

REAL CAUSE OF GERMAN SMASH AGAINST WORLD

Russell Analyzes Underlying Causes of Struggle as That of Oligarchy Versus Democracy—A Life and Death Affair for Each—German Defeat Means Defeat Government.

By CHAS. EDWARD RUSSELL. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6.—One thing sure, most solemnly and soberly sure—war between the United States and Germany will be no quarrel between nations about the sinking of ships or the breaking of some rule of the war game. It will be a struggle between ideas, between conceptions of civilization and of government, between great vital fundamental principles of existence.

Struggle of Ideas.
The ship sinking may be talked about; the struggle between ideas will be the thing fought about. The "overt act" that will precipitate the struggle will be exactly like the shooting of the Austrian archduke. It will be the signal to begin, but the war is on already and has been on for ages, and it is not in the power of any nation, however much it may love peace, to sidestep that conflict.

The ideas of government and of civilization held by the people of the United States can never by any possibility jibe with the ideas of government and of civilization held by Germany.

The two can never exist side by side in the same world. They are absolutely irreconcilable and always will be. There can no more be peace between them than there can be peace between freedom and slavery, fire and water, right and wrong.

There is no compromise possible between them; there is no middle ground. One or the other will dominate, and whichever dominates will in the end suppress the other.

This world cannot possibly exist half Prussian and half democratic, half working backward and half struggling forward.

If we do not fight the Prussian idea now we shall fight it ten years from now—or five.

Does Not Represent People.
One of the strangest things ever known in the history of America seems to be in about the nature and the issues of the European war.

One of our neighbors, we say, is a German-American. We see his quiet, well-ordered life and rather attractive ways, and we say a nation of such men must be a pretty good thing. What's the kick about it?

But this man doesn't represent the German government. He doesn't reflect it nor resemble it, and that is the first point in the whole tremendous drama.

The German government does not represent the German people. The first great base for everything in our scheme of civilization is the faith that governments derive their powers from the consent of the governed. The great foundation stone of the German government is that it derives its powers and all of them from divine right.

What follows from our basic faith is that the people are the first consideration.

Differences Stated.
What follows from the German government's theory is that the people are so many instruments to fulfill and uphold the will of deity as expressed in the person of the Kaiser that deity has provided for rule.

Under the operation of this theory there is, of course, and can be no such thing as one inherent human right.

What people have is not rights, but privileges allowed by the deity, respect and to be recalled at his pleasure.

Wherever the German government goes it carries this idea, for it has no conception of any other.

To imagine that this idea and the idea of democracy can ever get along without a fight is to dream an empty dream.

How could you live in the all your days under the shadow of the united fist? It is to be watched, watched and commanded like a new recruit in the awkward squad to never feel for a moment free from the hand of the government; to have the superannuated and decrepit servant of the Kaiser directed eternally in your ears; to walk to hourly dress of the locking police agent and conversations spy; to be in danger of prosecution for the least remark contrary to the ruler; to be executed at your own and molded all your days for the posterity of the Kaiser's children?

Americans could no more live in such an atmosphere than they could thrive in a vacuum. They would suf-

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NAVY SPEEDS UP NEW CONSTRUCTION WITH SHIP YARDS

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The navy department today began its campaign to speed up new construction when representatives of shipbuilding plants and submarine companies were called into conference by Secretary Daniels in relation to the half billion dollar naval appropriation bill. The companies asked to attend the meeting were the Fore River Shipbuilding company, the New York Shipbuilding company, William Cramp and Sons, the Electric Boat company and the Lake Torpedo Boat company.

Proposals for fifteen destroyers and for the second cruiser left over from the preceding bill already have been advertised. Bids will be opened during the present month. Proposals for 28 additional 800-ton submarines will be advertised without delay. The placing of contracts for five battle cruisers will be arranged in conference with shipbuilders and not by advertising. Plans for three 12,000-ton dreadnaughts will not be ready for advertisement for some weeks.

