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AFTER THE WAR WHAT?

A European writer for the United Press gives an interesting suggestion in reference to the situation in that country after the war ends. He declares that the nations of Europe will line up in four groups. This is the English guess, made by the excellently informed Britons.

The English never expect to see the "United States of Europe" so much talked about in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland. There are too many kinds of people in Europe and the different kinds are too different to federate, the English say.

Of course there are plenty of English dissenters from the opinion that this four-group lineup will follow the war. It is a theory, however, held by first-class judges; and seems to come nearer to having a plurality of supporters than any other one. Roughly the four groups will consist of:

1. England, France, Russia and Italy.
2. The Germanic nations.
3. The Scandinavian countries—Sweden, Norway and Denmark.
4. The Balkan states.

No. 1, it will be seen, is the present entente lineup. The English opinion is that Italy, originally allied with Germany and Austria-Hungary but now on the entente's side, will stay on the latter side. Some pessimists predict that the war's end will not find England and Russia on good terms, but this isn't the general view.

As to what Germany and Austria-Hungary will or will not gain or lose as a result of the war, there are no end of different predictions. To choose between them is unnecessary—suffice it to say that the English don't expect the Germans to be actually exterminated or their country partitioned in its entirety.

It is conceded that there will still be a Germany.

That any Austria-Hungary will be left, however, as an individual country, or rather a dual country, is not so readily conceded. Plenty of people believe Austria-Hungary will be merged in Germany by the time the peace settlement has been agreed upon.

This would leave the Germanic peoples not exactly in a group but one single country, with Austria-Hungary as one or several of its states.

The get-together tendency in Scandinavia has been noticeable for some time. There is a good deal of jealousy between Sweden and Denmark but it is not more than skin deep. One thing will have to be settled—Denmark is a strongly anti-German nation because she fears Germany, Norway is somewhat pro-English and yet afraid of Russia, and Sweden is so extremely afraid of Russia as to be decidedly pro-German.

The theory is that Russia will furnish satisfactory insurance against aggression by the Czar across the extreme northern end of the Scandinavian peninsula. This would change Sweden's feeling entirely, remove a certain amount of worry in Norway and leave nothing in the way of what should prove a desirable combination—a federation, almost.

The British idea is that there can't be the right sort of a situation in the Balkans until the Turks have been transferred across the Bosphorus into Asia Minor. This having been accomplished, it is believed here that the Balkan peoples will be able to settle down peacefully together and maybe, in the end, get together, as different states, under one central government.

Spain, Portugal and Holland don't seem to fit compactly into any combination. For international political reasons they would naturally all be more or less pro-the present allies, however.

PAYING TAXES.

Why do people hate to pay taxes? Usually because they do not feel that they get returns for their money. Usually, unfortunate as it may be,

they are right about it. They don't. There are many reasons why. The chief one is that they do not follow up their tax investments with personal interest as they would other investments. If there is graft and mismanagement in the administration of the town, county, state or nation that means that the taxpayers are careless enough to permit it—Guard.

MISFITS

An auto demonstrator can make things look luminous. One this morning started his car on high gear as easily as a duck slips into water, run it almost as slow as a snail, backed easily upon the curb, etcetera.

Whenever the world gets so that the only troubles are real ones it will be a pretty good place in which to live.

Like the sun, most people want to shine.

It is no longer known which is the weaker sex.

A critic says that the fellows that count are the ones who don't fit in; but have initiative of their own.

Not to Be Trusted.

The editor in charge of the Personal Inquiry column opened his seventeenth letter with a groan.

"I've lost three husbands," a lady reader had written, confidentially, "and now have the offer of a fourth. Shall I accept him?"

The editor dipped his pen in the ink. This was the last straw.

"If you've lost three husbands," he wrote, "I should say you were much too careless to be trusted with a fourth."

A compilation has just been completed of the number of calamities from drunkenness during Christmas week in the U. S. There were 110 murders, 24 suicides, 169 wounded, 39 dead by accident or exposure, etc.

Whichever way one turns one runs against advice. One says: If you want to be old at forty work seven days a week. If you want to be worthless at

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The old saying that love rules the world is taking a decided rest these days.

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