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EFFECT OF RUSSIA'S EXAMPLE
The overthrow oof the czar and the passing of the most autocratic government the modern world has known, and this practically without bloodshed has caused monarchies of Europe, and especially on those of Germonarchies of Europe, and especially on those of Ger
many and Austria. That the Russian example may have many and Austria. That the Russian example may have
great effect on both these countries, after the war, is great effect on both these countries, after the war, is
rather certain. At the same time it is hardly probable any change will be made in either until the war is ended What effect it will have then is conjectural entirely, and
depends on the outcome. If the central powers are sucdepends on the outcome. If the central powers are sucGerman Chancellor in a recent speech before the die promised that the people would soon be given a greater
part in the government. Conditions in the central governments are entirely czar. Behind the revolution in Russia was the fact, or at least the belief, that German influence over the czar was such that the position of Russia was endangered, and that the government through its prime minister was arrangRussia. The duma, representing the peoople, was satisfied of this, and that if the government was allowed be sacrificed. No such condition as this exists in Gerso far as the governments are concerned, are not united in their determination to win, and are using every means any move toward revolution will be made in either. The
two countries are fighting for their existence, and the people realize no change is possible. If such should occur it would only be a forerunner to a demand for peace
any price. It could only happen if the armies should volt, and this is inconceivable to any understanding the German character. If however they should yield to ove whelming force, and peace terms should be dictated b the allies, no one can foresee what changes may be made
However an allied victory is necessary before these mat ters are worth considering. The war will be fought to
finish under the present governments, after that finish under the presen

Whatever else the German submarine warfare, since
its last outbreak may have done, it certainly hit the trade of this country a hard blow. A report just issued by the of February exports dropped off, as compared to the
previous month, in the total sum of $\$ 147,0: 2,259 ;$ and imports decreased $\$ 42,239,685$, or a total of about $\$ 190,000$. 000. During 1916 the total foreign trade of the country crease of $\$ 2,540,000,000$ over that of 1915 and of nearly
$\$ 4,000,000,000$ over that of 1914 . During the month of $\$ 4,000,000,000$ over that of 1914 . During the month
January the trade amounted to $\$ 854,000,000$, and the in
dications were the year would have shown a grand tot of around $\$ 10,000,000,000$. The geld imports during the eight months ending with February totaled $\$ 661,700,000$
more than $\$ 103,000,000$ arriving cluring that month. is estimated the submarine activity, if maintained,
cut at least $\$ 2,000,000,000$ from our trade. It was ut at least $\$ 2,000,000,000$ from our trade. It was
along with the protection of American lives that m he arming of merchantmen and

While naval authorities, or those who pose as such it is a rather strange thing that the European war has s far, not settled the matter as to the best type of warship. gainst each other to any great extent, and the question is to the ability of the latter to successfully question with the former has not been decided. The battleships seem to avoid the submarines just as the latter do the
battleships. It looks very much as though each was afraid of the other and did not try to show their supe afraid
iority.

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It is claimed the supreme court has delayed deciding the Adamson law case for several weeks because it does
not want it to appear that it acted not want it to appear that it acted under duress. This
assemblage of fosisilied precedents takes itself too seriassemblage of fossilized precedents takes itself too seri-
ously. It is the servant of the people, although it has
long ously. It is the servant of the people, although it has
long ago forgotten that fact, and they demand it attend
to the business it long ago forgotten that fact, and they demand it attend
to the business it was selected to do. Recent history is not bare of eminent personages suddenly acting under duress, simply because they refused to act otherwise. The business of a hundred million people is bunch or jurists saturated with a belief in their super jority to the people whose legal business they are apjority to the people
pointed to look after.
Recent events in Europe again moved Mexico to the inside pages, and gave it small headlines. However, Sat
urday, Villa whom Carranza recently pronounced out the game, drew a new hand and from all accounts was playing it successfully. General Murguia, who drove the
Villistas across Northern Chihuahua for a hundred and fifty miles scurried back again with Villa at his heels and
proceeded to fortify Chihuahua city with barbed wire entanglements. He should be careful about trying to use
these strictly European methods. Suroundin the city these strictly European methods. Surrounding
with barbed wire may cause some of his follo tear their pants and scratch themselves in their hurry to ach some other place when Villa shows up.
Grand Duke Michael was wise in refusing to accept the crown offered him by his brother, the czar, when the Duke probably understood that as the people had practically taken the crown from the czar, the latter had
nothing to say as to its future wearer. That choice was with the fellows who had the captured crown, and not with the czar who had lost it. Apparently the Russian
people do not intend to pass the headgear along to anypeople do not intend to pass the headgear along to any
one. They handed the czar his hat while asking: "What" your hurry?" and latest advices are to the effect that in
stead of a monarchy, a new republic; "The United State


BONE DRY In Kansas they have passed a law---the
tightest thing you ever saw-.-which makes tightest thing you ever saw--which makes The jointist trembles in his shoes; s found providing booze, he takes a
$y$ to the pen, and never will get out again. The man who's found transporting stripes him of his kale, and gives him fifty
years in jail. An empty bottle in your hall,
a corkscrew hanging on with moldy straw. The man whose bresth suggests a drink $\cdots$ - four fingers, say, of old red ink--is hunted down
with horse and hound, and locked up in the village pound.
And if your nose is while you can; in Kansas noses must be pale, if people rights, since we can't stew ourselves o'nights? Where
was the sense in Bunker Hill, if we can't pull will? And while for a reply I pause, the victims of these valley Sholis I NEW AHEICIC LEACOIE

Meeting Here Saturday Attended by Many
Representatives


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