Secretary Daniels hoped to be able at his conference today to secure cooperation of the shipbuilding companies in hastening the navy program to completion. It was thought at the department that the first exercise of the new authority granted by congress would be the suspension of the eight hour law as applied to contract work for the navy. Mr. Daniels has stated publicly, however, that he will not hesitate to commandeer private plants should that prove necessary.

CUNARD LINER ORDUNA ARRIVES AT LIVERPOOL

NEW YORK, March 6.—The Cunard liner Orduna, which left here on February 24 for Liverpool, has arrived today, according to cable advices received here.

Death of Dr. Van Hook in the Prussian line.

Time to Decide.
It is time to have some talk and decide. This world is to be democratic or democratic, and we are to have some talk. If Germany stays on land or seas to her, a best example, the result is exactly the same for democracy and for us.

We live or die with the democracy of Europe.

The only choice we have is whether we shall let them sign our bills and control our life, or whether we shall take our place with them and in the final struggle between freedom and monarchy play the part of a nation of men.

But if we are willing to stand on our heels, let's make a good job of it and be prepared to do anything else. One thing is the other. Even so walk straight and go through to the end.

HARRY LANE FAVORS GIVING KAISER FULL SWAY UPON SEAS

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Senator Harry Lane of Oregon was the only northwest senator to join the filibuster against the armed neutrality bill. He made a forty-five minute filibustering talk against empowering the president to arm merchant ships. He told that the bill should lead to war, that the United States ships had no business in the war zone and the nation should obey the German decree as regards to its commerce, and that the only justifying American interference in the war would be actual invasion of the country.

Only Invasion to Be Resisted.

He took the position that the United States must exert itself only in the event Germany, or some other nation, attempts an invasion of our territory.

Senator Lane said none of the European nations or Canada is America's friend and that none would come to our aid if we became involved in war.

"Now it seems," he went on, "that we are heading now enemies. In this bill we are placing a chip on our shoulder.

"I am no man of peace; I would fight to the death and fight viciously, and I would use submarines if I could get them against any nation that attempted to invade this country, but it seems to me to be unwise that we should go out of our way, and such a long distance out of our way to get into trouble and incur enormous expenditures at a time when there are so many at our elbows in distress.

No Rights for Neutrals.

"I don't think we have any special right to deal ships with ammunition with which to kill Germans and then we should be war zone Germany has declared war. A man who would do this has no political rights that should be recognized. He would be a wild fool."

Senator Lane said he would rather see the law of the sea than see the president of the United States take the responsibility of the American ships to carry ammunition at sea to which Senator Lane opposed.

"We have no right," he said, "to have our ships, and we are not in our own right to go on. 'Ought we not to stand?' he concluded, 'What our commerce should be protected?'"

"This country can get along with Germany by treating her fairly and not meddling in her affairs and keep our ammunition at sea, or at least have it taken abroad, let them be taken at the owner's risk. Under the terms of the bill I believe war would be on us within thirty days. I would not be at all surprised now if thirty days should bring a great calamity to this country."

AUSTRIA STEADFAST UPON ASSURANCES IN ANCONA CASE

LONDON, March 6.—An Austrian memorandum referring to the note on the Ancona case says that it "strictly adheres to the assurance already given."

At the same time Austria calls attention to the fact that at the time of the Ancona incident it stated that it "reserved the right to bring up later for discussion different international questions which arise in connection with submarine warfare."

The memorandum then adds: "If the Austro-Hungarian government now refers to this reservation and briefly discusses the question of the sinking of enemy vessels to which that note refers, it is guided by a desire to show the American government that now, as heretofore, it strictly adheres to the assurance already given and endeavors, by clearing up that important question, because it touches the lives of humanity, to avoid misunderstanding between the monarchy and the American nation."

The reply of the Austrian government to the second American note in regard to the sinking of the Ancona contained the following paragraph: "The Austro-Hungarian government can positively concur in the principle that enemy private vessels, so far as they do not flee or offer resistance, shall not be destroyed by the persons aboard are vented."

