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**IMPOSING ON AMERICAN RELIEF**

The American relief committee in London, which has been looking after stranded Americans at public expense, has been compelled to issue a warning to the American press and people not to be "taken in" by stories of mistreatment which tourists may tell when they arrive at their American destinations. The warning is timely, as many such interviews and statements are already appearing in American papers, some criticising the committees and the consuls at foreign ports.

The truth of the matter seems to be that the relief committees have been greatly imposed upon by the unscrupulous and by some who were not unscrupulous. It is related that two women who presented themselves as penniless, having been made so by the wars, were granted relief and instead of using it to put up at modest hostels they went to the best in the land and presented bills for \$50 a day for the two, which the committee had to pay, but thereafter it put the women on an expense account of \$1.75 a day, which they seemed to think an outrage.

Those who receive relief, of one kind or another, are not always thankful for the same, but they often find fault because more was not done for them. We have all the time believed that the howlings of our tourists were uncalculated for and that most of the sufferings they endured were self-inflicted, largely through paineeky feelings with which they were seized. When the war broke out they seem suddenly to have been crazed with the fears that every one in Europe would be massacred. The conduct of many Americans caught abroad was not compatible with the courage and fortitude that we would like to associate with the name American.

**PEACE TALK AND CAT'S PAWISM**

President Wilson is right in refusing to have his office made a cat's paw in the European negotiations. He will not "sound" foreign nations on peace and he will not be made a go-between in "conversations" where each is seeking some information or other, rather than seeking peace. First one side and then another may say that it is for peace, and gain a public advantage by such professed readiness, when, as a matter of fact, it is peace along its own original contentions.

The president of the United States has told them one and all that he is ready to use his office for the promotion of peace, but before he acts the nation or nations must come with sincere hearts, not dickered for information or advantages, but sincerely desirous of peace. Mere jockeying is not to be tolerated by a nation which has both a neutrality and a dignity of its own to support.

The truth is that neither side of the war is yet ready for peace—some one will have to be decisively whipped first, or the people at home will have to start an uprising. England is so advantageously situated that it can have no desire for peace except on its own terms, and Russia is so big and so regardless that it is in the same condition. France and Belgium would of course feel abased to ask for peace while German armies are on their soil and the invader's heel on their necks and Germany is not prepared to sue for peace while she is farther away from her goal than she was a month ago.

If the Germans had saved the three months they have been pounding away in Belgium, by going right straight across their own boundary, instead through a neighbor's back door, the chances are that they would now be nearer Paris than they are. But they thought the other way would prove the easier. They did not overestimate their Krupp guns, it appears, but they did underestimate the human courage in the Belgians.

**A LITTLE APPRECIATION FOR FRANCE.**

French people have often felt that there is in this country lack of serious consideration for them. The American people are apt to regard the French as light and even frivolous, taken up with fashions and superficial literature, things associated with Paris and Parisians. The Germans are as proverbially given credit for all the opposite qualities. Of course, we know Germans better, for they have lived among us, while the French have not. In most of our states and in nearly all of our cities the German element is potent enough to command respect.

But in the present war the French have been giving such an account of themselves that we will have to give them larger credit. They have not proven themselves to be light or frivolous, but substantial and enduring. They

have gone about the terrible business of defending their country against its invaders in the most orderly and the most determined manner. They have not borne false witness as to their own achievements.

Even the Germans locate the "lie" factories not in Paris, but in London. The French, as a matter of fact, have set a high ideal of keeping the world and their own troops informed as to what is going on. We understand the government issues bulletins for the men at the front acquainting them with the happenings of the war, so that they may know what they are fighting for and how they are succeeding, believing that a well informed soldier is better than a mere machine. Every French soldier has, in a measure, been made a participating partner in this business of war. The results have been the best.

Instead of stampeding and creating "scenes" and riots, as was expected of them in some quarters, the French have shown grit to withstand attacks and courage of the highest order in making attacks. Not under Napoleon, it seems, did the French soldiers fight better. Their heroism has been proved and approved even by their foes. The French army has lifted up the good name of France and replaced it among the great nations, a place it has not occupied, not exactly, since the war of 1870. Whatever the outcome may be the world will not think lightly of the French army.

In a recent article, Arnold Bennett boasted that England is "supporting the most highly civilized and the most peaceful great power on the continent of Europe—France." He also calls France the "poet among nations," all of which is high praise, indeed.

**BELGIANS SALUTE OUR FLAG.**

An American who had occasion to motor through Belgium, carrying American papers, has related how joyfully the people of that afflicted country greeted the stars and stripes which he carried on his car. "Vive Amerique" they cried as with one voice when they saw the starry banner. They all seemed to feel that it stood for something which they loved, freedom. We are told that men stood with heads uncovered as the American flag was carried past them, while women wept.

As Americans we ought to be glad that such feelings exist toward our flag and we ought to see to it that no nation shall ever have cause to look in vain for the flag of the free. It is America's business always to stand for what is best and highest in this world, for those ends alone we must fight, if we ever must fight again.

So far as the Belgians are concerned, the feelings are reciprocated in America, for all Americans feel that the invasion of their country, whatever the military necessities may have been, was a terrible chapter in the history of the war now raging. The Belgians had given offense to none and they desired to take no part in the miserable business of fighting, and their sole animus was a desire to keep inviolate their country and their homes. For this they have been punished severely, but it has lifted them up in the esteem of the nations and they have demonstrated that a nation that is a mere handful can contend successfully with a nation that is a giant, provided the handful has right on its side and love of country in its heart.

Peace will come some time and then every one will claim it was through his particular influence. Bryan will claim it, the pope in Rome will claim it and all those who are now praying for peace will claim it. Well, let us hope there will be peace enough for all.

And who has thought of the poor horses that have been slaughtered in the wars? They are dumb brutes, but they have been slaughtered with the men who ride them. And surely the horses were no parties to this human madness which we call war.

And winter is coming on which will increase the hardships of the men at war. Think of a heavy snow storm and a blizzard swooping down on two or three million men in camps. Can you think of anything worse than that, in the way of human suffering?

Slices of territory with which the great nations have gorged themselves may have to be disgorged at the end of the war. The partition of Poland, for instance, may have to be unscrambled.

When a woman is so well dressed that no one notices her, she is apt to think that she isn't dressed at all.

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