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EDITORIALS

The triumphant march of prohibition in the United States is amazing. The usual argument that it is bad for business does not seem to defer the most acute business people in the world. It is well known that the amount of liquor consumed in a year is enormous and that as far as results go it is wasted—as much wasted as the wealth of the cities destroyed by the German vandals. Great Britain spends in liquors every year close to a billion dollars—almost as much as the present war will cost her. If Britain could stop her people from drinking for a year or two she could pay off her national debt as well as the cost of the war. And still people will say that prohibition hurts business. Certainly it hurts the business of the saloon keeper but not the business of the nation.

The Mail and Empire suggests that Count Bernstorff is not as foolish as he appears. He talks like a moon-struck professor about the Monroe Doctrine, and about the abstract right of Germany to attack Canada because Canada is sending contingents to Europe. But he knows very well that Germany will not divert any large body of men from Belgium and France to attack Canada; and that the German armies could not get here so long as Britain has command of the seas.

But Bernstorff's talk might excite certain German residents of the United States, and induce them to give a German repetition of the Fenian invasion of 1866. Bernstorff may not be wise, but he may be cunning enough to work upon the feelings of Germans in the United States and provoke them into a raid upon some peaceful Canadian village.

Anyhow, it would be just as well to be prepared. A few thousand Germans, appearing suddenly at some peaceful, unprotected village on the frontier, might subject it to the same kind of treatment as Belgians have suffered. It is just as well to make sure that the invaders will be met by Canadian soldiers, instead of terrifying women and children and looting their possessions.

And it might be well for the United States to inquire whether this man Bernstorff is just talking nonsense or making mischief. In either case he is not a very desirable representative of Germany in the United States. If it is only nonsense, better let it be done by the vaudeville shows and the funny papers. If it is mischief, it is serious. Americans do not want their country to be made the base for an attack on a friendly country, with which they were about to celebrate a hundred years of peace.

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FISHER'S SELECTION REBUKE TO CHURCHILL?

New First Lord of the Admiralty May Enter the British Cabinet.

and friendship. Little Belgium was spunky enough not to allow itself to be made the tool of a German attack upon France. Americans are in a position to play the same honorable part as Belgium, with vastly greater power. A German raid on Canada, engineered on American soil, might not be very formidable to Canada, but it would be an extraordinary demonstration of the weakness of the United States.

Of the various plans that have been devised for raising money for patriotic purposes, one that should meet with unqualified endorsement, is the "Society Circus," which is intended as a united effort to raise a generous sum for the Belgian Relief Fund. Judge F. McB. Young will act as treasurer, and many prominent people are taking part. Handsome returns are confidently expected. The outlying districts as well as the city have been placarded with "circus posters" and a record breaking attendance is assured. Work in connection with the circus has been quietly going on for some time so that no detail will be incomplete for the opening on next Monday night, November 16.

NOT A NEW WEAPON.

German Forty-Two Centimetre Gun Invented Over Twenty Years Ago.

The Hague, Nov. 10.—The famous German 42-centimetre gun, which has been reported as a modern invention, appears to have been described in the German magazine, Prometheus, in the year 1893. The article, at the time, gave the weight of the gun and the velocity and the effect of the shots and this information was extensively quoted in a scientific magazine issued during the same year.

KILOMETRES AND MILES.

Frequently in the French War Office reports of fighting, distances are stated in kilometres. The simplest way to convert kilometres into miles is to divide by two, divide the result by four, and add the two results. Thus, 500 kilometres divided by two equals 250; 250 divided by four equals 62.5; and 62.5 added to 250 gives 312.5; so that there are that number of miles in 500 kilometres. To convert miles into kilometres, multiply by eight and divide the result by five.

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ITALY WON'T JOIN WAR.

Secret Agreement Which Protects Nation.

New York, Nov. 9.—Ettore Patrizi, editor of The Italian Daily News, of San Francisco, who arrived last week by the Italian liner Duca degli Abruzzi, said that Italy would not be dragged into the European war.

"I had it from an intimate friend of the Italian prime minister," he said, "that the Italian government intends to show the people that without bloodshed and without wasting money it can protect the interests of the country. The diplomats have agreed that there shall be no war no matter how strenuously the populace may demand that Italy shall take part in the conflict now going on.

The diplomatic corps of Italy has signed, I have learned, a secret agreement with both the allies and Germany which guarantees that if Italy shall remain neutral she shall receive consideration when peace comes. I spent four months in Italy and I believe the government will be able to check the warlike spirit."

U. S. RED CROSS IN RUSSIA STARTS TO WORK

Petrograd, Nov. 10.—The members of the American Red Cross unit detailed to Russia have left Petrograd on a special train for Kiev, where they expect to begin work immediately. Before leaving the capital the two senior surgeons were given commissions in the Russian army with the rank of general, while the four juniors were each given a commission with the rank of colonel.

All the surgeons were clad in the regular Russian army uniforms without insignia to indicate their American nationality. The result was that during their stay in Petrograd they everywhere were taken for bona fide Russian officers. Whole battalions of soldiers on meeting them halted and came to present arms, while officers twice their age, but of inferior rank, paid them due respect.

BRITISH FINANCES.

It is estimated that if the war lasts a year it will cost Britain a billion and a quarter dollars. This is just about the sum which in an ordinary year the people of Britain save from their earnings and put into the banks for investments. If the processes of industry and trade can be kept going at something like the ordinary, therefore, John Bull will be no worse off financially at the end of a year's war than he was at the beginning.

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