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The Truth of It. Twenty-five years ago Great Britain lifted a controlling voice in the council chamber of the nations. Today, after many years of careful preparation, a young, vigorous and rapidly growing empire is challenging her supremacy.

Terms of Peace. Henry Waterman, in the Louisville Courier-Journal. And now the peace-work comes direct from the camp of the Hohenzollerns—from the Bloody Lips of the Prussian Militarist—the devil quipping Scripture, the while in condemnation of war.

Advertisement for 'The President' by Woodrow Wilson, featuring a portrait of the President and text describing the book's significance.

Doings of Society. The Secretary of the Navy, and Mrs. Daniels were the guests in whose honor Gen. and Mrs. George Barnett entertained at dinner last evening at the Marine Barracks.

A Line o' Cheer Each Day o' the Year. By JOHN KENDRICK BANGS.

First printing of an original poem written only for The Washington Herald. THE HOME. HIGH THINKING. To think high thoughts, and keep them climbing on.

Senator Vardaman, of Mississippi, has shot the Byzantine logothetic eloquence of President Wilson full of gum drops. The Washington government ought to feel more kindly disposed toward Wall Street.

And we still have a lead dollar which says that by the time they reach Christiania half of Ford's peace crusaders won't be on speaking terms with the other half.

The allies in Serbia, says Richard Harding Davis in the New York Times, are fighting in the clouds. A condition which is perhaps shared by all the belligerents.

W. R. Hearst's newspapers are claiming that they made Great Britain yield to the United States on the shipping question. What good will it do Mr. Ford to stop the war?

Berlin managed to delay matters just long enough for Boy-Ed and Von Papen to get their names in the December diplomatic list published by the State Department, just off the press.

Federal authorities have seized the records and papers of a publication which flourished briefly in Chicago under the name of "The Irish Voice," for the reason that it spoke with a strong German accent.

Since Great Britain is quite willing to permit the exportation of dyestuffs from Germany to the United States it is up to Hoke Smith to use his influence with Berlin and have a supply shipped to us.

"French abandon Serbian salient," says the war news. For those of our readers who do not understand the technicalities of war it may be explained that a salient is any position that you held yesterday and the other fellow holds today.

Forty persons to whom the State Department issued passports as members of the Ford Peace party failed to sail on either the Oscar II or Frederick VIII, and it is announced that these passports will be canceled. Another insult to Teutonic diplomacy.

The War College division of the General Staff of the army reports to Secretary Garrison that Germany could land 380,000 men on our soil within fifteen days and 800,000 men within forty-five days. And think of the pleasure it would afford W. J. Bryan and Hoke Smith to serve on the reception committee.

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood told the students of New Hampshire College that the Atlantic Ocean is not a satisfactory protection for us. This sentiment would no doubt be shared by those Americans who have already been compelled to put the Atlantic Ocean between themselves and Germany—vertically.

"Our constructive work," said President Wilson, "has started an irresistible movement which cannot be stopped." Republicans on the other hand regard the tariff as an immovable body, and it is common knowledge that when an irresistible force meets an immovable body—we are forgetting just what does happen, but something interesting for sure.

Two brothers closely resembling one another and each insisting his name was Frank Peake were arraigned in a Massachusetts court on charges of assault, and one was convicted, and the other acquitted. The fact that one of them paid the penalty imposed indicates that they hadn't enough money between them to hire a lawyer.

Col. Roosevelt believes that when the war broke out we should have taken our stand in the ranks of the allies. Morally he is right. Politically he is right only on the theory that the destinies of the Anglo-Saxon nations are inseparable, a theory that rightly or wrongly but quite naturally the majority of Americans who have hardly any trace of the Anglo-Saxon about them have repudiated.

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At the present moment the American people is struggling between two conflicting emotions. We do not want Germany to win because we are opposed mentally and morally to her philosophy and politics. We do not want Britain to win on the other hand because if she does it means good by to our immediate chances of lifting a considerable, much less a dominant, voice in the affairs of the world's democracies.

But above all let us not undertake this thing and imagine fondly that the other nations will accept our pacific protestations or will not realize exactly what we are about. Recently Lord Rosebery deprecated the proposed enlargement of our navy and stated that it simply meant a continuation of the burden of armaments since Britain would never consent to lose or to lessen the margin of her maritime supremacy.

There are many Americans who will deny the views here expressed. Let them realize that they are in a rapidly dwindling minority. Great Britain and the United States going hand in hand to lead the world into a warless era is only a beautiful dream. Bombs and dollars are the only things that count today.

Women in the Civil Service. Wide publicity is given to the charge of Mrs. Helena Hill Weed, suffragist, that the United States government discriminates against women and in favor of men in the Civil Service.

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