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HOW OUR ENTRY INTO THE PRESENT WAR WILL EFFECT GERMANY

Germany no doubt weighed carefully the advantages and disadvantages to come from our entry into the war before she dispatched the last note to our government—and there can be no doubt that she decided that our entry into the war could only be of benefit to her.

Germany knows that our army in the present conflict would be a mere handful of men compared with the millions already arrayed against her and could add little to the fighting strength of the Allies. She also knows that the fleets of the Allies do not need our fleet, for the combined fleet of all the other powers can never go into the Kiel Canal. Germany knows that American supplies have been feeding her enemies and that American shells and ammunition have been furnished them in enormous quantities. Germany also knew that as long as she obeyed the pledges in the Sussex note of May, 4, 1916 that we would continue to aid the Allies. She knows that if she can prevent American ammunition and supplies from reaching the allies that her chance for winning the war are immensely increased.

In the Euxine not there was one condition which reserved—and that condition was that our government compel England to adhere to the rules of international law with respect to the trade of neutrals. Germany's recent action tells us in so many words that we have failed to compel England to respect our rights as neutrals and that she will no longer pay any respect to them.

LOOKS LIKE A DECLARATION OF WAR MAY BE EXPECTED

Developments have come with startling rapidity between the United States and Germany within the past few days.

The note of Germany to our government and the other neutral nations on the last day of the month advising them that the German government would at once proceed to indiscriminate use of the submarine came as a great surprise to President Wilson and his cabinet on Saturday the President advised Congress that passports had been delivered to the German Ambassador and that Ambassador Gerard had been advised to ask the Berlin government for his passports.

This probably means a declaration of war within the next few days. The consensus of opinion in Washington circles seems to be that a declaration of war will not follow until some overt act shall have been committed by the German submarine. Hardly the President ceasing addressing a joint session of the Senate and House when news was received that an American vessel had been sunk. If the facts in connection with the sinking of this vessel are in line with the threats of the last German note, the Washington government can do nothing less than declare war on Germany if it would preserve the honor and dignity of this nation.

EQUALITY DESIRABLE

Apologists for the present electoral college method of electing a president say that it has worked no injury to either party. But it has worked an injury to the country. Under the present system a plurality of the vote cast in a state carries the entire electoral vote of the state. No one outside the state, therefore, pays much attention to the means taken to prevent a fair election. But if the vote were direct for presidential candidates, a vote from Louisiana would count for as much as a vote from Indiana and no more, and every Republican in Indiana would insist that every Republican in Louisiana should have a chance to vote and have his vote honestly counted. A full vote and a fair count would have left Woodrow Wilson several hundred thousand votes behind in the recent election. And the country would have been far better off.

President Wilson has laid the report of the American section of the Joint Mexican-American international conference before his cabinet. We opine that it contained a date line, a "Mr. President", a large "goose-egg", and a "respectfully submitted".

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GREAT BRITAIN AN ACTIVE COMPETITION

Secretaries McAdoo and Badfield, and Doctor Pratt of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, have for months been trying to convince us that industrially the Allies are dead ones, and we need never more fear competition from them. The British Board of Trade reports that during the calendar year 1916, Great Britain increased her exports over 1915 over \$590,000,000, or from \$1,867,000,000 in 1915 to \$2,457,000,000 in 1916. The Board reports that the principal export increases were in manufactured articles, including a gain of over \$155,000,000 in cotton textiles. Exports of cotton goods to Central and South America increased over 8,000,000 yards, and to the United States 2,600,000 yards. The chief import increases were in foodstuffs and raw materials, including cotton to the value of \$140,000,000. And yet Great Britain has 6,000,000 men under arms, and is punting \$28,000,000 daily to keep the European cauldron boiling. What John Bull will do to us after the war, if the Wilson-Underwood tariff fetters are not struck off, is a plenty. Our imports from the United Kingdom during the first 11 months of 1916 increased \$59,000,000, and Great Britain sends us manufactured goods.

