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THE GERMAN NOTE.

It was hardly to be expected, we
suppose that a nation which blew
international law to atoms when it
assassinated the Lusitania would
fall on occasion to make some plea
in self-defense, even though a weak
one. Presenting no new argument
or excuse except that it was sur-
prised, perhaps appalled, at the sud-
denness with which that great ship
went to the bottom, the German note
now in hand is little more than a
repetition of the plea, already fam-
iliar to us, that because Great
Britain has violated international
law in its assaults upon property at
sea Germany is justified in the per-
petration of every crime known to
civilization.

Violence which at the very out-
set runs the whole gamut of outlaw-
ry and has no word of regret for
wholesale murder naturally enough
is not abashed when it is called to
account for lesser injuries to a
friend. Herr von Jagow does not
fail to droll upon the German griev-
ance against us for selling munitions
of war to the allies, which he knows
is perfectly lawful; he does not ne-
glect to speak of the "thousands of
German mothers and children robbed
of breadwinners," those breadwin-
ners being German soldiers conduct-
ing "a war of defense by invading
foreign states, and he renews the
complaint that British merchantmen
are armed and that they attempt to
ram German submarines, but he
does refuse to discuss law and right
and he does ignore the treaties be-
tween the United States and Prussia
which clearly covers every point
now in dispute.

To the extent that the note gives
assurance that "American ships will
not be hindered in the prosecution
of legitimate shipping and the lives
of American citizens in neutral ves-
sels shall not be placed in jeopardy"
there is a distinct advance over any-
thing that has emanated heretofore
from the German foreign office.
The further statement, however,
that "the Imperial Government is
unable to admit that American citi-
zens can protect an enemy ship
through the mere fact of their pres-
ence on board" is offensive, and by
implication is a falsehood.

We have not held that the pres-
ence of Americans on enemy ships
protected the ships. What we have
maintained and still must maintain
is that Americans in such cases, as
in all others where they may be en-
gaged upon lawful errands, are pro-
tected by international law. We are
not protecting British ships. We
are protecting American rights and
the law of nations.

Herr von Jagow's suggestion of a
method by which the United States
may carry on a limited amount of
commerce in the so-called German
war zone, subject to the forbear-
ance of the war lords who direct the
German submarines, while interest-
ing and, in a way, enlightening, is of
course inadmissible. We do not
hold our sea rights subject to any-
body's supervision. We are not
likely to surrender any of those
rights to a nation that does not have
a single dreadnought or cruiser on
the ocean and whose boasted sea
power is now exerted only by the
methods of the footpad and the
blackhand.

Whatever may be thought or said
of this note, it is always to be re-
membered that actions speak louder
than words. For the present we
should say that Germany is to be
judged more by its deeds than by its
diplomacy. It has not been sinking
any American ships of late. It has
not been sinking without warning
any enemy ships having Americans
on board. It has not assailed any
more transatlantic liners. While
these conditions obtain, notes like
that now under discussion may irri-
tate or exasperate, but they need not
necessarily lead to a rupture. To
discontinue national wrong doing is
one thing. To apologize for it, even
to a friend, in the presence of a
people infuriated by suffering and
inflamed by falsehood, is another.
We shall have to address the Ger-
mans again and in language even
more forcible than that already us-
ed.—New York World.

SPACE IS MERCHANDISE.

The publishers who boosted the
Sioux City auto races for a free
ticket and a nice letter from the
management are just plain suckers.
Some day it will occur to these pub-
lishers that if they did not give away
their space the race promoters
would have to buy it as they could
not pull off the event without the
country newspaper publicity. Thank
heavens the suckers were fewer this
year than last and here's hoping
none will bite next year.—Alton
Democrat.

THE TRUE AMERICAN TYPE.

When men who have been the
beneficiaries of the United States for
their education, social position and
have lived well and easily through
years of peace are resigning as offi-
cers of the army to take high salaried
jobs with ammunition firms and fac-
tories at a time when their services
may be instantly required by the
country which trained them the
proposition of Thomas Edison stands
out very clearly against the back-
ground afforded by the officers men-
tioned. Edison offers his wonderful
genius to his country without condi-
tions. Not a believer in war, he is
ready to give his marvelous powers
of invention to the service of his
country without financial or selfish
consideration.

Edison is a great man. Wonder-
ful as is his genius the greatest ele-
ments of the man is his patriotism.
When the show-down comes and the
necessity arrives he comes quietly
up in the ranks of defense. This
man has never devoted his inventive
powers to that highly profitable
branch of invention which devotes
itself to man killing. His have been
the useful and pleasing arts. He
stands as the single and dominant
figure in the inventive leadership of
his period. He represents the real
vital democracy of this people. Ed-
ison is the true American type which
rises from obscurity by its own
force and wears honors modestly,
which seeks no political ascendancy
for itself, that lives quietly and
works hard and which in the hour of
need and danger steps quietly out to
lay on the altars of patriotism gen-
ius, fortune and life itself as a debt
owed to a land of equal opportunity
and a government of liberty. And at
that Edison is not essentially greater
than other men who bring their best
to their country in peace and in war.
He is of a type distinct in his place
but not different. Edison's purpose
and that of the common man who
gives his best are not different. In
both are the spirit of patriotism, the
sense of responsibility and the
grandeur of sacrifice.

