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THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

The announcement made yesterday that the United States will soon acquire the Danish West Indies has been read with satisfaction by all people of this country. This government has been endeavoring to purchase these islands from Denmark during the past two score or more years, and Denmark has been willing to dispose of them, but Germany has frowned upon the proposed transfer, and up to the present time has been able to exert such influence with the smaller European nation as to prevent the acquisition of the islands by the United States.

The Washington Herald has the following to say in regard to the transfer, which now seems assured: If the plan of the United States to purchase the Danish West Indies is consummated it probably will be recorded by strategists as the crowning military achievement of the Wilson administration. The islands are to be bought for \$25,000,000, and those vague rights of discovery in Greenland that the United States now hold. The cash consideration is about what two Dreadnoughts cost.

The rights in Greenland may never be of much value to this country. One of the most interesting phases of the proposed purchase will be its effect on Germany. Some years ago the United States was near to a purchase of the islands, but Germany let Denmark know that Berlin did not approve of the sale and the deal was not made. Denmark then could not afford to offend Germany.

But now Germany has her hands full. And after the war Germany will need Denmark's friendship. There is little likelihood that Berlin will again frown upon the sale. It is to be expected that the two houses of the Danish Parliament and the two branches of Congress will lose no time in approving the treaty transferring the islands to the United States.

Then our State Department should open negotiations with Holland for the purchase of the Dutch West Indies. These are the islands that Germany has been watching with covetous eyes ever since she determined to establish a naval base in the Caribbean Sea. There are six of these islands lying off the coast of Venezuela. The largest are Curacao, Aruba and Bonaire. They are 710 miles east of the Atlantic end of the Panama Canal and several hundred miles nearer to Colon than our nearest naval base, Guantanamo.

Naval strategists say that in the hands of a European power the Dutch West Indies would be to the Panama Canal what Helgoland would be to the Kiel Canal if Helgoland still was owned by Britain.

Until the present war Germany

probably could have prevented Holland from selling the Dutch West Indies as easily as she prevented Denmark from selling the Danish West Indies a few years ago, but today Holland most likely could negotiate the sale without Berlin's interference or without fear of German anger. After the war, it probably will be much more difficult for the United States to obtain control of the Islands and the chance of a century may be lost.

Holland needs money today, and it is likely she would name a consideration as reasonable as the price for which Denmark is willing to dispose of her possessions.

GERMANY'S "HOLY WAR."

The following words occur in the latest speech credited to the German Emperor:

Comrades: It is your especial privilege to fight against the English, which means that you are fighting against a nation that has sworn to destroy Germany.

The English built up during the years before the war the combination of countries which at a given signal fell upon us, attacked us, the most peaceful and peace desiring people in the world. English led us to believe they were our friends when they were actually plotting our destruction.

English diplomacy brought about the war, and now an English offensive is intended to carry the operations to German soil, into our towns and villages, to the peril and undoing of our helpless women and children. Your duty is to break the English offensive; to prove once more that Germany is invincible, and reduce to despair the relentless enemies of our country so that they will sue for peace on terms honorable and profitable to Germany.

Most of the European apologists insist that the European conflict was not precipitated by Prussian militarism, but was forced on a peaceful nation; that it is not prosecuted to the misery of Germany in order to vindicate Junkerism and to strengthen Hohenzollern despotism, but is regarded by the whole German people as a holy war. Occasionally, however, a report reaches this country that puts the matter in a very different light, and reveals the existence of German views that directly contradict the officially nurtured holy-war theory.

These views are forcefully expressed in a recent article by Maximilian Harden in his paper, Die Zukunft, of June 22, translated in the New York Times of Sunday. Harden is, perhaps the most powerful and most feared writer on the Continent, and he is certainly the most dreaded thorn in the flesh of German autocracy. Now he attacks German censorship of the news and holds up to ridicule some of the stories spread broadcast among the people. And at the very end of his article, he makes a statement of far more significance to the outside world than his complaint of the censorship. He says:

Right and left the foe is listening, but nowhere can he detect the voice of the German people. Could he hear it, we should be near to peace, which is possible today, which only a miracle could make better.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch in this connection says if German censorship is so strict as to prohibit the dissemination of German mass thought, then it must prevent the knowledge of real conditions from reaching the mass of Germans. That voice which Harden says is now for peace must, then, be raised because of the state of affairs within the empire. But no censorship can prevent forever the spread of knowledge, and so the German censorship will fail, eventually. Then the German people will learn the true situation, and their voice will make itself heard—even by the Kaiser and Prussian Kultur.

