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MEDALS FOR MALIGNITY

(Raemaekers, the Dutch cartoonist, who has been pictorially assisting the "Daily Mail" in its campaign of foulness, has just been decorated with the Cross of the Légion d'Honneur.)



Owing to the fact that the sun is so unneutral as to shine also upon the enemy, its light during the Apotheosis of the Allies' Alien Atrocity Artist was replaced by the Entente's favorite means of illumination.

(A Comment upon Current Caricature by the famous Cartoonist A. M. CAY.)

Notable Decisions Taken in Washington

Merchant Ships Must Either Disarm or be Treated Upon the Same Conditions as War Craft. Indignation of the English Press and the Fanatical American Pro-Ally Newspapers. French and Italian Trade Ships Also Armed With Cannon

(By Aubrey Stanhope)

The latest cables from the United States demonstrate perfectly clearly that all tension between America and Germany is over and that a complete understanding between the Governments of the two countries has been reached.

brought the real truth home for the first time to the American people of what the danger was into which the President was ready to run and risk his country.

Now "the boot is on the other leg." Instead of its being the vogue in America to "pin prick" Germany, as had been the case for so long, it is now the Allies that are being called to book and are requested to stop their piratical ways, specially that of arming their passenger and freight ships and claiming exemption from attack on sight.

There is ample proof that all the English merchant ships are armed, as was clearly shown quite recently in the cases of the "Appam" and the "McTavish", and certified to further by the capture of secret yet evidently official orders issued to all commanders telling them clearly how to arm and the way to defend themselves and destroy submarine boats.

It has likewise come to knowledge that the French and Italian trade steamers are armed and have minute instructions concerning attacking, ramming and shooting

submarine boats. Therefore the veil has fully fallen, and it reveals the fact that non-combatant ships have been systematically equipped with cannon, that, dressed in plain clothes, they have had trained naval artillerymen to work their guns and that consequently such craft must be treated as ships of war.

At one moment there was an outcry against the sinking of fishing trawlers, as inhuman. But those who so protested were not aware of the fact that all the seaworthy ships, the entire trawler fleet of the United Kingdom have been transferred into patrol boats, well armed and specially fitted out for the destruction of submarine boats.

"Never!" has been the reply so far given to the demand of the United States that the trading ships of the belligerents shall disarm. Whilst in harbor those armaments have been skillfully concealed. But they are well known to exist.

The Morning Post Washington Correspondent cables that it is not known what decision President Wilson will take as regards the question of armed mercantile ships.

English Khedive Wants to Resign

Hussein Kiamil is Distressed at Shooting Down of Egyptian Troops and Wishes to Give Up His Position. Prince Tussun Not Available as Successor

Bern, Thursday. There has been much trouble in Egypt between General Maxwell and the English nominated Khedive Hussein Kiamil. It originated in the mutiny of a regiment of Rhedifs of the reserve, most of whom were shot down on the order of an English officer.

The English have offered the Khedivial position to Prince Tussun, a relative of the English Khedive, but he has refused it.

New Anglo-French Loan in America

Zurich, Thursday. It is stated that the new loan which the Morgan Group propose advancing upon the security of American stocks and bonds will amount to £ 100,000,000 for England and £ 50,000,000 for France.

Attack Improbable

Rome, Tuesday. The Tribuna states that according to reports from Salonica, via Athens, the possibility is excluded that the enemy seriously intends to attack Salonica. Four hundred thousand men would be required for an attack, and the enemy's forces are still considerably fewer than that number.

An Amazing Situation In Fishing Industry

London, Thursday. The war has created an amazing situation in the Grimsby fishing trade. All the really fit men have been enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve Trawler Section, to man the mine sweepers and other vessels on war service.

High Treason of Military Attaché.

Paris, Tuesday. According to the Agence Fournier the Roumanian Military Attaché in the French capital, General Jonescu has been convicted of selling important military secrets to a Balkan neighbor.

PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS COUNT BERNSTORFF

According to the New York Sun, on January 25 President Wilson entertained Count Bernstorff to dinner at the White House, the German Ambassador having the place of honor to the right of Mrs. Wilson.

However in Presidential circles it is thought that a decision will be given favorable to Germany. An official in high position remarked to the Post Correspondent that every country had the natural right to dictate what kind of ship visited its harbors.