It is fine in an age that men—
perhaps falsely—estimate as selfish
and sordid to see the splendor of
mighty men—Edison and the pri-
vate in the rear rank. They are of
the true American type.—Marshall-
town Times-Republican.

THE NEBRASKAN NOTE.

The German note on the attempt
to sink the Nebraskan, though it
contains an apology and an offer of
reparation, is also a reaffirmation
of the new doctrine of war-zone law.
This appears in the paragraph in
which it is stated that the Nebraskan
had no flag flying, no distinctive
marks and nothing else of an extra-
ordinary nature to indicate her neu-
trality. This, according to the state-
ment of the Nebraskan's captain, is
quite true, though the flag had been
flying up to sunset. The note then
says:
"In the twilight, which had al-
ready set in, the name of the steam-
er was not visible from the subma-
rine. Since the commander of the
submarine was obliged to assume
from his wide experience in the
area of maritime war that only En-
glish steamers and no neutral steam-
ers traversed the war area without
flag and markings, he attacked the
vessel with a torpedo in the conviction
that he had an enemy vessel be-
fore him."

The question which immediately
confronts the reader of this passage
is why the commander was obliged
to assume that only English steam-
ers traversed the war area without
distinctive markings. No answer ex-
cept the commander's wide experience
is to be found in the note, and the
answer the foreign office would give
if pressed must be the old assertion
that a submarine must fire from am-
bush because it dare not come into
the open.

No mistake would have been made
if the commander of the submarine
had commanded the Nebraskan to
stop and submit to search, and noth-
ing but a chance failure of the tor-
pedo to do its full work prevented
the unlawful killing of an American
ship's crew. Since the act of the
submarine commander is disavowed
and no great harm was done the in-
cident is closed, but the language of
the note is far from reassuring.—St.
Louis Republic.

PUSH, BUT DON'T SHOVE.

Push your town along, but don't
shove it off the map. Work for it
and not against it. You may think
your defection is but a single in-
stance and will have no injurious ef-
fect, but you are wrong. If you are
anything but a numskull, there are
others who are always ready to fol-
low your lead, even though it result
in the wrecking of your home town.
You can't keep your questionable
acts under cover. They are bound to
creep out and once in the open they
breed like mosquitoes in a swamp.
And you can't kick your home town
without breaking your own toe.
Pushing is a good thing, but shov-
ing is not so good. You can push
your town along by encouraging
home industries. You can push it
along by producing to the limit and
keeping the profits at home. You
can push it along by being of it as
well as in it, and remembering that
every dollar you keep in the town
is just that much additional pros-
perity for the town and for you.

The home merchant knows you, is
your friend, and wants to see you
succeed. The mail order man doesn't
know you, doesn't care a rap about
you, and never wants to see anything
but your money.
Push your town along, brother,
but don't shove it off the map. The
loyal citizen never breaks his own
toe.

PROSPERITY NOTE.

Corn is reported as having a good
root and with favorable conditions
until the early frosts the splendid
state of Iowa is not going to fall
short of an average crop when a
score or more years ago are com-
pared.—Waterloo Courier.

THAT AVERAGE MAN.

If it had not been for capitol ex-
tension not one-half of the people in
this state might now be able to
give off hand the name of the gov-
ernor of the state, so little im-
portance is even the governor in the
mind of the average man.—Cedar
Rapids Republican.

Doesn't the esteemed Republican
underestimate the intelligence and
general information of the average
man? In this part of Iowa the
average man knows the name of the
governor of his state without having
been put through a course of politi-
cal excitement. The average Iowan
isn't densely ignorant and utterly
without information as to the name
of the governor of Iowa or the presi-
dent of the United States. Why in
this judicial district the average man
can read and does read, votes intelli-
gently, usually knows what he
wants and has a pretty fair idea as
to how to go about getting it.

The average man is about the best
we grow here in Iowa. He is doing
the things that are being done. The
average man has always been the
main dependence of his state and
country and town. The measure of
our progress is the measure of the
average man. And we have been
getting along real well in Iowa.

The average farmer in Iowa is a
good farmer; the average merchant
a good merchant; the average work-
man skilled and competent; why even
the average editor—but that's an-
other story; the average judgment
of Iowa is good judgment; the aver-
age crop, the average everything in
this state belongs under the axiom
that of all that is good Iowa affords
the best.

It will scarcely do for any of us
to arrogate grandeur and assume pe-
culiar and unique greatness of mind
or place. We can't get away with it
in Iowa. The average man will not
let us.—Marshalltown Times-Repub-
lican.

