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AMBASSADOR GERRARD WARNS OF A LONG AND BITTER WAR

United States Has Not Entered War Against a Weak and Broken Nation, but Against a People Capable of Taking and Delivering Many Hard Blows.

By PORTER EMERSON BROWNE of the Vigilantes.

Ambassador Gerard is no alarmist. Ambassador Gerard is no Jingo. Neither is he a tool of the Wall street interests nor a predatory munition manufacturer.

When I asked Ambassador Gerard as to what seemed to him the most important phase of our national problem his answer was characteristically "Germany."

Has Increased Her Navy.

"And furthermore," he continued, for the bad news was not yet over, "during the past thirty-two months Germany has been enlarging and increasing her navy until it is greater in size and formidability than ever before."

"Wherefore doesn't it seem to you, since the United States has aligned itself against a nation so pre-eminently powerful, so terribly efficient and so absolutely ruthless as the German nation is and has shown itself to be, that the United States should make every effort to equip itself in every way to face so tremendous a menace?"

"But," I queried, "isn't there any chance of its being only a short war?"

"Is something that can't be relied upon," he interrupted. "One good harvest will put Germany back upon her feet. A good harvest every year will keep her on her feet. And accidents are always liable to happen. Furthermore, while civilians all through Germany are feeling the pinch of the food shortage the troops are kept fed."

Warns Against Short War Idea.

"One thing I want particularly to warn my countrymen against is the so called short war idea. It was this fallacy that so seriously crippled France, that so seriously crippled England, in their preparations for their struggle with Germany. They thought it was going to be only a short war, so they made their preparations only from day to day, from month to month. It is not for us to fall into this same, this obvious, error. There is no indication that this will be a short war. On the other hand, it looks as though it would be a very long war—a long war and a bitter war."

"For this, first money and supplies. Credit to the allied governments and everything that, from our vast resources, we can supply them."

"And then universal military training. The volunteer system is no good. In times of national need it has always broken down, as it will always break down, because it is economically and psychologically unsound. Conscription is good as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. The one thing, and the only one thing, that will give us the number of trained soldiers that we must have is universal military training. And that is what all of us here in America must strive to gain."

"Furthermore, I want to impress, and impress as hard as I know how, because it is most important, the present tone of the German spirit. It is cruel. It is brutal. It is inhuman."

"With the Germans this is a war of hate, with a capital H. They are to win if they can. To win they are going to use all their resources, every means in their power, fair or foul or even worse. They are going to fight with every man, with every gun, with every ship, with every means and every agent that lie in their power to use."

"Let these, then, be the slogans of America: Complete and perfect preparedness, vast armies raised on the basis of universal military service and a whole hearted and whole souled cooperation with the allies."

"We are no longer neutral. It is now our war, America's war. Let America prepare to fight it as America can and, God willing, will!"

SERMON AT THE FUNERAL OF A STAR BALL PLAYER

The following is a sermon delivered by the Rev. Don G. Tullus, pastor of the Poplar street Presbyterian church, of Cincinnati, at the funeral of the late "Buck" Ewing, star ball player for the Cincinnati Reds, National League.

"The shades of evening are beginning to fall upon the diamond of life. The game is almost ended. The score is a tie. Breathless the crowd sits awaiting the end. This game will not decide the world's championship but the greater struggle of eternity. One is there among the war scarred veterans upon whom all eyes are turned. He has won many a game before. Will he be able to win today? He has heard the plaudits of thousands and received the applause of millions in his time. Can he win this game?"

Death hurls the ball toward the batter. Strike one, cries the umpire. Again the sphere flies through the distant gloom, and the umpire's voice is heard to say, "Strike two."

There is but one more chance. A single will do no good, neither will a sacrifice count. There is nothing in closing moment that will be of any value but a home run.

For the third and last time the batter stands erect at the plate with his features immovable and his frame like iron. He takes one last swing at the ball and sends it to a distant corner of the right field fence.

And the dauntless Ewing is seen to make his last circle of the bases. One, two, three, the ball is being returned from the right field fence. Suddenly the dust clears away, and the great umpire of the Universe is heard to say, "Safe at home."

Baseball and Horse Racing

The proposition to cut out baseball in this country during the war appears to be gaining serious consideration. Some of the State league ball grounds have already been converted into farms, and no doubt much to the benefit of the respective communities. Governor Bickett has recommended the disbandment of all professional leagues, and this suggestion was not lightly made. We will probably hear more or less discussion along the suggested line, and it is probable that its advocates will grow in number as the seriousness of war becomes more forcibly impressed upon them. The British Government has found it expedient in the name of National economy to suppress all sports, chief of which in that country being horse racing, and the race courses are to be kept closed during the remainder of the war, despite columns of protests against such an action in the London papers. It is argued by the race advocates that "racing is necessary to ascertain what colts and fillies, owing to their speed, stamina and soundness, should be used by breeders, and this can only be ascertained on the race course." The contention that the race horses consume too much feed is met with the claim that "the fair daily average of oats for a horse in full training is from thirteen to fourteen pounds," and that if this were reduced to oatmeal it would weigh not more than nine pounds, "and the gentlemen who think they could feed twenty or thirty people on that must be inclined to credit themselves with miraculous powers." We shall expect Governor Bickett to be hearing some arguments from the standpoint of the "fans" in the course of the next few days.—Charlotte Observer.

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This of course has all been brought about by politics. You never hear of a man objecting to his works of charity being criticised. You never hear of a man objecting to have his deeds of humanity recorded on the scroll. But the man who monkeys with politics is always getting into some kind of trouble. Mr. Winters perhaps was in no danger. Umstead had doubtless

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made a remark that was magnified, and after making the threat of course the Judge was bound to take cognizance of it. We hope, however, that white-winged peace will hover over the Bull City, which is renowned the world around; we hope that Mr. Winters will not be beaten into jelly and that he will continue his course of writing news when news is news, and certainly we hope that Mr. Umstead, in an unguarded moment, will not beat the — out of any of the citizens of that live town.—Everything.

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