A TALE OF TWO YEARS

Two years ago yesterday the great war began by the Austrian invasion of Serbia, attention to which is called by the Philadelphia Record. On July 23 Austria astonished the world by an ultimatum addressed to Serbia, making such demands as were never before made upon any sovereign nation and giving it only 48 hours in which to make a reply. Insulting as all the demands were, Serbia, presumably advised by Russia, presented to all of them except the one which provided for the exercise of judicial functions in Serbia by Austrian officials. Even this was not rejected, but Serbia asked for explanations and an opportunity for discussion. Two years ago yesterday Austria haughtily declared the reply was unsatisfactory and ordered her troops to invade Serbia.

As soon as the ultimatum was known England, France, Russia and Italy sought the assistance of Germany in inducing Austria to extend the period of 48 hours and to afford European diplomacy a conference, or an exchange of notes, or by any agency that Germany could suggest, an opportunity to see if Austria's quarrel with Serbia could not be settled without war. Austria refused to listen to anybody until Germany had taken military action, when there is indirect evidence that Austria was

willing to listen to reason, but as Germany had acted it was too late. From first to last Germany assumed the position that Austria's quarrel with Serbia was none of the business of the rest of Europe.

The Austrian pretext was the assassination of the Archduke who was heir to the crown. That this was not the real reason, and that it was contemplated much earlier, is proved by the fact disclosed by Signor Giolitti that in August, 1913, Austria proposed to Italy to move against Serbia. In a trial in New York a few months ago the evidence showed that a few months later than this overture, which was dropped on account of the attitude of Italy, the New York agents of the Hamburg-American Line was instructed to be ready at a given signal to send supplies to German cruisers.

The first Balkan war occurred in the fall of 1912. In the following winter there was a conference in London to adjust the results without a general war. Germany supported Sir Edward, now Viscount, Grey, and war was averted, and Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg paid a high tribute to Sir Edward for his efforts in behalf of peace. But immediately after this conference there was introduced into the Reichstag a bill adding 136,000 men to the German army, increasing the annual military budget \$50,000,000 and levying a capital tax of \$25,000,000 for military purposes. The Chancellor explained to the Reichstag that the reason for this was the result of the first Balkan war, which had weakened Turkey and added to the power of Serbia, a Slav nation. When the Archduke was assassinated Germany and Austria were ready.

Russia mobilized against Austria. Germany instantly attacked Russia and France, via Belgium. England went to the succor of Belgium. The most appalling war in history might have been averted if Germany had advised Austria to submit her grievance to Europe.

AUSTRIA PASSING THROUGH CRISIS.

One of the facts of internal character and wide import that appears in the general military situation is the weakness of Austria, nor is this a criticism of the valor or the ability of the dual monarchy to do a full part. It has done and can do more. The fact that it is recruiting into its ranks the very dregs of its manhood, in the lack of better material, is doubtless one of the reasons for the success of the Russians in their present drive. The internal condition in the dual monarchy is critical, and indicates that the union that normally is sentimental, rather than substantial, is now upon the point of breaking. The military writer for the New York Times thus sums the matter up.

"The situation is extremely disquieting to the Teutons, for they have reached a most crucial point in their history. A rift in their ranks at this time will bring about destruction. Needless to say, Russia is doing all in her power to augment the differences between the two parts of the empire. It may be that more can be done by playing on this political disaffection than by force of arms. This, of course, Russia is in an excellent position to judge. If in her opinion great pressure on Hungary would cause the split, we may see her ut her strength into the Carpathian passes as a means of dealing a death stroke to Teutonic hopes."

As the Baltimore American suggests, this may be one of the reasons that the British are now looking for an end to the war within a few months. Disunion would mean very much more than the military successes made upon the west side.

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Washington Southern Ry.

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For Fredericksburg, Richmond and points south at 4:37, 7:53, (local) and 9:47, a. m. 12:16, 3:23, 3:32, 5:17 (local) 6:57, 9:47, p. m. daily.

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