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EDITORIALS

President Wilson sent a note to Germany protesting against the sinking of neutral ships and saying that he would hold them responsible for any American ships sunk. To this the Kaiser's government replied that the American note had caused strained relations with Germany and that the German government would not recede one step from the stand they had taken. This means more than that, too. It means that the United States has made a demand on Germany that they cannot carry through without going to war. Will President Wilson back down and apologise for the stand he has taken—the stand of a man?

The first thought of the Germans in this new crisis reflects their moral outlook. They predict that the British submarines will sink a few American ships so as to stir up the States with the notion that the Germans were guilty. Nobody but a man of low ideals would think of such profound villainy. The war craze has had a demoralizing effect on virtuous and pious Germany. Behind this, however, there is the other thought, that Germany will not sink any American ships if they know it. The submarine blockade is a bluff as far as the neutral countries are concerned and as far as the British shipping is concerned they are ready for them.

A story from Germany says that in the event of German victory in the war the Kaiser has offered the British throne to Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria. He is the direct descendant of Henrietta Maria, a daughter of Charles I, and thus represents the Stuarts.

It may seem rather generous of the Kaiser to make so handsome a promise to a young

prince of Bavaria, when he has so many younger sons of his own in need of thrones. We had supposed that he would give the Crown Prince the enlarged Germany that would result from the war—that is to say, the German Empire of today, with Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and part of France, including Calais. That is the way we figured he would, as a generous father, provide for his oldest son in the event of winning in this great war. What we fancied was that he would set up a new throne at Washington where he could rule over the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The Kaiser has the name of being a good husband and a devoted father, and he would wish to do well by his boys. This story from Germany that he would pass over his own sons in favor of young Rupprecht of Bavaria, we are inclined to think, must be an unfounded rumor, unless, of course, the Kaiser foresees that he will not have any thrones to give away except his own, and would rather make empty promises to outsiders than to members of his own household.

What a fine little time young Rupprecht would have on the British throne! But since he has been promised preferment, how would he like to be chosen by the powers of Europe to succeed the present unsuitable King of Prussia?—Toronto Star.

LANE ON HIS WAY WEST.

Secretary Tells Chicagoans About Alaska Railroad.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, passed through the city yesterday on the way to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco. He told of the projected government railroad in Alaska, along which government owned telegraph lines will be run, and declared that if big concerns in large cities would provide farms close to the cities where employees might labor and be self-supporting in times of stress, great part of the problem of the unemployed would be settled.

The masculine idea of an intellectual woman is one who is built like a hairpin and wears spectacles.

Fresh young men delight to get pickled.

BELGIANS POLITICALLY UNDISCIPLINED PEOPLE

Germans Having Trouble in Belgium With Postal and Railway Officials.

Brussels, Feb. 20.—"The Belgians," said General Von Bissing, the new German Governor General of Belgium, in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press, "are politically undisciplined children. They believe their liberation from German rule may come at any moment, and they are strengthened in this belief by the French newspapers, as well as by some neutral newspapers which continually are 'smuggled' in."

"When, as frequently happens," continued the Governor General, "a favorable wind brings the sound of cannon to the city the Belgians believe the longed-for day has come. On several occasions the very date for the return of King Albert has been set and no number of disappointments seem to crush the hopes of the people."

"We have had much trouble with the postal and railway officials. The former are being gradually won over to co-operate with us, but the latter, feeling that the railroads are an important adjunct of warfare—a conception which is quite true and justifiable—have generally refused to do anything to help us. They feel it would be unpatriotic and disloyal to assist us, even though indirectly, in carrying a war against their own land."

German Courts in Belgium.

"The Belgian civil courts," the general said, "still exist, and they try ordinary cases of breaches of the law of the land. All crimes against soldiers or the military government are tried by so-called field courts, which are military courts presided over by German judges."

General Von Bissing left unanswered the question whether he believed that if Belgium or a part of that country eventually became a part of Germany it would ever be possible to completely Germanize the country, making it a harmonious portion of the German Empire.

"I don't think that is a question I can answer at the present time," he replied.

FOR DEFENSE OF CANAL.

Colonel Goethals and General Edwards Hold Long Conference.

Panama, Feb. 20.—Col. G. W. Goethals, governor of the Panama Canal zone, and Brig. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, commander of the American forces in the canal zone, conferred at length yesterday regarding military matters on the Isthmus, including the disposition of troops and measures regarding the defense of the canal and the completion as soon as possible of all the fortifications. Colonel Goethals is understood to have endorsed the location of the permanent \$2,000,000 army post within sight of Panama City.

It's coming. Watch for it. We make. You make. We both make. 44-5

WHY NOT PRUNE ESTIMATES INSTEAD OF INCREASING DUTY?

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT DISCUSSES WAR TAX OF FEDERAL PARLIAMENT—WILL INCREASE IN POSTAGE REDUCE THE REVENUE?

(BY H. F. GADSBY.)
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It took a European war to justify Major General Sam Hughes and the new tariff. Liberal opinion of Parliament Hill takes the view that the major general probably has the greatest number of excuses.

Faced with a deficit this year of \$110,000,000 and next year of \$180,000,000—most of it for war—Finance Minister White took the bull by the horns and raised the general and intermediate tariff seven and a half per cent and the British preferential five per cent. The tariff increases apply to all articles dutiable or on the free list and cover all materials and finished products.

