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EDITORIALS

The British Empire has been enlarged by the addition of Egypt. This ancient state has until now been statistically included in the Ottoman Empire by virtue of a nominal Turkish suzerainty, and the payment of a small annual tribute. In fact Egypt has been controlled by Britain, through an agent, a financial controller, and a military commander, though the Khedive and his Cabinet have maintained the form of an autonomous government. Britain and France were at first associated in the direction of certain affairs in Egypt, but when the rising of 1882 occurred France did not intervene, and since then Britain has exercised her influence alone. In the beginning there was an understanding that Britain would retire when Egypt should be capable of orderly self-government, but the situation has developed as it does in the Philippines. Egypt has made great progress under British supervision. The small farmer has been rescued from slavery. Additional territory has been brought under cultivation by vast irrigation works. The country has enjoyed peace and safety. Since the British went there the population has nearly doubled. While practically ruling the country Britain could not formally annex the

territory without causing some friction with other European powers, more especially France. But this obstacle is now removed. No doubt France approves of this measure, which is probably a military necessity in view of the conduct of Turkey and the Khedive. Since Abbas Hilmi has chosen to support Turkey, without regard to the wish and welfare of his subjects, he cannot remain. Britain must administer the government directly, as it is now her duty to protect it from an invasion. If France is satisfied, and Russia does not object, it is not important what Germany and Austria think about it. This annexation, then, brings over 10,000,000 Egyptians into the British Empire and makes the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, with its two or three million people, the British Sudan pure and simple. The statistical tables which show the area of the British Empire will hereafter add about 1,350,000 square miles, including much desert.

When a young man begins to attend church regularly it is easy enough to discover the female in the case.

There are many Russian names that need revision worse than St. Petersburg.

NURSES HAD "PULL" BUT NOT COMPETENT

London, Dec. 23.—As a result of a protest from the National Council of Trained Nurses that incompetent women are serving at the front and in hospitals, Lord Kitchener, the War Secretary, has called on the council for a detailed report.

The press some time ago directed public attention to the fact that many eager young women, either wealthy or socially prominent, were clamoring for positions as nurses. While the motives of these young women are to be commended, it has been said that meagre training was hardly beneficial to the wounded.

It's not till one is over fifty that one thanks God for every happy face one sees.

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HOW GERMANY LOST HER CHANCE

Some years ago, before men were inflamed by the war-spirit, a German-American wrote this in the Staats-Zeitung, a paper published in New York for Germans in the United States:

"If Germany today in general is unbeloved and is able so easily to become suspected, the first and principal reason for this is the provocative activity of the pan-Germans, their vain-glory, and their mania for treating other powers with mortifying insolence. When they complain about the agreement between France and England they should not forget that their unmeasured enmity against Great Britain has driven that country into the arms of France. The pan-Germans should begin by criticising themselves. They are in a small minority, but they understand how to exert a kind of personal influence over the German people which any day might prove itself in the highest degree fatal."

The authorship of this article has been attributed to Mr. Herman Ridder, the proprietor of the paper in which it appeared, who is now the most violent advocate of the German cause in the United States. We are not, however, much interested in proving a charge of inconsistency against Mr. Ridder. In peace he would naturally think in a cool and more reasonable way than in a war which enlisted his racial sympathies in a combative mood. Anyhow, what we are chiefly concerned with is the essential truthfulness and reasonableness of the opinions expressed in the passage we have quoted. The pan-Germans did drive England into the arms of France; they did drive France into the arms of England. They did bring about the alliance of England and France with Russia. Finally, by the invasion of Belgium they gave the last finishing touch which brought Great Britain into the war, and they alienated public sympathy in the United States.

Let it also be noted that until the pan-Germans began their work Germany was not surrounded by a ring of enemies. On the contrary, Germany was in a fair way of becoming the world's favorite. German philosophy, German music, German scholarship, were generally admired. Protectionists spoke with rapture of the scientific tariff of Germany. Students of municipal government pointed to German towns and cities as models. Champions of technical training told us how thorough the Germans were and advised us to imitate them. Even Bernhardt was quoted admiringly by a militarist member of the Canadian House of Commons.

Against Germans as citizens there was no prejudice either in Canada or in the United States. In fact they were generally regarded as among the best of our new citizens.

Who changed all this? Why, the pan-Germans—the men who were thinking of Germany rather than of Germans, of the State rather than the man. If German energy was confined, in a national sense, to a small part of Europe, there was all the more reason why

Germans should not worry about international boundaries, but should stand upon their own merits as men and women, and make these merits tell, in all their weight and strength, in every part of the world. Germans, more than others, should have aimed to be cosmopolitans and citizens of the world.

In the long run, this will be the solution of the German question. In seeking to widen German influence, the pan-Germans really narrowed it. They sought to imitate the British and Russian Empires where they ought to have struck out upon a new and original line. They made Germans imitators of imperialism, instead of leaders in cosmopolitanism. The error was costly and tragic. It may be repaired in time. But the tragedy will remain—the Kaiser vainly rushing from east to west and from west to east—the awful sacrifice of human life—the German lads singing "The Watch on the Rhine" as they march to certain death, not in defending the Fatherland, but as invaders in harmless little Belgium. The great wound will be healed, but the fair body of humanity will never be as it might have been.

BEACH BOATS BEHIND THEIR LATEST THEORY OF GERMAN INVASION

Rotterdam, Dec. 22.—A man who had just come from Berlin says that everyone in Germany is convinced that an invasion of England will be attempted and that the cruisers which appeared off Yarmouth were engaged in ascertaining if such a feat was possible.

To the suggestion that the German fleet and transports would be at the mercy of the British, he replied that the popular view was that it was not impossible to devise a scheme which would keep such vessels out of the way. An escort of submarines, the Germans think, could do this if aided by the Zeppelins, which are now engaged in battle practice against airship targets.

The transports, according to the popular theory, would not be unloaded in the ordinary way. They would be beached and men, horses and guns would be tumbled overboard.

The Germans think they will find things easier on the Russian frontier soon, as the best Russian troops, they say, have now been killed, wounded or taken prisoners.

To a question as to why the western army retreated when at the gates of Paris, this man replied that the troops had taken the bit between their teeth, and, much to the Emperor's dissatisfaction, had rushed blindly on. This view apparently quite satisfies the people of Berlin.

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