams and made \$1,200 on the way selling whisky. I was in this old town for over a year, but I don't find any of the old faces or buildings.

"I remember paying \$1 for a mince pie, but I can't find even the site of the bakery."

Newbill explained that he followed all the gold rushes, made seven fortunes, and lost them all. Finally, twelve years ago, when broke, he took to preaching.

### Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

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