

INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS ON WAR AS SEEN BY "SUN" CORRESPONDENTS

EXPECT AN ATTEMPT TO INVADE ENGLAND

British Think Germans Will Try to Land Troops on Coast Soon.

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Special Correspondence to The Sun. LONDON, March 30.—Are the Germans about to invade England? has been the outstanding topic of discussion during the last week.

Speculations as to Germany's intentions, says a well informed high official authority, became even more convincing when the recent visit of the Kaiser to Wilhelmshaven and the exercises of the German high sea fleet outside Heligoland are recalled.

Until this week there was a large body of thinking people who sincerely believed that the Germans never intended to launch an invasion, being satisfied with hoping that the mere threat of it would immobilize a large force of men in this country.

But this week's events suggest that there is really an intention at least to start. Neutral observers who have recently returned from Germany are convinced that the German fleet will surely come out being driven into activity not so much by the pressure of public opinion as by the pressure of the naval officers, who are suffering under the lash of gibes administered by the German army officers.

Belief that the attempt will be made quickly is strengthened by the fact that in another month the Russian front will be dying up and the Allies will be in a position of preparation for a gigantic and synchronized advance which, it is generally believed, will take place and of which the hope is entertained that it will prove the beginning of the end.

When that day arrives, it is estimated Germany will not have 100,000 men to spare for adventures of invasion, and it is argued that she must strike at once at the English coast if she strikes at all.

This theory of invasion is considered to fit in well with a recent activity of German flightfulness in the sinking of the liner in the North Sea, whether neutral or not. According to a telegram from a special correspondent of the Times at Amsterdam reports are that two of the vessels of the Red-Sea line, when visiting Hamburg recently on a shipping business, were informed by Herr Ballin that Germany's policy was to sink all traffic between the United Kingdom and European countries, whether neutral or not.

In taking this course Germany has simply followed policies promulgated by Napoleon in his decrees when he endeavored to destroy all intercourse between Britain and the rest of the world. In much the same way the Berlin decrees are intended to make it so dangerous to cross the North Sea or any of the waters surrounding the British Isles that it will be impossible for England to obtain food and munitions.

The Spectator, however, points out that while this is a bold and audacious policy, it is one which may turn out as futile and as injurious to its propounder as did that of Napoleon. It is recalled that because Britain ally Emperor Alexander refused to carry out the policy of boycott that Napoleon engaged in the attempt to conquer Russia, which ended in the retreat from Moscow.

What the article on this sea boycott is on the part of neutrals is a political, but that they would submit to it lying down is considered improbable. Supporters of the invasion believe point out that Germany may perhaps only wish to drive shipping from the North Sea for a period in order to perfect her naval and military preparations and make her dash unopposed.

LONDON PRICES SOARING.

Necessities Show Rise During War of 15 to 50 Per Cent.

LONDON, March 28.—While a very great deal has been heard of the soaring prices in the price of food and other necessities that has taken place in Germany and other enemy countries little attention has been paid to the very great increase in the cost of living in London.

Table with 2 columns: Article, Price per unit. Includes items like Firewood, Ale, Whiskey, Flour, etc.

BALFOUR, PREMIER, IS RUMOR IN LONDON

Mr. Asquith Covets the Lord Chancellorship, Say Political Observers.

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Special Correspondence to The Sun. LONDON, March 29.—Rumor is busy with talk of marked changes in the Easter recess. In the political club it is believed that Mr. Asquith will resign the Premiership to Mr. Balfour, whose selection would be approved by the Liberal section of the Cabinet.

In society circles much comment has been excited over the selection by the royal family of friends to assist them in giving tea to the troops at Buckingham Palace. Naturally they are at liberty to invite those whom they please and the choice shows that King George and Queen Mary's friends are selected from an entirely different group to which the late King Edward invariably turned his attention.

A gossip in a provincial daily tells the following story of how the Germans have pinned their faith on a Verdun victory, as related in a letter from the English front.

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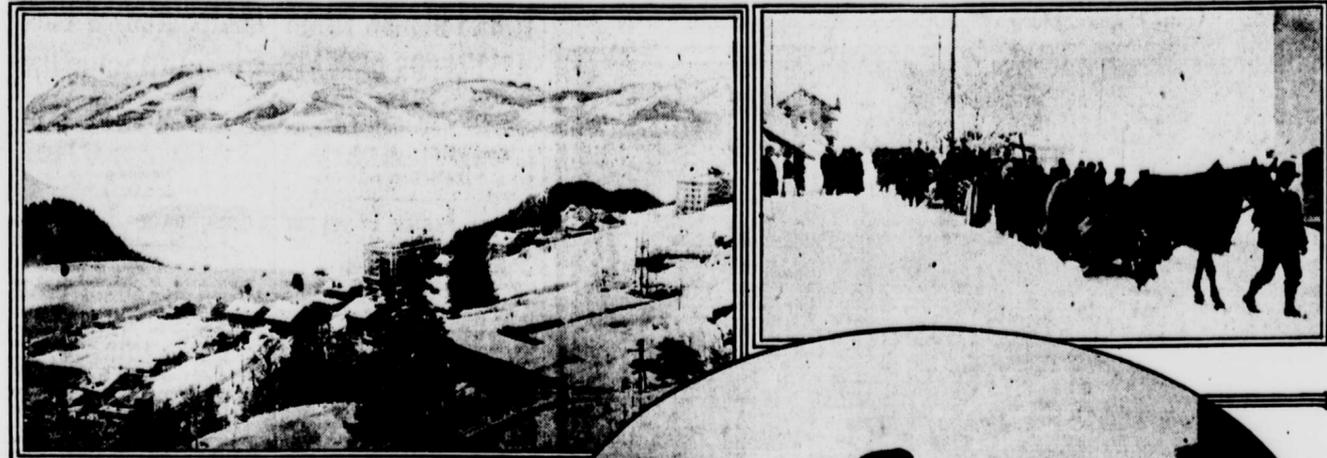
ENGLAND AGAIN AIDS ITALY.

