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FRENCH PRAISE AMERICAN REPLY TO KAISER'S EDICT

PARIS, Feb. 16.—America's reply to Germany's blockade notification has brought forth a chorus of praise from the principal writers in the French press. Even Georges Clemenceau, who hitherto has been disposed to criticize President Wilson, says the president has spoken the words the American expected in such a way that Germany has no alternative but to back down.

Gabriel Hanotaux says in the Figaro:

"The American note to Germany is an act of high historic initiative and the first step toward the inevitable participation of neutrals in the great events which are dividing the world. President Wilson was obliged to pass from discussion to action. What do the measures mentioned in the note mean but that American warships will full upon German submarines attacking American ships in total disregard of America's sovereign rights? Either Germany can give in or she can disregard Washington's note and go on with her plan to force England to capitulate. President Wilson will not recede from his position."

The proposal made by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, that Germany would withdraw its blockade order if the import of food was permitted by England, arrived too late for comment, but the newspapers caption the announcement "official German blackmail."

TEACHING ORIENT WESTERN WAYS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Americans who have been influenced by the Orient to the extent of taking their tea clear, without milk or sugar will be astonished to learn that the Occident is now bent on teaching the Chinese to use milk with their decoction of tea leaves—and condensed milk at that. An enterprising condensed milk company is pushing the campaign, and expects to be successful. This concern has already introduced condensed milk ice cream to the Chinese and they like it so well that many of the restaurants keep it always on hand. Practically no fresh milk is to be had in China, although the natives seem familiar enough with the virtues of both the fresh and the condensed article. Perhaps after all the Orientals have taken their tea clear because there was no milk to put in it and not because they thought the addition of milk ruined the beverage.

Canned salmon is another western staple that has made a decided impression on the far east, according to a report entitled "Canned Goods Trade in the Far East," Special Agents Series No. 22, written by Commercial Agent J. Alexis Shriver and published by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The report contains many interesting facts about the home life of the Chinese, Japanese, Malays, etc., and many valuable suggestions for canners whose considering the feasibility of selling goods on the other side of the Pacific. Copies may be had for 10 cents each from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington.

THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER

ATTENTION is called to the remarks printed elsewhere of W. W. Watson to the Ashland Commercial club regarding the necessity of local support for local newspapers as the surest way of developing the community. The shortcoming is plainly noted by a visitor, though unseen by the community itself.

The newspaper gives freely of its space for community upbuilding. Whether the subject is municipal improvement or country development the newspaper is always to the forefront. Whether the subject is the exploitation of the natural resources and the attraction of homeseekers and tourists by special editions—published frequently because of lack of proper support, at a loss to the publishers—or a campaign to secure a beet sugar factory or a lumber mill or to secure the expenditure of millions in the development of the valley by irrigation; whether it is for a city beautiful campaign or a swat-the-fly campaign, the newspaper is always on deck, using its influence and energy for the common good.

The Medford newspapers sustain, with one exception, the largest payroll in the city. They have championed every movement for progress in the history of the city since their establishment. They publish better newspapers than are issued in any city of the size in the northwest, but the quality must be determined by the support given them. The size of the paper and its excellence depends entirely upon the patronage received, poor patronage meaning a small paper, enlargement following increased patronage—for newspapers are not eleemosynary institutions, and to be enduring must follow sound business principles. The Mail Tribune would like to run an eight or ten or twelve-page paper daily—it has the facilities, but not the business to justify it. When it has, it will gladly enlarge, as it has enlarged in the past.

Both Medford newspapers are independent in the fullest sense of the word and hold to a high code of ethics. Neither are allied directly or indirectly with corporate or other interests. Editorially both express the personal convictions of their editors and stand for the best interests of the community as it is given them to see it. It is not supposed that everyone will agree with the policy of a newspaper. A paper that tried to please everyone would have neither popular respect nor confidence. The most that can be asked of an editor is that he hew to the line as he sees it, and let the chips fall where they may.

Review some of the many campaigns the Mail Tribune has made—for a gravity water system, for street improvements, for the Crater Lake highway, for the federal development of Crater Lake, for the protection of fish in Rogue river, for good roads and the Pacific highway, for irrigation, for a beet sugar factory, for equitable freight rates, for blight eradication and for a score of other progressive policies. It does not always succeed, but it is always striving for something for the community welfare—and a newspaper that does this deserves hearty support—despite numerous shortcomings.

FOR A SUGAR FACTORY

THE good work done to secure beet acreage is not lost, even though a factory cannot be secured this year. The work of signing up acreage was begun too late to insure success, though there is no reason why the factory should not be secured another year.

