



World Brevities

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YOU CAN'T FOOL TROTZKY.

Trotzky now exposes the German deceit in offering peace to Russia. Germany would not release the Russian territory which she now holds although she had promised to make it independent.

THE ENEMY INSIDE OUR GATES.

More of the work of German spies is coming to light daily. The latest is the arrest, trial and confession of several Pro-Germans who made bombs and placed them in the holds of ships sailing to allied countries when we were neutral. One of these men confesses that he made a bomb and placed it in the Lusitania, but it did not explode, therefore he was angry, because he wished the honor of sinking this ship. It was also proven that at least one of these defendants received a large check for his services.

RUMBLINGS IN AUSTRIA.

It is reported that over a million Austro-Hungarian workmen and women struck because they demanded and were refused more food, especially cereals, and besides they demanded cheaper food. They also demanded that cereals be kept in Austria instead of being shipped into Germany. These laborers were workers in munition plants. Later reports state that they are returning to work, having formed an agreement with the government.

OUR OWN WAR.

Unfortunately many first had the idea that this was primarily on our part a war to make the world safe for democracy. They realize now that that was only an incident and that it is our very own war, for our very lives and our own democracy.—R. F. Harris, Illinois Council of National Defense.

TROTSKY ON VENTILATION.

The Russian revolution was the first great event to bring a fresh whiff into the stale atmosphere of Europe in the thirty-four years since the Paris Commune.—Leon Trotzky.

WHAT WE WANT.

President Wilson has declared on behalf of the common people of the whole world the terms which the common people want. This statement has now been agreed to by every allied government, including the Russian Bolsheviks.—President Purdy, British Labor Leader.

COME ON, YOU HUNS!

Reports have repeatedly reached the allies that Germany expected to make one of the greatest and a final drive about February 1st. Every movement of the Germans

detected by the aviators and Russian reports seem to verify such a possibility. It is expected that main drive will be along the coast toward Calais and against the French on the eastern sector. The allies have been preparing for this drive and report that they are prepared for it.

PERSHING'S "GAS ATTACK."

Pershing has given permission to his men to publish a weekly newspaper for the American troops in France to be called "The Stars and Stripes."

LEFT FLAT BY TURKS.

General Von Falkenbayn, the German general in Turkey, was organizing an army of 300,000 to take the offensive against the British in Palestine, but the Turks refused to be organized and disbanded, leaving the general stranded. He then returned to Constantinople.

SUBMARINES' TASK IS HOPELESS!

One is amazed when he considers that the German submarine has already destroyed 10,000,000 tonnage thus far in the war, but when he learns that the increase of exports from America the past year has increased \$746,000,000 over the year before and \$267,000,000 over that of two years ago he can see how utterly hopeless is Germany's hope of destroying the shipping of England and of the United States.

A MILLION AN HOUR!

Our country is now spending a million dollars an hour on the war. Our expenses up to next July are estimated at \$19,000,000,000. Europe has already expended \$112,000,000,000 on the war. Property amounting to \$1,000,000,000 has been destroyed, 10,000,000 lives have been lost, 4,000,000 prisoners have been taken and 10,000,000 tons of shipping have been destroyed. This argues strongly for the League to Enforce Peace after the war. Even at this terrific cost, the results will be worth the cost if there is organized after the war a league that will reduce the size of armies and compel nations to arbitrate their differences. It will be worth while if men of Kaiser William's type be impossible.

CANDY FOR SOLDIERS AND CHILDREN.

The Food Administration had decreed a stoppage of manufacture of chocolates but on recommendation the decree has been changed and chocolate makers may continue the manufacture of sweet chocolates because chocolate is regarded essential to the soldier and to children.

HUNS CONCENTRATING ON WESTERN FRONT.

For weeks the Allies have known that thousands of Germans have been moving from the Eastern to the Western front. The Allies have known this from frequent reports and from scouting and have accordingly been defending the whole Western line in anticipation of as great a drive as Germany can make. Conditions in Turkey and in Austria demand some encouraging news for the Central powers.

TWO TURKISH CRUISERS SUNK.

On January 20 there occurred a naval battle at the entrance of the Dardanelles, in which two Turkish cruisers were sunk. One was the former Breslau of the German navy, the other was the former Goeben also of the German navy. The battle occurred Sunday morning in the narrows of the straits. Two small British monitors were also sunk. These two German cruisers escaped through the Allied lines in the Mediterranean at the outbreak of the war. Turkey was not yet in the war and promised to intern them but after Turkey entered the war she took them, gave them Turkish names and used them in her naval activities.

AUSTRIA WEAKENING.

Persistent reports speak of growing discontent in Germany, caused by shortage of food. A report now comes that a strike of 100,000 men in Vienna threatens Austria's effectiveness in the war. A growing desire in Austria to make peace with Russia and a growing dissatisfaction of being under Prussian control is seen everywhere.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

For the first time in its history South Carolina is going to honor the memory of Abraham Lincoln on his birthday on the twelfth of this month. The meetings which will mark the day are not official, but they will be held generally throughout the state. In this time of world war, Lincoln's devotion to his ideals of liberty serve as an inspiration to soldiers who have pledged themselves to a task for which Lincoln would gladly have given his service and his life. Were Lincoln alive to-day—if he were a young man you may be sure that he would be just where we are—getting ready to do a man's work in this great conflict. If he were an older man—in the president's chair—we can imagine that he would say "A world can not endure half free and half Kaiser-ridden."