Provides 70 Freight-trains to Carry Wheat and Corn.

ROME, March 28.—As a result of the mission of Baron Mambor des Planches, formerly Italian Ambassador at Washington, to London, the British Government has agreed to place at Italy's disposal seventy freight vessels of about 5,000 tons each to transport to Italy 250,000 tons of wheat at once and 500,000 tons of coal a month for the State railways during the war.

The Italian Government undertakes to charter 70 ships at the same rates paid by the British Admiralty for ships requisitioned for the public service. To expedite the discharge of cargoes in Italian ports, the Italian Government will, when necessary, utilize harbor laborers, who will be considered as soldiers and be bound to obey the naval authorities in everything connected with the hours of work and the amount of cargo unloaded daily.

Scenes in Switzerland Where Little Nation Is Caring for Wrecks of War



View of one sanitarium nesting in a valley.

SWITZERLAND PLAYS PART OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Her Residents, Though Made Destitute, Relieve Misery of War Sufferers in All Surrounding Countries and Minister to Many Prisoners.

By FREDERICK BURLINGHAM. PARIS, April 6.—Few persons realize the important role Switzerland is occupying in the midst of the greatest conflagration in the world's history. This tiny republic is completely surrounded by devastating armies.

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Wounded wear strange costumes. The wounded were dressed in the strangest costumes. Some wore German or Russian hats and milt coats. When the Swiss buglers sounded the forward the train started moving, not with a jerk as so often happens on continental trains, but with an imperceptible movement showing the engine drivers realized what a precious load he was pulling.

An Oasis of Charity. Switzerland is the neutral oasis and connecting link between the warring nations. It is the center of the International Red Cross, from which radiate untold activities. Hundreds of thousands of persons, members of lost and separated families, have been located and brought together.

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Above—French wounded soldiers attending the funeral of a comrade. Below—Physician pointing out the beauties of the scenery.

Switzerland is to become an asylum for hundreds of ill and wounded. At Montreux I saw the other day a group left interned in Switzerland. At dawn the railway station was jammed with Swiss to wish these war victims a warm welcome.

A Tuberculosis Colony. At Leysin, 1,450 meters high, above the Rhone Valley, there is a special colony of French soldiers, already about 300 in number. Most of the men, however, are not very ill and according to the report of the Chamissois Sanitarium, with sun, fresh air and suralimentation must be cured. These troops are in charge of Major Dr. Rogner, a great Swiss throat specialist, who already has succeeded in winning the esteem and admiration of all.

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SAYS U. S. IGNORES MONROE DOCTRINE

Dr. Fuld's Tells Audience in Berlin Sanctioning of Canada Is Instance.

SEES BRITISH INFLUENCE

Special Correspondence to The Sun. BERLIN, March 18.—In Bethmann Hall last night Dr. Ludwig Fuld, playwright, litterateur and speaker, addressed more than a thousand people on the subject at present so significantly interesting "America and Germany."

Of the many Germans who had had transitory visits to the United States none perhaps is quite so qualified as Fuld to study and judge American conditions. Besides possessing excellent powers of observation he is also rather more of a man of the world than other semi-official visitors to the United States and is therefore inclined to view alien people and conditions more from the standpoint of the reconnoiterer than from that of the German proselytizer by which so many exhortatory addresses and Government officials seem to be hampered.

Fuld's address was marked by an unmistakable note of the present attitude of the speaker's present policy. But the man who is so brilliantly logical that now and then he even succeeds in making one of his statements as to the probability of a future war seem to be almost unbelievable. He led up to his evening theme by referring to his last of several visits to the United States, in the winter of 1914, when he was present at the outbreak of the war. This visit was made in the interest of the German Society. He mentioned the splendid hospitality that he had received in New York, where in the United States, from the standpoint of the reconnoiterer than from that of the German proselytizer by which so many exhortatory addresses and Government officials seem to be hampered.

Upholds American Ideals. He then referred to the German conception that in America sentimentality was a weakness. Fuld, however, pointed out that while this is the other party's parties, supporting millions of dollars to the Allies might be regarded as a weakness and a sign of weakness in the United States, which the German people had no conception and no sympathy for. He pointed out that the American people had no conception and no sympathy for the sentimentality of the American people.

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THEIR VESSEL SUNK, CREW REACHES LAND ONLY TO BE SLAUGHTERED BY BEDOUINS

Captain of British Steamer Coquet, With One Seaman, Who, Alone Survived Out of 31, Tells Tale of Horrible Sufferings of Men in the Mediterranean.

Special Correspondence to The Sun. LONDON, April 4.—The story of the sinking of the steamship Coquet and the consequent death of all but two of her crew of thirty-one has been called briefly to THE SUN, but the detailed account of the adventures of Capt. C. B. Groom are of such gripping interest as to merit a longer account.

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ITALIAN EMIGRATION LOWEST IN 20 YEARS

About 150,000 Returned Home From United States After Outbreak of War.

Special Correspondence to The Sun. ROME, March 25.—The following figures relating to the departures and returns of Italian citizens for and from the United States during the years 1914 and 1915 show to what extent the war has influenced Italian emigration to America.

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