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EDITORIALS

W. J. Bowser's defence of his connection with the Dominion Trust failure is a very lame affair. His strongest argument is that they did the same thing in Manitoba. Mr. Bowser is head of the Department of Justice in this province. What would he say to a murderer who tried to defend himself by saying that somebody else had committed that crime, too. Surely, this is the wail of a man who knows he is guilty and, finding no way out of his predicament, tries to divert attention from himself. The crime of the Attorney General, however, cannot be overlooked. He has already incriminated himself by declaring that he knew the company was insolvent for two years. It will not do to deny this. He has been caught red-handed in a mixup that spells political doom.

It is sheer waste of words to denounce the Germans for sinking British merchant vessels with all on board. The pirates used to do it, and by doing it the pirates used to inspire great fear. It is for this reason that the Germans have resorted to a practice of which piracy affords the only precedent in modern times. When pirates seized a ship they used to make the occupants walk the plank, then they looted the prize and scuttled it. The Germans cannot even loot the non-combatant vessels which they make their prey—they can but wreck and sink them, with their crews, passengers, and cargoes.

Of course it is contrary to all the rules of war, and is done in defiance of the principles of civilization and world opinion.

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but the whole contention of Germany is that she recognizes no law but her own will. This is precisely what she is fighting for, to establish, by her might, her right to do just whatever she chooses to do regardless of all outside considerations, such as international law, rules of war, treaties, conventions, traditions, and moral restraints.

So far as Germany is concerned, there is no law in the world today except her own will. If she is as strong as she hopes she is, there will be no law in the world tomorrow except her own will. That is how her teaching runs. Why should not the strong nation strongly work her will on earth instead of weakly hampering herself by respecting the will of weak nations? What Germany proposes to do is to master the world and manage it, to smash all conventions with her mailed fist, to no longer fetter herself with considerations of so-called right and so-called wrong, all of which her leaders would describe as nonsense from Nazareth, making up a slave's religion, which they are to supercede with a religion of valor.

The sinking of unarmed ships, the shelling of undefended coast towns, the dropping of bombs on sleeping villages, the setting afloat of mines in the open sea to drift where they may and work such destruction as chance may direct, the demolition of historic buildings, the general slaughter and sack of Belgium—the whole war as Germany conducts it is a war in defiance of law, in challenge to international authority, and if Germany wins there will be no law except her will, for there will be no power, no might greater than her might.

It is, therefore, no use to denounce Germany for her murderous and piratical deeds. If she succeeds her success will standardize such acts. The only way is to overpower Germany and disarm her, using force greater than her own, and subject her to the will of the world and the laws she has defied. And if this is to be done Canadians must take a larger hand in the doing of it than they have begun to do as yet.—Toronto Star.

"Australian Wool" says a headline. What about "Germany Worsted" for another?

NO ALUM



RANCHERS FLEE FROM FURY OF LASSEN

Growing Activity of Volcano and Reopening of Old Fissures Cause Alarm.

Auburn, Cal., Feb. 8.—Ranchers living in the vicinity of Mount Lassen, frightened by the growing activity of the volcano, have begun to move their families and stock to places of safety. Fishes—relics of prehistoric activity—extending as far as the Clear Creek region, some forty miles from the volcano, are giving off steam and ashes, causing widespread alarm.

Peter Armilly arrived today from the region to make arrangements to bring out his family and livestock. Armilly, who owns 160 acres in the affected area, said that in one place a fig orchard of 100 trees had sunk until the tops of the trees were on a level with the surrounding bank made by the sinking ground. At another place several acres have dropped between fifty and sixty feet. The ground fell from under a barn, letting it topple over on its side.

Armilly said that shortly before he came out he was awakened by a flash of light which changed the night into day and caused the roosters to begin to crow. Great clouds of smoke were pouring from Lassen's crater when he looked out.

EXHIBITION OF RADIUM STAMPEDES U. S. HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 9.—The exhibition of \$11,000 worth of radium, the first to be extracted from radium-bearing ore by the United States government, caused an unusual commotion on the floor of the House when shown.

Representative Martin Foster, who was a practicing physician before coming to Congress, brought the radium into the House, and asked permission to say a few words on the radium conservation bill now on the calendar.

"I have here," he began, holding aloft a red morocco case, "two tubes containing \$11,000 worth of radium," and the stampede began.

Representative Foster explained that the tubes contained bromide of radium, extracted by the Bureau of Mines, one tube holding radium worth \$5,000 and the other tube being worth \$6,000, together weighing 170 milligrams. The radium, he said, had been loaned him by Dr. Howard E. Kelly, of Baltimore, the cancer expert.

