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MAY END GERMANY'S ISOLATION

The successful crossing of the Atlantic by a giant submarine freighter is another event due entirely to the European war. That it would have come sometime is certain but had not the necessities of the Germans driven them to make the attempt it might have been years before it would have been made. It is a historic trip, the beginning of a new era in ocean transportation perhaps. At the least it promises to put an end to Germany's isolation, and to provide means of securing not only food supplies, but much needed material for war munitions. It is in the latter line the submarines will prove most useful, for while it would take a tremendous fleet to carry provisions enough to have any material effect on the food supply, a few vessels can do much toward relieving the shortage in copper, nickel and supplies of that kind used in the manufacture of munitions of war. Outside of the material aid from this under sea route, its moral help will be quite a factor. For one thing it will shake England's confidence in her ability to bottle Germany up, or to starve her out.

There will, no doubt, be a great cry up from England to the effect that it is the duty of this country to intern the new vessel, though there is absolutely no excuse for so doing. The customs officers pronounce her a merchantman, and an unarmed one at that. She has no torpedo tubes, and carries no guns, not even, as the English insisted they had a right to do--for defense.

The fact that she is a submarine has nothing to do with the case, but our English cousins will surely claim that it does. It will give this country too, an opportunity to convince Germany that we are just as willing to sell anything we have, to her, as to the allies, and if we do sell the allies surely have no kick coming. The Germans certainly put one over on Johnny Bull that time, and how badly it hurt will be best evidenced by the size of the resultant roar.

France hopes the United States will either intern the Deutschland or at least refuse to allow others of her class to land in American ports. There is no reason for refusing the under sea boat all the privileges accorded any other merchantmen. She has been pronounced this, and the officer making the examination says it would require great changes and alterations to remodel her into a vessel of war. He makes the assertion that she carries no armament or guns and is strictly a merchant carrier. This being the case she is much more entitled to go and come free of hindrance than the English vessels, "armed for defense." The only reason the English and French object to her being given a merchantman's standing is that so doing interferes with their plans. This may be sufficient reason for them, but hardly enough for a neutral country. Our friend Johnny Bull is a hard loser, and perhaps this is accounted for by the fact that recently he has been a "seldom winner."

The followers of Von Tirpitz, in Germany, according to this morning's dispatches would welcome war with the United States. This is militarism gone mad. While passions are hot both Germans and English accuse the United States of being too friendly to the other. When the war is over and passions have cooled, history will show this country to have been strictly impartial and absolutely neutral. The fact that it gladly sells to Germany the things she most needs in her struggle, now that they can be delivered, proves conclusively that she is willing and anxious to treat both countries exactly alike.

While doing so much worrying about the starving in Poland to whom we cannot send supplies, it might be well to give a little thought to the famine stricken people of Mexico to whom we can easily send food. The pinched bodies of women and little children filled with food, is an argument far more conducive to "peace on earth and good will to men" than the bodies of their male relatives filled with bullets.

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The sudden activities of the Villistas and their whipping of the Carranza forces caused his whiskers to come off his lofty perch and become almost human again. Through secretary Arredondo he suggests that co-operation should soon put an end to the bandits. He should not forget that the bandits may run south of General Pershing's forces, and that he has forbidden the latter to move in that direction. If the Villistas show strength enough Carranza will be the most friendly fellow to be found anywhere. It will be a case of "misery loving company."

The Oregonian only ten days ago cartooned President Wilson as the "man who got us into war" with Mexico, and wailed editorially as though a great calamity had befallen the country. Now that peace seems more probable than war the same paper has changed its tune and thirsts for the gore of the Mexican people. For a paper which charges the president with being weak and vacillating, the Oregonian is leaving a pretty zig-zag trail itself for its loyal readers to follow.

Hughes has not yet picked out the place where he will receive the committee that will hunt him up to tell him he has been nominated by the republicans as their candidate for president. That committee should hurry up with the announcement for Mr. Hughes might go off on his summer vacation and they would not be able to find him, and so he would never know he was the nominee.

The Second Oregon regiment still lacks about 700 men of being up to war standard. At the same time recruiting is slow since the chances of war have so greatly diminished. It emphasizes the fact that Americans do not take kindly to military service in time of peace. The dispatches today state the Third regiment may be consolidated into two battalions.

That hurricane levied heavy toll on the country bordering the gulf. Latest reports indicate the property loss will be above \$10,000,000 and the loss of life, while unknown, is above a hundred, and probably when the loss of lives on the coasting vessels is learned, it may prove to be double that number.

President Wilson will soon be told that he has been nominated by the democratic party as its candidate for the presidency. It will, no doubt prove a great surprise to him though it will be far from leaving him speechless.