It has been definitely decided that a sugar factory is among the urgent needs of the valley, and a factory must be had. With the necessary acreage signed up, if the Utah sugar people will not establish one, some of the other sugar makers can be induced to.

The acreage signed up forms a nucleus upon which to begin work at once for next year. The work of securing signatures will begin at once and every effort made to secure the desired acreage.

Everyone realizes now what a sugar factory means for the valley and everyone is expected to co-operate in securing the acreage. A full statement from the promoters and the committee will shortly be issued and the project put up to the farmers in a businesslike manner.

MARDI GRAS DAY AT NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 16.—Mardi Gras day, marking the end of the reign of Rex, king of the carnival of 1915, was observed here today with elaborate festivities. Business places, including the cotton exchange, all banks and the postoffice remained closed the greater part of the day.

Traffic on several blocks of Canal street was suspended during the morning except for the Rex parade, and the thoroughfare was given over to merry-makers in fantastic costumes. The Mardi Gras celebration will end tonight.

ACCUSE BRITAIN OF SUBMARINE PLOTS

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—An official statement reading as follows was issued in Berlin today:

"Inasmuch as it is to the interest of Great Britain that conflicts arise between Germany and neutral powers, it is thought in German shipping circles that English submarines, in order to bring about this end, may purposely sink one or more neutral ships. It is known also in the shipping circles that Great Britain has laid large quantities of mines against German submarines."

Newspapers Need Not Be Truthful

(From the Portland Speculator). One of the best bills ever presented to the legislature of Oregon was killed on Monday. It was introduced by that great orator and grand statesman, Senator Dan Kellaher, which probably account for the fact that it was done to death by a vote that was practically unanimous.

Notwithstanding that Grand avenue's most eloquent orator introduced the bill, it deserved a better fate than indefinite postponement.

Its purpose was to make newspapers tell the truth. It will be readily admitted that a bill with such a noble design should have had a fair show for passage and should not have been handicapped with a sponsor like Senator Kellaher.

The suggestion that newspapers should be forced to tell the truth—even if it requires legislative action to do it—is highly meritorious. It proves that our legislators are working for better things—striving for loftier ideals. What thing could be better, what ideal loftier than truth, and what more beautiful achievement than introducing the handmaid of virtue to the daily press?

The opposition to this splendid bill reflects little credit on those who voted against it. Indeed, the arguments were pitifully weak and unconvincing. One noble senator arose and declared he was unalterably opposed to the measure because in requiring the newspapers to tell the truth it imposed a duty on them that was impossible of performance. Another honorable gentleman urged his colleagues to defeat the bill on the ground that if the newspapers were compelled to tell the truth they would cease to be of any interest, and would be no more readable than a court calendar. A third asserted that since the stage had taken up life problems and the movies had abandoned

idealism for realism and the novelists were devoting their talents to the solution of every-day questions, and all were using truth as a basis for their productions, relaxation from this deadly monotony of verity could be found in the news and editorial columns of the dailies alone.

"Let us," he cried, in a fine burst of eloquence, "let us not chain the mentality, shackle the minds, and enslave the imaginations of our great editors by forcing them to tell the truth. Gentlemen, life is sordid enough without compelling our brilliant journalists to confine themselves to its ignoble realities. Let us preserve to the press, our safeguard against oppression, our defender in time of need, the pure palladium of our holy liberties, the people's pulpit, pride, and preserver, its immemorial freedom from whatever would bind, bend, or break it. This infamous bill to hamper the newspapers by compelling them to tell the truth on any subject would be a deadly blow at the God-given right of free speech."

The oration in defense of the freedom of the press was greeted with a tremendous burst of applause. Senator Butler then rose to express his profound displeasure of the measure that was designed to force the people's vindicator, the press, to abandon its light and graceful flights of fiction for the cold, bald, uninteresting, and unconvincing facts. And, anyway, he declared with great earnestness and sincerity, even if the splendid body of senators, of which he was proud to be a member, thought in its wisdom that it was wise to pass this bill, and compel the editors to tell the truth, the law would be inoperative. "As it is impossible to make people moral and truthful by legislation."

And that is how the bill to make the papers tell the truth was defeated.

Every Method of Warfare

(From the New York World.) The full text of the German decree threatening the destruction of British commerce is more offensive to neutrals than the synopsis that came by wireless. It is a complaint against neutrals as well as against Great Britain. It accuses Great Britain of violating international law. It accuses neutrals of making only theoretical protests. It finds in the attitude of Great Britain and neutrals sufficient excuse for the adoption by Germany of "every method of warfare."

