

England Shudders at Hain-Breadth Escape From German War

Much The Same Revulsion of Feeling Among Masses of the People Which Led to Downfall of The Late French Cabinet.

(BY PHILLIP EVERETT.)
London, Feb. 17.—The knowledge that England during last year came very near the horrible catastrophe of a war with Germany has made a very strong impression here and there is a feeling among all classes that the time is past when a great nation had to be satisfied with leaving its destinies in the hands of a few more or less irresponsible statesmen and politicians who in case of a calamity would feel the burden of it far less than the great masses of the people, very much the same feeling which in France led to the downfall of the late cabinet.

Speaking of this matter the bishop of Winchester, Dr. Talbot, said the other day:
"The danger of a war with Germany passed, but it cannot be denied that it left behind a very grave condition of tension. There is in Germany a deep sense of grievance. The feelings even of those who have been our friends are hanged, cold, and suspicious."

"Is there nothing which we can and ought to say? Must we sit merely passive and silent while governments and ministers desert the events of the moment, with the moments of the great game—until we find for some cause, which we of the general public very imperfectly understand, the curse of war is upon us?"

"Surely not. Surely we know that, while wars are made about incidents, it is not the incidents which really decide, but the temper of the nations concerned, and their general relations to one another."

"I say first that the great relations of the two powers ought to be such that it would be impossible to use the dreadful arbitrariness of war to decide the questions of detail which occupy diplomacy about a cooling station or a sphere of influence."

"Secondly, I should like, as one who has given some time and trouble to the cause of friendship between the two nations, to offer Germany a personal assurance."

"We are told that even friendly Germans believe that England desires a means to make a war upon Germany. This is an entire mistake. A few men give up such counsel, as do those who answer to them in Germany; I will hazard the guess that they do not stand for 5 per cent. of our people. The head and heart of England revolt against a thing so horrible and so fruitless."

"Thirdly, I am confident that this nation found its main delight in the 'entente' with France just because it was an 'entente' and not a piece of international tactics. And old, ugly, international antipathy or antagonism seemed to vanish. We rejoiced for this, and we hoped it was a method of entente which the nations might pass into a state of more rational and more generous relations between one another."

"I am certain that the whole country would go out to meet the prospect of a genuine 'entente' with Germany. That is what is wanted, and the means to it are surely a frank statement by each side of its needs and desires, a resolute attempt by each to look at matters from each other's point of view."

"We Englishmen must understand German desire for liberty of expansion; we must ask Germans to understand our sensitiveness about the safety of our far-drawn communications with our dependencies."

"The nation should constrain the diplomats and not be constrained by diplomatic emergencies. I am certain that none would be more willingly constrained than our own statesmen of either side."

"But the most dangerous of all influences is that of suspicion. We in England have shown plenty of it towards Germany; now, when we are trying to understand it, Germany has caught it up, and gives it back to us with interest."

"If we can get a little time we shall shake off the nightmare. We must determine on both sides that by God's blessing the colossal crime and catastrophe of war shall not come."

"It would mean worse losses than even carnage and bankruptcy; it would mean the suspension and setback of all the best enterprises of our progress and our philanthropy; it would spell the forfeiture of our opportunities, Christian alike and civilizing, towards the backward nations of the East. The leadership of the world would be thrown away by two great peoples at the head of Western civilization, tearing each other like furies in the sight of heaven and before men."

"Such a thing must not and cannot be. To the 'practically inevitable' of some on either side of the water, let us make the same strong reply—'morally impossible.'"

On this occasion the officer asked how many horses he had which would be fit and suitable for service if required, and the contractor replied: "Like more than a dozen." The contractor referred to supplied several hundreds of horses to the war office at the time of the South African War. Interviewed, the contractor stated that he learned that the army veterinary department was exporting large stables in England. Never, he remarked, was England so badly off for good horses, and he could not even secure them himself, for they were not to be obtained in sufficient quantities anywhere in the country and most of the best horses were being shipped abroad. He referred to the fact that, owing to the advance of motor traction, practically all the tramcar and omnibus horses had disappeared, and remarked that in the event of war, owing to the enormous depletion of the sources of supply, the government would be in great difficulty.

I am informed on excellent authority that very shortly announcement will be made of the betrothal of Princess Louise of Battenberg to Count Felix, the only son of Prince Yussupoff, the wealthiest landowner in Russia, and one of the leading nobles.

The Princess is 23 years of age, and the young count only 25.

She is the second daughter of Prince Louise of Battenberg, the Second Sea Lord, and formerly commander of the Atlantic Squadron.

The family of Yussupoff is one of Sumarokoff-Elston, Count Felix Felicitich. The founder of the family was a Scotchman named Elston, who first appeared, it is said, in the Free State of Novogorod about 1450. The present prince is attached to the court.

A Leeds bachelor who complains that, although he has reached the age of forty, he has not yet met a woman who is willing to marry him, has decided to give a whist, drive and dance at one of the principal hotels in that city, in the hope that he and others will there be able to meet with suitable partners. He published last night the following list of rules:

Attendance strictly limited to spinners from twenty-five to thirty-five and bachelors from thirty-five to forty-five.

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The scheme is to fix the pictures at intervals in the tunnel, so that as the train travels at high speed, a quick succession appearing upon the screen would invest them with apparent animation. The secret is to devise a means of deceiving the eye so that it cannot detect that the picture is still when it is projected. The promoter is confident that the difficulty will be overcome and that in the near future a traveler tired of his paper will be able to rest his eyes upon a series of apparently moving pictures which will brighten the journeys.

PROFOUND LINGUIST.
There had been a fatal accident at the railroad crossing in a little Pennsylvania town, and the coroner, a pompous old fellow, who magnified conscientiously both his office and his incumbent, had impaneled a jury for the inquest.

There was only one witness of the accident, an illiterate slave from the coal mines, who could understand no English. With him the coroner began to struggle.

"Can you speak German?" he asked. The man shook his head.

"Can you speak Italian?" continued the official. Again the man shook his head.

"Can you speak Hungarian?" the same response.

"Can you speak Russian?" finally asked the coroner. Again the man shook his head.

"It's no use gentlemen," said the coroner, turning to the jury. "We can't proceed with the case. I've spoken to this man in five different languages and can't make him understand me."—Philadelphia Record.

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Brooklyn Life.
Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston relates an amusing incident which occurred while he had occasion to stop at a country hotel in Connecticut. In conspicuous place in the parlor was an inscription "Ici on parle Francais." The Mayor, as he noticed the sign, turned to the proprietor and said: "Do you speak French?"

"Not me," the man replied. "United States is good enough for me."
"Well then," said the Mayor, "why do you have that inscription on the wall? That means 'French is spoken here.'"
"You don't mean it!" exclaimed the

hotel keeper. "Will I'll be darned. A young chap sold me that for 'God Bless our home.'"

Some people tell the truth to shame the devil, and others just to make trouble.
It is of white charmeuse.
Then there's a sketcky mousseline tunic.

The leap year girl who won't take no for an answer might put it "Will you or will you not?"
Living up to Sunday school mottoes is no harder than making meals of sawdust.—New York Press.

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