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EDITORIALS

The Kaiser has had a good many bad names hurled at him since the beginning of the war but a recent issue of The Scotsman produces evidence that relegates him to the Order of Annanais. This is what it has to say about him:

"The Kaiser's handling of international politics has been a record of continuous failure, and failure which has been stained on more than one occasion by duplicity. To give but one example of the moral obliquity of his diplomacy, it may be recalled that in 1908 he caused to be published in the Daily Telegraph an account of an interview in which he stated that he was Great Britain's chief friend in Europe, and that he alone had prevented the European powers from bringing pressure to bear upon us to stop the South African war. 'When the struggle was at its height,' he said, 'the governments of France and Russia invited me to join with them to call upon England to put an end to the war. The moment had come to humiliate England to the dust. Posterity will one day read the exact terms of the telegram—now in the archives of Windsor Castle—in which I informed the Sovereign of England of the answer I had returned to the powers, which then sought to compass her fall.' Incredible as it

may seem in the face of this explicit declaration, it is now established that it was the Kaiser himself who concocted this plan for the humiliation of Great Britain, and pressed it unavailingly upon Russia and France. 'That the Kaiser was the first,' says Sir Valentine Chirol, in an article in the current number of the Quarterly Review, 'to suggest in St. Petersburg and in Paris the expediency of joint diplomatic attempts to stop the war, and that when his suggestions fell on deaf ears, he secretly warned the British government of the danger which he claimed to have averted, there is now no manner of doubt.' Corroborative testimony is given by Sir Donald Mackenzie Wallace in a pamphlet, entitled 'Our Russian Ally,' which was published a few days ago. 'The incident,' he says, 'has hitherto been kept secret, but may now be divulged,' and he goes on to state the Kaiser's proposals for 'clipping Britain's wings,' which included, besides the stopping of the war, an invitation to Russia to 'make a military demonstration on the Afghan frontier.' It is easy after this evidence of the Kaiser's lack of moral scruples to understand the small regard which he and his Imperial Chancellor entertain for 'scraps of paper.'

NEW APARTMENT HOUSE IS POPULAR

Nearly everybody was saying a few months ago that the apartment house idea was being overdone. That this is not so, is evidenced by the fact that the new apartment houses are all pretty well taken up. The latest to be finished is the McMorde Apartments, on Second Avenue opposite Lynch's store. The location is splendid, being in an open part of the city and with an excellent outlook on the harbor with its myriad islands and unsurpassed sunsets. The suites consist of three and four rooms, respectively, and have all modern conveniences, such as hot and cold water, bath, toilet, electric light and handy coal bins. The kitchens, which contain a range, are very convenient and compact, right in line with the modern idea of saving all unnecessary space. There is also ample space in the hallways and every room has a profusion of light. Considering also that Mr. McMorde has placed the rents at a very low figure, the suites have become very popular and a large proportion are already taken. Messrs. Bainter & Collart are the agents.

GERMANS WON'T GET CANADIAN FLOUR

Cannot Be Sent to Belgium Because Enemy Would Seize It.

London, Dec. 7.—The government has decided that the War Office shall have the greater portion of the first half of Canada's million bags of flour, the remainder being devoted to feeding distressed Belgians now here. The distribution already has begun. The War Office portion is going to the troops, which thus lessens the demand on the home resources, and will be a factor in steadying prices. The suggestion that some of the flour should go to Belgium is impossible of execution, as the Germans would certainly lift the whole lot for their own purposes.

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GERMAN PRIVY COUNCILLOR CAUGHT STATING HALF LIE

QUOTED CAMBRIDGE PROFESSOR AS SUPPORTING HIS CASE WHEN DR. STARR JORDAN READ DEMNATORY EPISTLE.

Seldom is a public man caught in the very act of deceiving the public as was Germany's Privy Councillor in Boston the other night. It was at a great meeting of the Boston Economic Club. The fact that a Privy Councillor in the German Ministry of the Interior, a California University Chancellor, and three distinguished Harvard professors—Dr. Kuno Franke, who is a German; Dr. Leo Weiner, who is part German and part Russian, and Dr. Bushnell Hart, the American historian—were announced to discuss the war question, drew together the largest attendance of members in the club's history. One incident is notable as illustrating the "pedantic barbarism everywhere and persistently manifested by the most conspicuous spokesmen of German 'kultur.'"

Dr. Heinrich Albert, the German Privy Councillor who has been the official spokesman for Germany on many recent occasions in American journals and before distinguished American audiences, spoke in the language of scholarship and with the accent of authority. He explained and defended Germany's relation to the neutrality of Belgium. He declared Belgium's neutrality had been "practically violated by Britain, France, and Belgium herself." He justified Germany's conduct by appeal to "the law of necessity," as interpreted by various authorities on international law. He put chief emphasis on the game of Dr. L. Oppenheim, Professor of International Law in Cambridge University, England, whom he described as in the front rank of the world's scholars. That name and its academic standing made an impression on the "neutral" Americans.

Immediately, Dr. David Starr Jordan, known the world over as a non-partisan internationalist, and who had already spoken, craved the liberty of endorsing the German Privy Councillor's estimate of Prof. Oppenheim, "perhaps the very greatest authority on international law," and Dr. Jordan's personal friend. "I visited him in England at the very time when these issues were trembling in the balance. Germany had not yet invaded Belgian territory. We both agreed that Britain ought not to interfere. But Dr. Oppenheim by birth and by education and by citizenship is a German. He was professor in Freiburg and in Basle before going to Cambridge. He is still a German citizen. At this moment I have in my pocket a letter from him written since the war began." Dr. Jordan read the letter as follows:

"Dear Dr. Jordan,—When we met last we did not know that Germany was perpetrating the greatest international crime which has been committed since the time of Napoleon I, namely, the violation of the permanent neutrality of Belgium."

ed the face of the case entirely, and nothing can be done but to fight and to try to vindicate the authority of international law.

"I cannot tell you how I am suffering. I am entirely thrown out of gear. I sometimes think I shall not live to see the end of this dreadful war."

"L. OPPENHEIM."

It was not a surprise to find the neutrality in that distinguished Boston audience swing very positively not only against Germany's military methods of lawlessness and brutality, but also just as emphatically against the half-truth and half-falsehood methods of the German Intellectuals whose whole program has been proved to be the deceiving of the people and the newspapers of the United States. Ambassador Bernstorff is utterly and irreparably discredited. If the reputation of Prof. Munsterberg is more hopelessly shattered than that of his colleague, Prof. Franke, it is only because he has talked more. Dr. Dernburg has proved himself more plausible than the others, but no less misleading. Dr. Albert came to his undoing in the white light of this Boston experience when his half-truth was shown to be falsehood at its basest. That this is the fate of every one of Germany's Intellectuals who have undertaken so blunderingly to beguile American neutrality.

"And the parson made it his text that week, and he said likewise

That a lie which is half a truth is ever the blackest of lies; That a lie which is all a lie may be met with and fought outright,

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