NO DICTATION FROM OUTSIDERS

"It is a waste of leather to shave an ass". This homely proverb is of Spanish origin, we believe. It is finding application in the scant attention which Republicans are paying to the lamentations of George W. Perkins because the Republicans National Committee has shown a purpose to attend to its own business without first securing an approved programme from him. It is hard to tell whether Perkins is more surprised or pained at this. To be sure, he chose an inopportune moment for boiling over; inasmuch as that other shining light of high finance, Tom Lawson, was then monopolizing the front page. In addition he had little of intrinsic merit in his contention. His complaint was that the Republican party, of which he is not a member, would not do as he wished; that he would not deal with sub-committee; and that he wanted to go before a full committee which had shown no inclination to listen to him. The people just now have other things to think of which are of more consequence.

GETTING TO BE MORE HUMANE

Everything. Senator Allen, of Wayne county, has introduced a bill which would abolish capital punishment in this state, except in cases of criminal assault, and then there must be two or more witnesses against the defendant.

We hope this bill will become a law. Capital punishment belongs to another age. To the age when men did murder because it was a sport. To the age when Draco wrote his laws in blood. To the age when Tammerlane butchered people and called himself the great general. To many people there is something abhorrent about these judicial murders. We noted in Guilford recently that many men when asked question if they were opposed to capital punishment said they were. It has been ascertained by men who make a study of such things that the electric chair does not decrease crime. It has been found guilty of crime escape altogether because juries will not find first degree murder which means death.

To put a man up for life. To take away from his forever his liberty. To make him work for the state his full allotted time, is better business than hanging him or cooking him to death with electricity. The hangman has been a long time on the screen. Human beings do not fear death if they are frenzied and have murdered in their heart. When the French revolution was on the headman had as many as fifty victims a day—the blood stained axe of the guillotine didn't stop people from doing what they wanted to do. There will always be criminals in the world. There will be vicious ones—but they can be restrained. Steel cages and iron bars and guards will protect Society. Capital punishment is believed in by man. We have always been opposed to it. We have ever insisted that a life sentence was better for Society. We hope the Allen bill will become a law. Perhaps not this time—but gradually we are going to it.

DOESN'T GET FAR.

Everything. The "trade at home" slogan doesn't get far, it seems. Sears, Roebuck & Co., the big Chicago mail order house has just declared a twenty-five per cent stock dividend increasing the entire capital to seventy-five million dollars. All but eight million is common stock and the dividend rate was increased on that from seven to eight per cent. Think of the enormous profits this one concern has made, and then wonder if it is possible to get people to trade at home. Seems not.

NOTHING IN SIGHT

Everything. The deficit still climbs up and those who figure on the future say it will be much larger than now estimated. And the only way to raise the kale seed is to tax man who have it. The American people submit to this process. When the republicans were in power they laid a protective tariff the treasury was always full; and when Grover Cleveland gave us free trade he gave us a bond issue in time of peace. Again the republicans came into power. McKinley and protection was the slogan. The full dinner pail came to succeed the empty one and we soon had more money than we knew what to do with. The Spanish war came on and we turned to the adhesive stamp to help out, but we didn't need to carry that far. The revenues were so great that we stopped using stamps on our checks before the time limit. There was no deficit. There was no selling bonds. There was no income tax—which Thomas Jefferson said was iniquitous—and we all sailed along smoothly. The democrats wanted to give the laboring man a cheap coat, and they took the tariff off wool, and the laboring man pays more for his coat than ever. And so on down the list. Not only has the laboring man been stung but the rich man has been stung. Then why not a protective tariff? Why go broke on a theory that doesn't pan out? Why not protect the home industries? Why not levy a tariff on importations and have money to burn? The only reason is it is a republican policy, and the democrats insist that free trade is quite the thing. We do not believe it.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Cabarrus County, made in the Special proceeding entitled, H. B. Wilkerson, Admr. of Ellen Barringer, Decd. vs. Joe M. Sills and Eliza Cannon, the same being No. — upon the Special proceeding Docket of said Court, the undersigned commissioner will, on Saturday, the 24th day of February, 1917, at 12 o'clock M., at the Court House door in Concord, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, that certain lot of land:

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