Dr. J. A. McDonald of Toronto,
is right in declaring that the main-
tenance of 4,000 miles of boarded
line between Canada and the United
States, with never a fortress, a bat-
tle-ship or a gun to guard it, is
North America's supreme achieve-
ment. What a lesson for Europe
there is in the spectacle of these two
great dominions with their long line
of unguarded frontier now celebrat-
ing a century of peace. What a re-
freshing spectacle of international
sanity this is, in contrast to the in-
ternational madness that has drench-
ed Europe in blood.

It appears that the United States
patent office may decline to issue a
trademark for Iowa butter to the
state of Iowa. The Thirty-sixth gen-
eral assembly passed an act adopt-
ing a trade mark for Iowa butter and
authorized it to be filed at Washing-
ton in the name of the state. The
attorney general's office has endeav-
ored to carry out the order, but the
request to issue a patent in the
name of a state is so unusual that
the authorities at Washington have
so far declined to grant it. The
problem may be solved by securing
the trade mark in the name of the
dairy and food commissioner and he
turning it over to the state. How-
ever, the delay in negotiations has
held up the plans of the department
of developing a special grade of
Iowa butter in this state.

Farm for Sale—Anyone wanting a
good Decatur county farm see J. E.
Leeper, Leon, Iowa. "Forest Lawn"
farm of 200 acres is for sale.

Notice of Probating Will.

To All Whom It May Concern:
You are hereby notified that there
is now on file in the office of the
Clerk of the District Court of Iowa,
in and for Decatur county, an instru-
ment in writing, purporting to be
the last Will and Testament of Ed-
ward Conwell, late of said county,
deceased, and that 10 o'clock, a. m.
of the 24th day of August, 1915, has
been fixed for the probate of said
will, at which time you can appear at
the Court House in said county and
show cause, if any there be, why said
will should not be admitted to prob-
ate.

In Witness Whereof, I have here-
unto set my hand and affixed the
seal of said court at Leon, Iowa,
this 19th day of July, 1915.
E. E. BECK,
Clerk of District Court.

Notice of Probating Will.

To All Whom It May Concern:
You are hereby notified that there
is now on file in the office of the
Clerk of the District Court of Iowa,
in and for Decatur county, an instru-
ment in writing, purporting to be
the last Will and Testament of Wil-
liam P. Anderson, late of said
county, deceased, and that 10 o'clock
A. M. of the 24th day of August,
1915, has been fixed for the probate
of said will, at which time you can
appear at the Court House in said
county and show cause, if any there
be, why said will should not be ad-
mitted to probate.
In Witness Whereof, I have here-
unto set my hand and affixed the seal
of said court at Leon, Iowa, this 17th
day of July, 1915.
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Original Notice.

In the District Court of Decatur
County, Iowa, August Term, A. D.
1915.

Mahlon D. Shira, Plaintiff, against
Minnie Shira, Defendant.

You are hereby notified that there
is now on file in the office of the
Clerk of the District Court of Decatur
County, Iowa, the petition of the
plaintiff aforesaid, claiming of you
a divorce on the grounds of wilful
and unjustifiable desertion, and ask-
ing for the custody of the minor
children of plaintiff and defendant,
to-wit: Pansy Shira, aged seventeen
years, and Madonna Shira, aged
twelve years; and for general and
equitable relief. For full particulars
see petition on file.

You are also notified that unless
you appear thereto and defend be-
fore noon of the second day of the
term of said District Court of Decatur
County, to be held on the 23rd
day of August, A. D., 1915, a default
will be entered against you and judg-
ment rendered thereon.

BAKER & PARRISH,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Notice of Final Report.

In the District Court of Iowa, in
and for Decatur County.

In the estate of George W. Wells,
deceased.

To Uriah Wells, C. W. Wells,
Mary J. Miller, Samuel Wells, John
Wells, Susan Pomeroy, Kittie M.
Kelley, all parties concerned.
You are hereby notified that the
undersigned, W. B. Redman, admin-
istrator of the estate of George W.
Wells, deceased, has filed his final
report therein in the office of the
Clerk of the District Court in and
for aforesaid county, and has asked
for its approval and his discharge
from further duty or responsibility
therein, and that said report and ap-
plication for discharge will come on
for hearing before the Court aforesaid
at Leon on the 24th day of
August, A. D., 1915, at which time
and place you can appear and show
cause, if any you have, why said
final report should not be approved
and the undersigned discharged
from any further duty and responsi-
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W. B. REDMAN,
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Office of Clerk of District Court,
Leon, Iowa, July 12, 1915.
To Executors, Administrators and
Guardians of the Estate you represent,
that have not made any report
since January 1, 1914. By order of
the Judge of the District Court Au-
gust term, 1915, you are notified, as
the law provides, that you shall re-
port each year, and imposes a pen-
alty for failure so to do, so you will
see the necessity of complying there-
with, and making report of the pres-
ent condition of the Estate to the
Clerk of the District Court.
If you fail to do so in 10 days, it
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proper process to bring you into
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