ACTIVE CANDIDATES

A candidate for President now jaunts around to some extent, and makes the welkin ring; he shoots the con to city boobs, and hands out bunk to village rubes, and yawps like everything. The people see him, and they say, "He's just an ordinary jay, he's much like common men; there is no halo o'er his head, his teeth are bad, his nose is red, his shoes are number ten. His larynx surely needs a rest, there are two buttons off his vest, his necktie's come untied; there is a bald spot on his crown, his linen collar's wilted down, his whiskers have been dyed." And many men who hear him speak find admiration growing weak, and to themselves they'll sigh, "We always thought our candidate was one majestic, grand and great--he's just a common guy." 'Tis distance the enchantment lends, and on a closer view, my friends, we find our idols clay; we see some great man we've admired, and his appearance makes us tired, our ardors ooze away. Me-thinks that candidate has sense who round his wigwam builds a fence, and stays behind the same; men will idealize that gent, and praise him till the welkin's rent, and magnify his fame.



ARMIES FIGHTING

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and repulsing all counter attacks, the German war office announced.

The German war office reported the repulse of French attacks in the Champagne region northeast of Massiges and southeast of Rheims.

General Haig, British commander in chief, this afternoon reported the arrival of strong German reinforcements and admitted that the British have suffered a temporary setback. The Germans regained some lost ground in the Mametz and Trones woods, but elsewhere their counter attacks were repulsed.

South of the Somme, the struggle between General Foch's army and the Germans defending Peronne, has resulted in no important changes in the last 24 hours. The German war office this afternoon announced that a French attack on the Bellefleur front was checked and also reported the repulse of French attacks on the Barleux sector, the French suffering heavy losses. The French war office reported an utter calm on the French front on both sides of the Somme last night. The French afternoon communique dealt chiefly with the fighting at Verdun where the French last night captured part of the positions lost in yesterday's fighting.

Submarine Bombs Town

London, July 12.—The English coast town of Seaford Harbour, county of Sussex, was bombed during the night by an enemy submarine, the war office announced this afternoon. One woman was killed.

The town of Seaford Harbour lies on the North sea, about 220 miles north of London and six miles southeast of Sunderland. It has a population of about 12,000 and is important chiefly as a coal shipping port.

This is the second time since the beginning of the war that an enemy submarine has bombed a British coast town.

The Irish Got There

London, July 12.—A party of Irish fusiliers penetrated German trenches at a strongly held position southeast of Loos last night, General Haig reported to the war office this afternoon. They remained twenty minutes, killing many Germans and retiring with slight losses.

Germans Made Gains

London, July 12.—German troops regained some lost ground in the fighting last night between the Mametz and Trones woods, east of Albert, but all other enemy attacks were beaten off with heavy enemy losses, General Haig reported to the war office this afternoon.

The Seafords made another successful raid on the German line in the Hohenzollern, redoubt, two miles north of Loos. They forced a portion of the

RUSSIAN SAYS TREATY NOT AIMED AT AMERICA

Says It Is Third of Series and Made As Protection Against Germany

By William Philip Simms.

(United Press staff correspondent.) Petrograd, July 12.—The charge that Japan's possible fear of the United States was the motive behind the Russo-Japanese treaty, was officially denied here today by Counselor G. Kozatov of the department of foreign affairs. He told the United Press that the new treaty contains no cause for alarm in the United States and does not involve the "open door" policy in China.

Counselor Kozatov spoke in the absence of Foreign Minister Sazonoff who is at the emperor's headquarters. He himself first broached the question of a Russo-Japanese treaty when in Japan last January, and is thus qualified to speak of its underlying motives. His attention was called to an article in a Petrograd daily newspaper, containing the intimation that the Russo-American situation was a motive in signing the treaty.

"That is utterly absurd," he said. "The Russo-Japanese treaty was aimed at Germany. America was not thought of. Before the war Germany constantly talked of China. She had a well formed policy to increase her sphere of influence there. She repeatedly attempted to induce Russia to join against Japan to block Japanese interests. Therefore the treaty really had a two-fold purpose. First, Russia, for the next decade, must concentrate her attention on Europe, having no time to look eastward, so she felt the need of an ally in the far east to protect her interests there. Secondly, Russia has no intention of allowing Germany to do to China what she did to Turkey. That is all there is to it. America can dismiss as baseless the talk of the treaty being leveled at her. This treaty is really the last of three—all similar. The first, in 1903, stipulated an agreement between Russia and Japan on Manchurian policies.

"The second, in 1910, acting together with the third, in 1916, merely go a step farther. China's open door policy is in no way involved. There need be no uneasiness in the United States."

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German trenches and in a stiff fight killed many Germans, destroyed several machine guns and successfully bombed enemy dugouts, a number of prisoners were taken in this raid.

General Haig reported that the Ger-

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mans have been heavily reinforced. Between the Somme battlefield and the sea, the British riddled and bombarded enemy trenches last night. During air combats, one British and one German plane were shot down.

Russians Repulsed. Berlin, July 12.—The repulse of Russian attempts to cross the Dvina river and of attacks south of Lake Narocz, was announced officially this afternoon. The situation along the Mtschedl river where the Slavs are attempting on advance on Kovol is unchanged. In yesterday's fighting the Germans took 1,932 Russian prisoners and captured 12 machine guns.

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