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lines of racial sympathies. The terrible price of the present war can only be compensated by a lasting peace and if this is to take place it is only by removing as many causes of friction as possible and the best way to do that is to let Europe divide itself along racial lines and to refuse to hold in subjection an unwilling power.

Idealists, prophets and semi-prophets have always predicted an "Armageddon" when the powers of unrighteousness would be destroyed; when spears would be turned into pruning hooks; when the lamb and the lion would lie down together and a little child should lead them. Others have gone a little farther than this and have associated it with the "Christian second coming," and others with the end of the world.

Fanatical sects throughout history have named "days" when the great event was to take place. One of the numerous sects of the United States have had themselves on record for years that 1914 would be the date. The coincidence is interesting, though few people will be much disturbed. Such ideas take their rise from old ideas of the world which looked upon it as a doubtful and temporary experiment. The new ideas of evolution seem to teach that the only possible goal for the world is perfection and that since we are a long piece from that yet so are we from the end of the world.

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PASSING EVENTS

Field Marshal Baron Von der Goltz, Inspector-General of the Second German Army District, has been appointed military governor of the occupied part of Belgium. He is 71 years old, has written many books on military subjects, his best known, "A Nation at Arms," being one of the ablest arguments for military obligatory duty, and the maintenance of a sufficient permanent military establishment. Notwithstanding his age, he was regarded by many as the probable choice of the Kaiser for the leadership of the German armies against Russia, much of his work for the German army having been the reorganization of the army on the eastern frontier and the mapping out of the defence which Germany is now using against the Russian armies of invasion.

The French Ministry has been reconstructed, and stronger men brought in to grapple with the war problem, among them being such energetic and well tried statesmen as MM. Ribot, Briand, Millerand and Jules Guesde, the Socialist. M. Millerand takes the War portfolio, which he held before with great ability.

Xavier de Castelnau, the 12-year-old son of General Castelnau, French Chief of Staff, was among the killed in the recent action on the Belgian border.

King Charles of Roumania is so seriously ill that it is said he will shortly abdicate.

A number of Danish and Norwegian vessels and one Scotch trawler have been sunk, and many of their crews drowned by coming in contact with floating mines sent into the North Sea by Germans.

Airmen are reported to be taking a prominent part in directing the German artillery in the war against the Allies. Aeroplanes hovered over the British positions, and their pilots signalled the German batteries by means of a disk swung at the end of a line.

Betrayed by a German spy disguised in a Belgian uniform, 348 Belgians were killed at Merbes-lez-Chateau, when tricked by the spy into taking a path of danger. The refugee who brought the story to the Allies declared that the Belgians kept several thousand Germans at bay for three days until the spy showed them a path which he said was a safe retreat. The Germans, said the refugee, then shot them down.

Characterizing the German official statements which are being circulated broadcast and are declared to be sent from Germany "by wireless," as "mendacious and absolutely at variance with the true facts," the British War Office announces that it will reply to them.

The British forces in the Gold Coast Colony have seized the Port of Lome in German Togoland, on the West Coast of Africa. South Togoland, up to 120 kilometres north from the coast, was simultaneously surrendered. During the operations one British and two French officers and twelve British and sixteen native troops were killed. Togoland is situated between the Gold Coast and Dahomey, the French colony, and, although the coast line is small, the territory inland widens considerably, and the area exceeds 33,000 square miles. It has belonged to the German Empire for some thirty years. Lome, which was seized, is the chief port and the capital of the colony.

GERMANS REINFORCED RUSSIANS RETREAT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Berlin, Sept. 15.—A new German army is being sent to France. The Russian army which has advanced through East Prussia on Königsburg has been forced to retreat. This important news was officially announced late yesterday. It is understood that a new reinforcing army consisting of three corps (120,000 men), under General von Bohen, came to the German's assistance. General von Hindenburg reports that the Russians retreated in haste, abandoning guns and supplies.

IF CANADA WERE ATTACKED.

A curiously perverted notion of the Monroe Doctrine is found in various newspapers written by correspondents who assume that the United States would not permit a German attack upon Canada if such an attack were possible. There is nothing in the Monroe Doctrine that would prevent German troops from marching from one end of Canada to the other if they could get there. If Germany tried to annex Canada, that would be a different matter. The Monroe Doctrine does not apply to war. It applies to the alienation of territory.

Patriotic Aldermen.

Alderman Montgomery made a great patriotic speech last night. It came up in connection with the report as to the number of British subjects employed by the city. The report said that the city had 135 employees, 123 of which were Britishers. The doctory alderman took up the cudgels for the British and waxed eloquent over Britain fighting for the liberties of the world.

GERMANS IN FRANCE ARE STILL RETREATING

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, Sept. 15.—It was officially announced late yesterday that the Germans still are retreating everywhere. They are abandoning all the positions which they erected to cover a possible retreat. The official statement adds: "On our left wing the enemy had prepared to the north of Aisne, between Compiègne and Soissons, a line of defence which it has been forced to abandon. Some detachments which had held Amiens now have retired on Perrone and St. Quentin."

"On the center the Germans took up a defensive position behind Rheims, but were unable to hold it. In the Argonne region they turned back towards the north beyond the forest of Belvaux and beyond Traincourt."

"On the right wing the retreating movement of the Germans is general from Nancy to Vosges. Sunday evening the French territory in this vicinity had been completely evacuated."

NET PRICES CHARGED FOR ELECTRIC POWER

The charges for electric power hereafter will be net instead of the 25 per cent reduction heretofore if paid before the fifteenth of the month. The service will now be discontinued if not paid on time.

The minimum charge is still \$1. D. H. Morrison thought it should be reduced to 50 cents, so that the small consumer would get the benefit of the reduced rates. Alderman Morrissey did not like to pay during summer months, the same minimum charge as Kelly-Douglas and Stewart & Mobley. This view, however, was turned down.

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PRICE OF ELECTRICITY HAS BEEN LOWERED

The price of local electricity has been reduced, starting September 1. Residence and business lighting has been dropped from 18 to 11 cents per kilowatt hour per month as a maximum. Power rates are lowered to 7 cents for 100 kilowatt hours per month or 3 1-2 cents for 720 kilowatt hours. The lighting superintendent, in explaining the move, said the price of coal had been materially reduced this year and there was a good surplus to the credit of the plant. The hydro-electric would be ready by November 1, otherwise he would not recommend the change.

GRANDSTAND PLAY.

The lumber contract supplied by the Westholme Lumber Company is causing a little friction among the longshoremen. The Westholme people will not pay longshoremen's union wages, saying they will unload with their own staff. This union had a letter before the Council last night asking that in future a clause be inserted in the contract compelling all companies unloading lumber for the city to pay union wages. All the aldermen who are seeking labor votes played this to a finish and after all the talk it turned out that there was no one opposed to it.

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