

Can You 'Imagine' Our Seattle Soldiers Committing the Loot of Louvain?

WHAT is the real lesson of the atrocities Germany has committed in the war? Do they prove that Germans are a different species of human beings? This would do violence to the observations which nearly all broad-minded men have reached, who have come into contact with many breeds of men. Scientists, travelers and just plain folk are pretty well agreed that in his own home, in normal surroundings the average man of one clime or race is very much like the man of any other breed. Certainly the war has proved that in the primitive qualities of courage, endurance and loyalty the rank and file of the combatant races are very much alike. Relying on these facts, the defenders of German crime have continued to whisper, "Oh, all soldiers are alike. If the allies had been on German soil they would have done just as badly."

This is a slander on the living heroes of every army except the German. Even the Turkish fighting man has a better record. It is also a slander on the dead of our American armies of the Revolution and the Civil war. No such outrages as the German crimes were recorded in any American war, by either side. Even in the track of Sherman's march across Georgia, today there is not a tradition of anything like the hellish things which marked the German tide thru Belgium. In the South African war there was not one instance of a British soldier even insulting a black or white woman. The Germans in 1870 did not do such things in France. To match the atrocities of 1914-1917, one must travel back to the massacres and rapine of the religious wars of the 16th and 17th centuries. The answer to the whole anomaly is very simple

and doubly damning to the ruling caste in Prussia. All soldiers are very much alike, but ARMIES and OFFICERS are not. Any army contains a percentage of men who will, if not held by rigid discipline, perpetrate outrages of the blackest kind. Every city, every village, every countryside has individuals of the same sort. But every army in the world today and for 300 years back, except the German army, has been controlled by a set of officers and a system of discipline, which held such troops in check and kept them under the control of the decent majority. The fact that the German army, with its iron discipline, did not do so, proves that the German crimes were DELIBERATELY ENCOURAGED, and ORDERED by the government thru its officer class. That is the real lesson of the German atrocities.

They teach that the German government, and its military system, are different from all other governments and all other military systems. For enduring such a system the German people and the German private soldiers must bear full blame. In that sense all soldiers are not alike. We can hardly imagine the clean-minded and independent young fellows now gathered at American lakes committing any such acts as the loot of Louvain, even if their officers told them to. Military discipline in the American, French and British armies has well defined limits, because Americans and their allies are not reared to believe that any set of men on God's earth has any divine rights. AND THAT IS THE REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SOLDIERS OF THE FIGHTING ARMIES—A DIFFERENCE WHICH EXPLAINS ATROCITIES AND EVERYTHING ELSE.

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Will End of World Come After the War? Star's Religious Writer Interprets Biblical Prophecies of Christ's Second Coming

War has brought the widespread belief among religious thinkers that the END OF THE WORLD is at hand. They see the worldwide conflagration as the first stage in the final catastrophe that they believe will end all things earthly. Recognizing this widespread feeling as a matter of news, The Star asked its religious editor, the Rev. Charles Stelzle: "Is there Biblical basis for the widespread belief that the end of the world is at hand?" Dr. Stelzle says there is NOT—and he gives his reasons for believing there is not. Read what he writes, and see whether you agree with him:

By Rev. Charles Stelzle
(Religious Editor of the Star)

I am asked: "Is there Biblical basis for the widespread belief that the end of the world is at hand?" I know that many people believe there is. They point to certain prophecies in the Bible that just before the end there shall be "wars and rumors of wars," "cyclones, fires, revolutions and upheavals of every kind." There is no doubt that the world is facing one of the greatest catastrophes in its history, and no one dares prophesy how extensive it will be. The study of history does not help us much in interpreting the signs of the times, for in this instance it cannot be said that "history repeats itself." There never yet has been an "end of the world."

There are three sources from which we may get light upon this most important subject: first, from the BIBLE; second, from the CHURCH; and third, from OUR OWN REASON. Naturally, the Bible has a great deal to say about the "end of the world," and fortunately, it is possible to distinguish between what understand what the Bible means. The secrets of God are not always revealed to the "wise men and the prudent"—God has sometimes "revealed them unto babes." Upon one occasion, Jesus publicly thanked God for the fact. It is probably true, as some noted Bible students have said, that confusion has risen in the minds of many because men have failed to distinguish between "the end of the world" and "the END OF THE AGE." The history of the world may be divided into certain great periods, or ages. Each of these ages has ended in a great catastrophe—like



This is a reproduction of a picture first printed in a book called "Forty Future Wonders of Scripture Prophecy," published in 1866. It portrays a great earthquake, accompanied by darkening of the sun, moon and stars and awful terror throughout the world. According to the old book, this catastrophe is due about 1928.

JUDGE JUREY, PLEASE ANSWER
Tom Thorsen, one of the men who went on strike at the Seattle shipyards, was the first man in Seattle to apply for Second Liberty Loan Bonds. He bought \$700 worth and paid cash. Thorsen is still an alien. He has not yet acquired American citizenship. We wonder if Judge Jurey, of the superior court, would refuse naturalization papers to Thorsen on the ground that he is "not fit to be a citizen" because he went on strike at this time, as the very learned jurist declared recently in the case of Edwin Conrad Strom, who went on strike with the ship carpenters.

OBSERVATIONS
KAISER IS to make Von Hindenburg a prince. Anybody in Germany having princely title due them had better collect now. OUR IDEA of easy money: Paying \$30,000 to a Chicago lawyer to work for Germany. WE ARE all as God made us, and often times a great deal worse.—Cervantes. IF HERBERT HOOVER does half what the food bill is designed to do—watch out for Hoover for president. Such popularity! FOR ONE word a man is often deemed to be wise, and for one word he is often deemed to be foolish.—Confucius. ONE OF the hopeful signs in Germany is that the socialists are panning the Pan-German agitation.