America Must Accept

Washington, Thursday. The oldest and most influential newspaper published here, the Washington Star, gives it as its opinion that the United States has no choice other than to accept the new policy of sea-warfare as put forward by Germany and must do everything possible to prevent Americans from making use of armed merchant ships.

LATEST NEWS

SHORT ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Baron Alliotti in Rome.

Rome, Thursday. Baron Alliotti, the Italian diplomatic representative in Durazzo has arrived in Rome to make a report to the Government upon existing conditions in Albania.

Fall of Erzerum.

Petersburg, Thursday. The Russians have succeeded in taking Erzerum, the strongly fortified capital of Armenia.

Feeling in Persia.

Constantinople, Thursday. The Persian clergy are agitating for the Holy War and urging that Persia should take an active part in the war together with Turkey and the Central Powers.

Russia and Montenegro

Petersburg, Thursday. The Russian diplomatic representative to Montenegro, who had fled with the rest of the diplomatic corps from Cetinje to Scutari has been recalled and for the time being Russia will be unrepresented in the Montenegrin capital.

Interview With Radoslawow.

Vienna, Thursday. The Bulgarian Premier before leaving here gave an interview to a representative of the Fremdenblatt. He stated it as his opinion that both Greece and Roumania would surely remain neutral during the war.

Neutrality of Sweden.

Stockholm, Thursday. The Swedish Government has asked for a grant of 20 million of Kronen for the expenses entailed in defending Sweden's neutrality. The parcel post service with England has well-nigh ceased.

Sir Percy Scott Ousted.

London, Thursday. The Daily Telegraph publishes a long editorial pleading for the retention of Sir Percy Scott. It says: "Lord Fisher has gone, Sir Percy Scott is going. Is there any officer as capable and experienced as Sir Percy Scott to take over the duties?"

Anti-Italian Sentiment

Lugano, Thursday. According to the Greek Correspondent of the Corriere della Sera, anti-Italian feeling in Greece has risen to a very high point, so much so that even the Venizelists side with the Government in their antagonism to any occupation of Greek territory by the Italians.

Northcliffe Refuses

London, Thursday. In reply to a call made by thousands of newspaper readers, that Lord Northcliffe should be made Minister of Aircrafts, the owner of the Daily Mail replied that there are ever so many men better suited for that post than himself.

More False Reports.

Paris, Thursday. The Portuguese Legation has issued the following notice: "The reports emanating from Madrid are, as always, false and misleading. There have been minor incidents in two or three localities directed against foodstuffs monopolists, but apart from these, complete order prevails."



GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES

War and the Conscience of Nations

A Talk with Dr. Stresemann, a Member of the German Parliament.

An Insane Idea.

Do you Americans really believe that we are such stupid administrators of our national estate as to risk all this brilliant progress which peace brought us, in order to embark upon a war of conquest?

The war came upon us, as it were, over night. The first intimations of it were to be gathered from the defiant speeches of the French President and the Russian Czar in Cronstadt, and from the announcement by Russia that the time was not far distant when she would have to double the peace strength of her army.

Another War For Freedom.

We regret that the Americans should belong to those who do not understand us. We had hoped that with an understanding of our economic development as against England, we should also have found among them an appreciative understanding of our struggle with England.

We have suffered an additional loss in these times and that is the belief that America, as admittedly the most powerful among neutral countries, would be in a position to take a firm stand for the rights of neutrals and of neutral commerce.

paper protests. Is it then verily a fact, that Germany alone has an interest in maintaining trade with neutral countries?

We have effected a great transformation in German industry, and adjusted ourselves substantially to the production of war supplies and to meeting the needs of our own country. The workmen who remain in the factories are just sufficient for these purposes, and we should not at all be able to accept, therefore, many orders for export wares.

America's Loss Through England.

I am giving here only my own conviction when I say that we had never thought it possible that America would not be able to protect her commerce against England. You suffer the loss, not we. This is the case in the cotton question where you have a great interest in preserving the German market for yourselves and in keeping the prices from sinking still lower.

Germany's Prosperity.

Our economic condition is judged abroad quite incorrectly. From the fact that our commercial flag has disappeared from the seas, the belief is prevalent that we must be suffering extraordinarily from the extinguishing of our export trade.

yet over against it we must place the orders amounting in value to 15 to 20 milliards of marks which the German government has placed for war supplies during the first year of war; these articles were not yet on hand, and had to be provided.

