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Hunger, Force to Tame the Warring Hordes of Europe

Hunger tames. A hungry army loses much of its courage and efficiency. Napoleon's axiom that an army marches and fights on its stomach holds as true today as in the period of the Napoleonic wars.

As an island England holds supremacy at sea, continental Germany has been equally determined to hold the supremacy on land.

But a hungry nation cannot buoy its spirits with that expectation. If its people are once reduced to famine conditions, their martial spirit oozes and peace conditions that were regarded as unbearable in the early stages of the war grow increasingly tolerable.

In this fact Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, home from a trip to Europe, finds strong hope that the war will be brief.

"If war continues a few weeks longer," thinks President Butler, "victor and vanquished will find a common lot awaiting them in the foreboding shadow of famine."

Exhaustion of food supplies will foreshorten the war but hardly to the extent imagined by Dr. Butler.

England's navy is her hope, her bulwark, her very life in time of war. As pointed out two years ago by George Renwick, a member of parliament, in a speech before the Royal United Service Institution, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland never had on hand more than six weeks' supplies of wheat and flour or more than two weeks' supplies of meats.

On the same occasion Lord Ellenborough said in solemn warning: "The starvation of England means abject surrender. The poor will lose their freedom; the rich will lose their wealth."

These hard, alarming facts answer the frequent question: "Why doesn't Europe disarm?" The powers of Europe will not trust each other.

Trio of Pietistic Rulers Ask Blessing on Man-Made Hell

Upon the eve of sending millions of their subjects forth to kill men and be killed, without permitting them to say whether or not they desired to kill those against whom they have no quarrel, three pietistic emperors of Europe calmly asserted that God was with them and sanctioned them in the devil's work they were doing.

It seems impossible that sane men could themselves pray, or ask others to pray to God for his blessing on a man-made hell—on a hell not made by those driven to it, but by the few who do the driving.

Three pietistic emperors, acknowledging no responsibility to the millions they rule, giving those millions no voice in the question of peace or war, admitting no right on the part of those millions to refrain from the slaughtering of human beings when the order is given for destruction.

On a balcony in Berlin stands a third pietistic emperor, saying to his subjects assembled in the street: "And now I commend you to God. Go to church and kneel before God, and pray for His help for our gallant

An appalling impasse England will not disarm at sea; Germany will not disarm on land; France will not disarm in the face of the German menace on her frontier, and Russia will not disarm with Germany and Austria crowding her for room.

This makes an appalling impasse that is intensified by the fact that the present alliances of the powers are mere makeshifts of the hour. The necessities of European diplomacy, like politics, makes strange bedfellows. Within the decade Russia and Japan were at each other's throats. They now fight side by side.

It all constitutes a stupendous international tragedy, and that tragedy growing out of the lamentable insufficiency of European space to satisfy the conflicting ambitions and aspirations of the warring powers.

Upon the opposing hand, it is incontrovertible apparent that there is a limit to what the people can bear in the burden of armies and navies. To the despairing plea, "We dare not disarm," human limitation replies, "You must give us relief from this appalling burden."

War may break the impasse. If the clash of arms should give one group a crushing victory over the opposing group, the victorious power could dictate terms of disarmament, sufficiently sweeping to justify, in turn, their partial disarmament.

Should it come to that pass, the United States may find itself called upon and charged with the exalted duty of helping the warring nations to lay down their arms and heal their grievous wounds.

FRUIT EXPORTS ABROAD ADJUST GROWERS FAVOR

Many reports of a varied nature are reported by the Northwestern Fruit Exchange in a recent report to their growers. The situation is one in which we cannot take snap judgment nor expert advice and opinions without first going far in confirming same.

"I am glad to say that one phase of this export problem seems to be adjusting itself in our favor. Today we have been advised by our steamship friends that to a great extent from September onward they contemplate resuming their regular services from New York and Boston to English ports."

"Choice fruit is a drug here. Finest English hothouse grapes are going at about 10 cents per pound and very little demand at that figure."

"It will probably be October before we breathe freely again. Now choked up with home supplies. Would have estimated Newtowns, \$2 to \$2.25 before the war. Now we can't say anything. There are so many if's in the proposition that we cannot make forecast."

"Many people out of work and on half pay. Stores sell very little. Manufacturers of foodstuffs are demanding cash against orders, which action is putting many small men out of business."

"As we have said, however, things change so quickly that we may have another story to tell within a short period."

REFUGEES PAY AS THEY REACH HOME

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The Anchor line steamer Columbia arrived today from Glasgow and Moville with 833 passengers, all of whom, except forty-five in the steerage, were Americans who had been delayed in returning home from Europe.

The steamer San Giovanni, from Naples, with 677 American refugees from Italy and Switzerland, also arrived.

Many of the San Giovanni's passengers owed for their fare across the Atlantic when the boat docked today. Each passenger was charged \$100, and if he could not pay, his promise to pay on reaching New York was accepted instead of money.

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GERMANS LAYING MINES NORTH SEA BY FALSE FLAG

LONDON, Aug. 31, 1:45 p. m.—In confirmation of the story that mines have been laid in the North sea by vessels disguised as neutral fishing boats, a woman who arrived at London from Bergen tells of the sinking of such a mine-layer by a British cruiser.

The ship on which she was traveling found itself one morning close to a number of British cruisers, one of which had caught a German trawler flying the Norwegian flag, and engaged in laying mines.

According to this woman, the British commander gave the crew of the trawler three minutes in which to leave their vessel and they came tumbling over the side of the passenger ship. Then the cruiser backed up and rammed the offending trawler and at the second attempt cut in two and sent her to the bottom.

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TAX AMUSEMENT, BOOZE, MEDICINE, AS REVENUE AID

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Plans for a 5 or 10 per cent war tax on railroad tickets, theater tickets, baseball tickets and the like, is under consideration by members of the ways and means committee.

The plan, calculated to raise annually from \$50,000,000 to \$80,000,000, originated in administration circles. Opinion among the democrats of the committee is divided.

Some contend that a tax on beer and increased taxes on domestic wines and patent medicines, with an increase of 1 per cent in the income tax and a permanent inheritance tax, should meet all the exigencies caused by the European war without being felt seriously by individuals.

No formal action has been taken.

BRITISH 'WHITE PAPER' BEST VERSION OF WAR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Publication as a senate document of the British "white paper" and the German correspondence relative to the declaration of war on Russia was proposed today by Senator Oliver, who has just returned from the zone of the European conflict.

BRITISHER AT CURE HELD BY GERMANS

LONDON, Aug. 31, 1:45 p. m.—Sir James Sivewright, who has been prominent in the administration of the Cape Colony, has been arrested by the Germans at Nuremberg, where he was taking the cure, and is now held a prisoner of war.

50 JAPS HELD IN BERLIN; CAUSE UNKNOWN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Ambassador Chinda conferred today with Secretary Bryan about fifty Japanese subjects reported detained in Germany. The ambassador said his government was without information as to the cause of their detention or details concerning them, but was endeavoring to secure protection for them through the United States.

ALL AMERICANS OUT OF RUSSIA IN WEEK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Disincent of gold to Americans in Europe and arrangements for special trains by American embassies has brought the work of relief to its final stages. The American charge at St. Petersburg announced today the receipt of the money from the other Tennessee which has been distributed to consuls. He reports all Americans will be out of Russia by the end of the week.