More than that, he called to life a lot of new special taxes—taxes on bank circulation, on trust and loan company incomes, on insurance premiums, on cable and telegraphic messages, on railway and steamship tickets, on sleeping berths and seats in parlor cars. In short, he did a little Lloyd Georgeing but not enough to hurt. The banks, loan companies, insurance companies, telegraph and cable companies, and railways may be trusted to pass it on one way or another to the consumer. There isn't a moan out of one of them.

Warming to his work, the Finance Minister dipped into the remote past, into the twilight period before Confederation, into the still more twilight period when British North America was largely a crown colony—he dipped, I say, as far back as the eighteenth century to bring up an outfit of stamp taxes on sparkling and still wines, patent medicines and commercial paper. He showed the resourcefulness of a Necker or a Turcot in tapping veins of revenue. If he had been present to bolster up Louis the Sixteenth he might have staved off the French Revolution. He produced taxes we never thought he had about him, drawing them like rabbits out of a conjurer's hat. He wound up by lifting postage one cent all round.

The Finance Minister avoided income tax for three good reasons—because his special and stamp taxes had gone far enough along the road to direct taxation, because the provincial governments will probably do something in that line themselves and because the first Dominion government that tries that on will land in the boneyard. The Borden government (loyal though it is, is not prepared, like Quistus Curtius, to leap into the abyss—at least not just now when King and country need it so badly. Besides, as the Finance Minister candidly admitted, the tariff is his mainstay and he would be recreant to his principles if he didn't give it another squeeze. We're a long way from the rind of the lemon yet.

If the Finance Minister's calculations are correct, he will

raise eight to ten million dollars from his special taxes and twenty to twenty-five million dollars from increased customs. His bookkeeping for 1915 will run this way: Outgo, \$300,000,000; income, \$120,000,000; ordinary revenue, \$150,000,000, of which \$100,000,000 is borrowed money, and \$35,000,000 from special taxes and increased customs duties. He contends that his new tariff will strengthen the home market, build up industries, encourage immigration, offset the

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68th REGIMENT, EARL GREY'S OWN RIFLES.

Orders by Major J. H. McMullin, Commanding, for February 22 and 23, 1915:

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A Company will parade at the Exhibition Building on Tuesday at 7:45 p. m. Drill Squad and Company.

B Company will parade at the Exhibition Building on Monday at 7:45 p. m. Drill Squad and Company.

Parade.

Overseas Company will parade at the Exhibition Building on Monday morning, February 22, at 10:30 a. m.

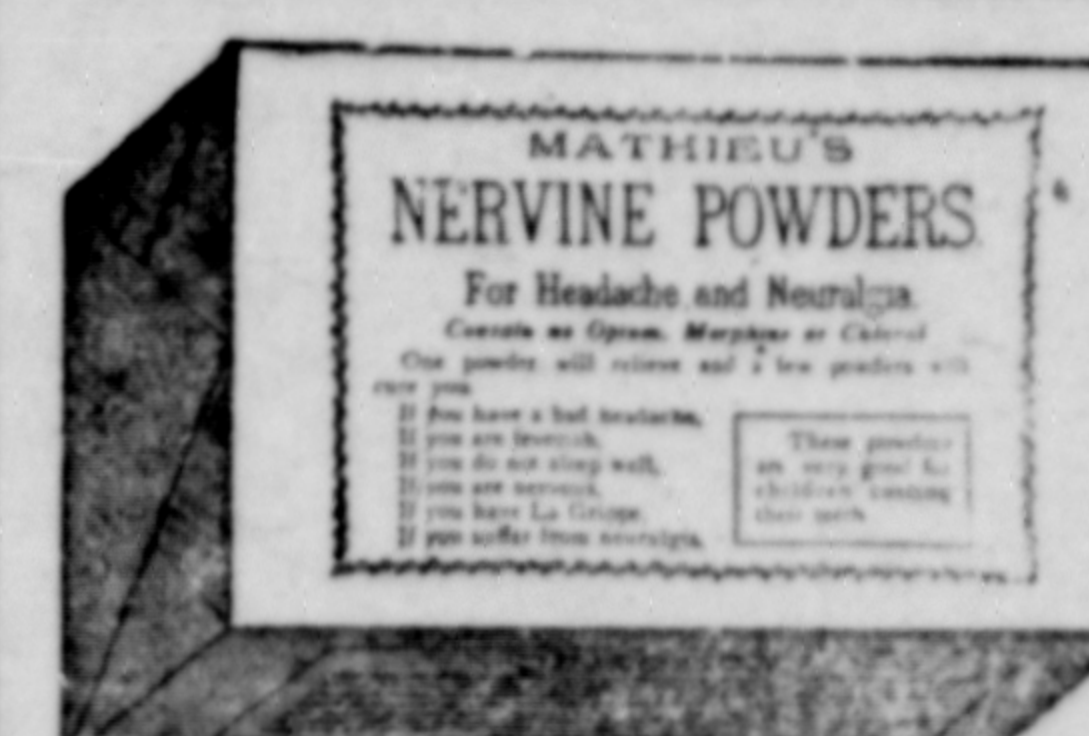
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