One method is to be the sinking of British ships carrying neutral passengers and cargoes. Another is a notice that neutral ships may be torpedoed—accidentally. With the disputes between the belligerents over questions of international law we have nothing to do at present. If Germany is able to establish and maintain an effective blockade of the British coasts, that measure also is not to be questioned by us. But it is our right and duty to challenge a pretended blockade such as is now contemplated, and it is even more imperatively necessary, as we value independence and honor, that we resent promptly and with emphasis even a suggestion of "every method" assaults upon the lives and property of American citizens engaged in lawful commerce.

If Germany is being strangled to death economically, as the Berlin decree asserts, it is the British fleet and not the United States that is responsible. What little is left of German commerce proceeds under the protection not of German guns, but of British guns. Having abandoned the sea except for an occasional raid in the fog or by submarines, its great navy cooped up in the Kiel canal, why does not Germany, instead of threatening friendly neutrals, disperse or sink the enemy who is causing it so much discomfort? When it can have all the sea-fighting it wants in its own waters close to its own beleaguered ports, to look for trouble across the ocean can be regarded as nothing less than madness.

So far as the use of neutral flags by British merchantmen is concerned, how long is it since the adoption of that device by German ships was hailed all over the world as exceedingly clever? Has Berlin forgotten that the Emden, of whose exploits it is justly proud, a warship and not a merchantman, gained its most notable success at Penang, where it appeared in disguise? Today it is notorious that the Dresden and Karlsruhe, hiding somewhere in the southern oceans, are supplied from neutral ports by captured ships manned by German crews sailing under neutral flags.

The neutral nations have done nothing in this war that they have not had a right to do. It is true that they have traded with Great Britain and France, whose ports are open. They have not traded with Russia, for the excellent reason that Germany and its ally, Turkey, have bottled it up, just as Great Britain and France have bottled up Germany and Austria. Russia is trying to break its bonds, not by "every method of warfare" against enemies and neutrals alike, but by hard hitting at its foes. When Germany sinks or captures the British navy it will find no lack of neutral shipping in its harbors.

There is complete agreement among neutral nations as to the meaning and the menace of the Berlin decree. It is a wanton denial of neutral rights. It exhibits a deeper, at least a more

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imminent, hostility to neutrals than it does to any belligerent. The neutrals at whom it is aimed are therefore urged by every consideration of self-respect and safety to unite at once in remonstrances too impressive to be ignored.

PREACHER ARRESTED FOR WHITE SLAVERY

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—James M. Darnell, former pastor of a Kenosha, Wis., church and man of many matrimonial adventures, was taken in custody today on a charge of having violated the Mann white slave act. Darnell resigned his Kenosha pastorate after attention was called to his having a wife in Chicago, although his parishioners believed he was the husband of Miss Ruth Soper, who with her child lived at the parsonage.

Mrs. Doris Vaughn Darnell, the Chicago wife, recently was divorced from Darnell and yesterday a marriage license was issued at Crown Point, Ind., to Darnell and Miss Soper.

The investigation which was made after Darnell left Kenosha revealed another woman, Miss Ethel Spurgeon of Avon, Ill., who also had been regarded as Mrs. James M. Darnell.

BELGIAN MINISTER TO HOLY SEE QUILTS

ROME, Feb. 16.—It is explained semi-officially in Vatican circles today that the resignation of Baron d'Erp, the Belgian minister accredited to the Holy See, should not be interpreted as evidence of a lack of cordiality between the church and the Belgian government. Mr. Tacel, the papal nuncio to Belgium, is remaining at his post while Belgium is sending to Rome to take the place of Baron d'Erp, M. Vandevuyl, a well-known statesman, who is persona grata to the papacy.

Baron d'Erp is advanced in years and it is felt that more could be accomplished in this post by a younger statesman.

BLOCKADE DAY TO BE A BITTER ONE

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—The Cologne Gazette, commenting today on the diplomatic situation which has arisen out of Germany's declaration of a marine war zone, around England, says that the American note to Great Britain contains a demand, the granting of which would at once tend to reduce to small proportions all danger of American shipping. If Great Britain abandoned the use of the stars and stripes, few ships would carry this banner into the war zone waters. To recognize a ship as American would be equivalent to knowing her as a neutral.

The Cologne Volks Zeitung says Germany must wait patiently and show that February 15 will be a day of bitter earnest.

WHEN HEADACHY TAKE CASCARETS FOR THE BOWELS

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HYPHENATED CITIZENS ACCUSE FEDERAL JUDGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Charges by the German-American alliance and the German Historical society of Toledo that Federal Judge John M. Kilts delivered an unneutral speech recently declaring he "did not care how soon some one dropped a thousand bombs on Emperor William's head," were referred today by President Wilson to the department of justice. Officials pointed out, however, that neither the president nor the department has the authority to censure a federal judge; that power is reserved to congress.

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