NEW ROAD BONDING LAW TO BE VOTED ON IN JUNE

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vised by law, said election to be held on the 14th day of June, 1917, and shall be in full force and effect as soon as ratified by the people at such election.

Section 15. On account of the importance of the early decision of this matter and the importance of getting ready for construction of roads, this Act is necessary for the peace, health and safety of the people of the state of Oregon, and the special election hereinbefore declared should not be delayed beyond the time hereinbefore set, and for that reason an emergency is deemed to exist, and this Act shall be in full force and effect in accordance with the terms and provisions therein set forth, from and after its passage, as regards said special election.

SEVEN LOSE LIFE IN HOTEL FIRE AT HOPE

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 6.—Seven persons were burned to death this morning when the Comhalla hotel at Hope, B. C., was burned.

TEUTONS PLAN TO DROP DISEASE GERMS IN CITIES

New Form of Frightfulness Is Promised for this Year, London Hears—Zeppelin Raiders Preparing to Bombard London With Bombs Filled With Deadly Disease Germs.

By J. HERBERT DUCKWORTH. NEW YORK, March 6.—Bombs charged with deadly disease germs are this year's form of frightfulness said to be promised for Germany's enemies.

Recent arrivals from England say London takes it for granted attempts will be made to wipe out its population of seven and a half millions by means of deadly bacilli dropped from Zeppelins, despite England's recent success in bringing down Zeps that have attempted raids.

Horribly fantastic as this method of conducting a military campaign may appear, it is no more revolutionary or brutal than is the use of poison gas and liquid fire.

Cities Menaced.

And the menace is even a possibility to the United States. Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary states that from four to six of the foreign powers have airships and men "which would enable any one of them, by losing an hour today, to destroy Washington or any of our coastal cities from the air in a single night three weeks from now."

If Zeppelins have been built with a radius of action extensive enough to reach the United States, what is to prevent the commanders of these airships from dropping the vile germ cultures of German bacteriologists as well as high explosive bombs?

I talked today on this topic with Dr. Charles F. Ballman, one of America's most eminent bacteriologists. Among the many posts of honor held by Dr. Ballman are those of director of the bureau of public health education, New York, and assistant editor of the New York Medical Journal.

Doctor Talks of Terrors.

"It is a terrible thing to suggest that the germs of virulent disease may be dropped from the sky by airmen on civilian populations, but the scheme is quite feasible.

"How the germs would be disseminated I have not the faintest notion. And I do not care to suggest how it might be done. If I should do so it might inspire some crank in this country to try the experiment.

"As to London's fear, of course, I cannot say what ground there is for it. I hate to think that any military power would stoop to use this disease germ weapon in its attempt to exterminate its enemies, but I must admit there is nothing I know of that would make it impossible to sow the seeds of disease by means of germs sent adrift in the air by the explosion of bombs."

Another authority on bacteria said to me: "This war has produced many diabolical engines of destruction, but the suggestion that the next atrocity is to be germ bombs is too horrible to contemplate.

New York Easy Victim.

"New York, that houses more people to the acre than any other big city in the world, would be exceedingly fertile ground for the aerial sower of disease germs.

"With its skyscrapers and ten and twenty-story apartment houses, every germ would hit a human target. Those that started to float upwards would find their way into the upper windows of the offices and other high buildings.

"Imagine what havoc might be wrought by the explosion of germ bombs over Wall street and downtown New York with its teeming population of millions, say in the lunch hour!"

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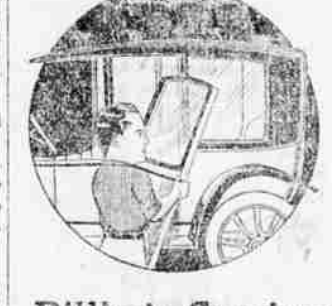
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