MUCH TRUCK AND TRADE WITH THE YANKEES

In his recent address at the dinner of the Chamber of Commerce of Buffalo, President Farrell, of the United States Steel Corporation, made some interesting and significant remarks in regard to the trade of the United States with Canada. On this subject, Mr. Farrell said:

"It is a peculiar commentary on the public's view of foreign trade that, while so much attention is given to over-sea trade development, Canada, under normal conditions, buys more from the United States than do all the republics of Latin-America.

"This important part of our international trade well repays examination. Exports to and imports from the Dominion are grounded upon mutual necessities. The transaction of the business valued in the fiscal year 1914 at \$505,000,000, is facilitated by railroads which know no borders, similarity of currency relieving settlements from the dependence upon European exchange characteristics of our over-sea trade, and a steady investment of American capital which develops Canadian industry and enlarges the demand for American materials.

"In this trade are apparent the benefits of the application of the commercial, industrial, transportation and financial activities familiar in our own domestic business life, but which, except in Canada, Mexico and Cuba, we have not largely applied to foreign markets.

"Our export trade to Canada is profitable, not merely by reason of its great volume, but also because it consists in a great part of manufactures in which labor represents a high percentage of value. Canadian-American commerce is a particularly useful illustration because it demonstrates that our capital is not timid of foreign investment when conditions are understood. It is estimated that not less than \$650,000,000 of United States capital has been invested during the last ten years in Canadian industries. This does not include the enormous sums taken by American settlers to the Canadian Northwest and there devoted to the development of the greatest of all industries, that of agriculture. These investments have been of reciprocal advantage to both countries."

WANT ITALY TO REFRAIN FROM FIGHT

Amsterdam, Feb. 8.—An article from its Vienna correspondent which is attracting much attention appeared in the Frankfurter Zeitung, a copy of which has been received here. The correspondent indicates that an endeavor is being made by Germany and Austria to keep Italy out of the war by satisfying her territorial aspirations. The article says Germany and Austria have frankly recognized Turkey's claim to Trentino and adds that there should be no difficulty in reaching an agreement provided Italy preserves unconditional neutrality and remains a member of the Triple Alliance.

GERMAN NEWSPAPER ATTACKS NEUTRALITY OF U. S. GOVERNMENT

Cologne Gazette Charges Wilson Administration With Favoring Countries Other Than the Dual Monarchy.

Amsterdam, Feb. 8.—The Cologne Gazette, a copy of which has been received here, attacks the American government's neutrality. The article criticises Secretary of State Bryan's letter sent to Wm. J. Stone, chairman of the United States Committee on Foreign Relations, refuting charges that the United States had shown partiality to the Allies against Germany and Austria. The article says:

"Mr. Bryan made himself the mouthpiece of the brutal British standpoint, which is based on force. We are certain that German-Americans and those who share their views will furnish the right reply to Mr. Bryan's epistle. We now know what we must expect from Mr. Bryan's management of foreign affairs.

"American neutrality is only a thin veil behind which is concealed eagerness to do England a good turn. Knowing this, we will be guided by our knowledge. If America respects only brute force, then we shall give full play to brute force."

FEATHERS FOR MEN'S HATS.

An effort is to be made this spring to induce men to wear a feather upon the hat—a bit of color to relieve the drab, as it is expressed. We shall wait, to see what we shall see, nor declaim with a show of arrogance that the thing won't go. When it was announced that long trousers would take the place of knickerbockers, the impulsive yelled their disapproval, and swore by halyard and by hinges that they would never adopt such foolish raiment. But they did.

To imagine a full-grown man with a feather in his hat is to incur a desire to do bodily harm to the wearer. And yet, who knows? Ye humble and inconspicuous editor may come to such a fashion. For there are stranger things in the records of the race than wearing feathers; there are more idiotic things charged up to man than adorning himself with a bit of color plucked from the tail of cockerel or canary.—Dayton News.

MEN WHO SANK COASTERS GET COVETED IRON CROSSES

Amsterdam, Feb. 9.—A dispatch received here from Hamburg says that Kaiser Wilhelm visited Wilhelmshaven base last Thursday. His Majesty inspected the German submarine U-21, going over the vessel personally. He bestowed the decoration of the Iron Cross upon the members of the submarine's crew. U-21 is undergoing repairs at Wilhelmshaven following her recent exploits in the Irish Sea.

The Emperor also inspected the units of the fleet at Wilhelmshaven. The men on the various warships lined the decks and cheered His Majesty loudly as he made his appearance. The Town Council of Wilhelmshaven gave a dinner of honor of the Emperor.

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