(To be continued.)

TARTUFFE AND ANANIAS

Cant, Calumny and Commercialism.

Those who have poured the poison of disloyalty into the very arteries of our national life.

Kultur, a word become more odious than any other in all the languages spoken on earth since the world has learned that its true meaning is not organized national efficiency in good works, but conquest, subjugation, the extinction of liberty and the domination of Prussian militarism.

Personality, save in the case of the sovereign, is under complete restraint in Germany.

But Germany knows, or should know, that loss of life is more important in our estimation than loss of business.

Italy's spirits are as high as her mountain peaks.

For the present even Germany will not run the risk of creating an international incident with Switzerland.

International Defence League. Great Public Meeting. Subject: "The Defence Armaments and Yellow Peril."

The appearance of the Zepplins occasioned merely a movement of strong curiosity.

Allies are engaged in a mighty effort to dig the grave of that wicked lie that might be right.

I know a little boy who thinks God for the British Navy every time he says his blessing at table.

Russia's Growing Power. Unity of the Allies. There was never a more whole-hearted loyalty between the Allies.

Machine-Guns in the Office. The Burroughs Adding Machine is the machine-gun of business.

Military governor—name? Should belinked with Nero and Tiberius.

CAY AND RAEMAEKERS CONTRASTS IN CARICATURE

by R. L. Orchelle.

In gentle and ungentle words, I have more than once called attention to the dull malignity and brutality of the British cartoonist. Apart from the work of Will Dyson, a talented Australian who has now ceased his onslaughts on capitalism in order to indulge a sadistic fancy upon what, from the viewpoint of a transplanted larrikin, he conceives as German "Kultur," hopeless mediocrity rules supreme.

It has long been a sad fact—long ere the essential inferiority of the English had been written in letters of flame and shame across the horizons of this war—that the blood and brains of England were tainted and undermined by a decadence as hopeless as it was pathetic.

These things being thus and so, it became inevitable that Mynheer Raemaekers, a well-known Dutch caricaturist, who had at first satd his imagination and his dripping pencil by depicting the horrors of war in general, should have been imported by the Daily Mail in order that its Boetian readers, somewhat dulled by its daily doses of lurid horrors and its wearisome and incessant bellowing about "Huns," might enjoy a new sensation—somewhat akin to the thrills of the latest "Bride in the Bath" murders, or the details of the newest and saltiest divorce trial.

The Dutchman, in the sacred interest of art and neutrality, obeyed the call. Since then his prostituted pencil has been revelling in cartoons which may be called the ultimate atrocity in all that might once have been dignified by the name of art, even the art of the satiric and grotesque. The inevitable Nemesis has now overtaken whatever there may have been of the artist in the Hollander. For it is an iron law in art that you cannot be both prostitute to evil and retain your soul.

In regarding the output of this latest Harmsworth recruit one is impressed with the fact that here something unclean confronts us—something warped, distorted, false, the abortion of a corrupt mind that has set itself a certain task. This task is to support the idea of that impossible nightmare "German," "Prussian," "Hun," or "Barbarian" which a daily diet of lies and calumnies and the attendant hallucinations of the war have inflated to monstrous proportions in the insular English mind.

As a just and fitting reward this atrocity artist has now been awarded the Cross of the Legion of Honor by England's Gallic ally. Deplorable as her whole attitude has been, one is still more inclined to pity France than reproach her, for the land and its leaders are in a pathological frenzy and semi-lunacy, intensified by the lurking horror of tragic, irreparable losses and sacrifices—for England's sake. That mixture of the grandiloquent, the spectacular and the pompous so characteristic of public France; are all embodied in this act.

Cay draws with a diamond-pointed stylus—Raemaekers with truncheon dipped in mud. The one is the work of a gentleman of delicate, aristocratic and fastidious fancy—the other of a lout bent upon defilement. There is in the work of these two caricaturists, and in their methods, all the difference there is between a stinging repartee and a cast of dirt. One is honest caricature springing out of humor, actuality and a satiric conception, the other is the shout of the street arab, laden with insult. The libels of Raemaekers in the Daily Mail and the studies of A. M. Cay in the Continental Times furnish two examples of extremes in execution—and in inspiration.

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