PRESIDENT WILSON fixes the price of steel, practically cutting the existing prices in two. Immediately steel stocks gain two points in Wall st. Even Wall st. isn't afraid of socialistic policies in war times. Eh? BONAR LAW, chancellor of the British exchequer, frankly states that without United States help the allies would be in desperate straits. Bonar is referring to our fighting dollars. Wait till our fighting boys cut loose, old man!

ROTTEN BEEF for our boys in the Spanish war was bad, but rotten ammunition for our boys in France is murder. It turns out that Pershing's men got those faulty primers because our notorious old ordnance board was still sticking to defective formulas that private manufacturers had discarded long ago. How long will Secretary Baker put up with that old moss-covered ordnance board?

Analysis of the War Moves

By J. W. T. Mason Written for The United Press

Germany's submarine menace is now being concentrated against American military supply ships. A submarine base has probably been established off the French coast, in the American transport lane. There is no real decrease in total ally submarine sinkings. America can only fulfill her gigantic requirements in France by depending on her own shipping and making the issue with Germany personal. This is the interpretation of the submarine situation today, as expressed in an interview with the United Press by Lord Northcliffe, the most constructive war critic any belligerent nation has produced. "The most urgent news that has crossed the Atlantic since I arrived in this country, at the beginning of June," Lord Northcliffe said, "is the official statement of Sir Joseph Maclay, the British controller of shipping, to the effect that 'unless the United States faces the shipping problem and constructs millions of tons of shipping annually, the military efforts will be crippled from the start.' "This is the solemn warning of Sir Joseph himself. It has passed the censor and is the first real note of alarm of the seriousness of the submarine sinkings. "The writing on the wall should arouse every thinking American to the greatest problem the world has ever faced—the transport across 3,000 miles of water of the new American army, which already amounts to more than a million men; its cannons, shells, locomotives, railway tracks, munition plants, aeroplanes, observation balloons, hospitals, ambulance convoys, doctors, nurses, machine guns, butchers, bakers, shoemakers, men of every trade, clothing, horses, mules, fodder, bookkeepers, complete telephone and telegraph equipments, with operators running into thousands. "Now, Sir Joseph Maclay, as British shipping controller, plainly says that unless six million tons of shipping is built in the United States yearly, you will not be able to transport those vital needs. "The whole system of publishing the figures of submarine sinking by the allies is misleading, and I have protested against it ever since it was adopted. "I do not believe that any progress has been made in stopping submarine deprivations. "Last week we were told officially that the submarine sinkings of British ships were the lightest since the policy of ruthlessness commenced. Within a few hours, cables flashed the news that the sinking of French ships over the same period were the heaviest yet recorded. "In other words, it is probable that part of the submarine force of Germany that is fighting the greatest naval battle of the world of

the flood, for example. It is well to remember that most of the prophecies about "the end of the world" are based upon the second coming of Jesus, and the prophecies concerning his second coming are just as literal as those that had to do with his first coming. There are something like 300 references in the New Testament, alone, to the second coming of Christ. All Bible students agree that Jesus is coming again, but there is a great difference of opinion among them as to when he is coming. Some insist that the world will become worse and worse, and that Jesus will appear to usher in the thousand years of the millennium, during which peace and righteousness shall prevail. Others believe that the church will become responsible for setting up the millennium, and at the CLOSE of this thousand-year period, Jesus will come to call the world to judgment. Far the largest number of Bible students have the latter opinion, altho many evangelists and Bible

students believe Jesus may come have entered the millennium period. On the other hand, if the "pre-millennialists"—those who believe Jesus will come BE-FORE the millennium—are to be believed, it looks very much as if Jesus might come AT ANY MOMENT to establish his Kingdom upon earth. For they believe that just the kind of things now happening will precede his coming to earth. But this would not be "the end of the world"—it would be "the end of the age," according to the "pre-millennialists." IN ANY CASE, WHETHER THE "PRE-MILLENNIALISTS" ARE RIGHT OR THE "POST-MILLENNIALISTS," THE END OF THE WORLD, WITH THE JUDGMENT THAT IS FINALLY TO COME, MUST BE AT LEAST 1,000 YEARS DISTANT.

ECHOES OF THE NEWS
Echo Jane Zell

A Berlin newspaper reports that the paper clothes worn in Germany give great satisfaction, being just as good as cotton or wool, except when it rains. Why don't they wear clothes made of blotting paper when it rains?

"The Long and Short of It"
He leaned far out of the window
As the train pulled "for the front."
So he got the kisses and other sweets
Aimed at the little runt.

WHY NOT USE A TURNSTILE?
Our daughter Belle, now Mrs. A. M. Front, increased the population of Tacoma by one small baby girl July 27. This makes our sixth grandchild. We always had trouble to count our children and if the second generation keeps coming so fast, we will have to put them in a cereal and run them thru the chute to find the number.—(Dr.) Times.

Heard in a Street Car
"What's this camelliaj that the French have sprung on the Germans?"
"I don't quite get it myself."
"The British certainly are givin' 'em a pounding around Ipers."
"They sure are. They'll be marching into Lily pretty soon."

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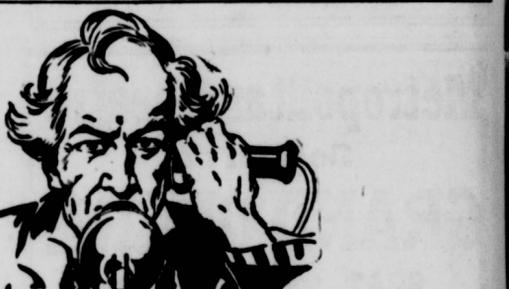
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