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## Belgium's Neighbor

If you are one of those who doubt the wisdom of our going into the war on the side of the entente allies ask yourself this question: "Do we want Germany as a neighbor on our southern border?" It seems to us that consideration of this question will resolve all doubt that for the preservation of the republic and its democratic institutions: for the welfare of those who come after us, the defeat of Germany is absolutely necessary. And to insure that defeat we must help.

It is useless to deny that Germany today has more than a foothold in Mexico. The evidence accumulates daily. There is authentic information that Mexican politics and Mexican finance are now controlled by German interests.

German money is building a wireless station near Mexico City for direct communication between Mexico and Berlin.

Consular reports indicate that hundreds of Germans have been flocking from the United States to Mexico in recent weeks. Why?

The clinching evidence was the Zimmerman note. One government does not write such a note to another government unless between them there is already a cordial understanding; unless the groundwork for a friendly reception has already been laid. To all intents and purposes Germany is already our neighbor on the south—a neighbor who has made written declaration of his malign plans and purposes. Today he can but shake his fist across the back fence; he is fairly busy in his own front yard. But tomorrow?

Suppose Germany wins the war. What considerations of morality will give pause to the ambitions of Germany triumphant? What restraints of conscience will govern the military autocracy that thinks of treaties as "scraps of paper"; whose ideals are wanton destruction and ruthless killing?

"Germany over all!" Germany over Europe and Asia and America! What's to stop her if she wins? He is a trustful soul who, in view of what has happened in Europe during the past two and one-half years, can persuade himself that a victorious Germany would voluntarily give up the foothold, financial and political, she now has in Mexico. Germany is in Mexico to stay—if Germany wins or is not ruined in the present war; to use Mexico for colonization while permitting Mexico to keep the forms of an independent republic with Germany pulling the strings.

Let us ask ourselves this question: "IS IT WELL FOR OUR NATIONAL SECURITY TO HAVE BELGIUM'S NEIGHBOR AS OUR NEIGHBOR ON THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER?"

The answer is obvious. We know the German government now for a ruthless, conscienceless military autocracy which recognizes neither the laws of God nor man in its dealings with other nations.

We do not want such a system planted on the American continent as it will be if "Deutschland ueber alles" triumphs.

It is our sacred duty as trustees of democracy for our children to see to it that it shall not triumph; to make the defeat of the German autocracy certain by participation in the war on the side of the three great democracies, France, England and Russia—DEMOCRATIC RUSSIA! If we value our future peace and security we cannot do otherwise.

The safest place for a throne-room is a cyclone cellar.

## The Madness

A German submarine has shelled the relief ships Haelen and Tunisie and killed seven relief ship sailors in an open lifeboat.

The embittered allies call Germany "a mad dog," and Germany is proving that it's a libel on dogs, mad or otherwise. Heaven grant that it's the German autocracy not the German people that have the hydrophobic germ. It is one thing for the sane world to unite to wipe out a class and another to annihilate a people.

China knew the compass 2634 years before Christ, and now they're trying to steer her into the world's war.

## Need for Belgian Relief Is Greater Now Than Before

Recent developments in Europe and in our relations with Germany have made the need for further American aid for the Belgians greater, according to Mrs. T. E. Ripley of Tacoma, who has been so informed in a telegram from the relief commission at New York.

Though some of the American workers will be replaced with Dutch or other neutrals, at least one American director will be retained in Brussels, according to the telegram.

The message adds: "German government has issued new safe-conduct passes for our ships, absolutely guaranteeing against submarine attack."

Mrs. Ripley and her assistants are working locally now chiefly through the mediumship of a chain letter. One of her difficulties, she says, is that many persons who otherwise would help the movement, shirk the task of making the four additional copies of the letter, which she plans to call for.

The Times herewith reproduces the letter, so that it may be clipped, and thus the user saved the trouble of copying it off. It will be repeated in a later issue.

Mrs. Ripley also contemplates having copies printed on separate sheets for the use of persons who wish to save the trouble of rewriting the letter, and these sheets then to be accompanied by the writer with a brief note to his friends.

Following is the letter:

Dear Friends: We in the state of Washington, have been given the honor of laying the first stone in a state foundation—to be called by the name of our state in Belgium. If we can, through a short round of chain letters, start a fund to keep alive the children of this brave, and still undefeated race, we shall serve humanity and add a new laurel to the name of our first great president, and to that of our own beloved state. We realize the unpopularity of the chain letter, but having earnestly considered ways and means, we find no way so inexpensive or so fair to all.

We propose to make this method both easy and safe to the giver, by asking you to enclose your contribution in an envelope addressed to The Herbert C. Hoover Fund, Washington State Foundation for Relief of Belgian Children, care The Fidelity Trust Co., Tacoma, Wash. Will you send twenty-five cents, or one dollar, and copy this appeal five times, sending it to five friends, begging them not to break the chain but to give food through this means to those starving little ones.

All the principal towns in the state will receive these letters. If the chain is unbroken, and these sheets then to be produced, one biscuit, with lard, daily for the school children of Bruges, or some smaller city. There were 8,322 children there when Mr. Hoover received orders to leave Belgium, he now works through the Spanish embassy. It is not much to write five letters to save a child. In the name of a fatherhood and motherhood forced to labor in alien lands and factories, HELP to save their last hope, their starving little ones.

HON. THOMAS BURKE, Seattle, Chairman, Belgian Commission for Washington. MRS. THOMAS EMERSON RIPLEY, Tacoma, Chairman, Herbert C. Hoover Fund for Belgian Children.

## Easy to Borrow Five Billions at Low Interest, If You Know How

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LONDON, March 28.—A. Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, has given the United States the most favorable answer yet to the loan—under certain given circumstances.

Only one ingredient is necessary, he said, in effect, and that is patriotism, but it is well to have it stirred by German frightfulness.

Just as Zeppelin attacks on London started the first great rush to the colors, the German promise of undersea frightfulness accentuated the greatest rush to the pocketbook any country ever saw.

Asked why he had confidently undertaken to raise the desired money with a promise of a little more than five per cent interest when London's greatest financiers had declared it would be necessary to pay six per cent, he said:

**A Fighting Problem.** "The bankers, as was natural, looked at it as a financial problem. I considered that the people would do as a matter of patriotism, not as a matter of finance. Once they were made to see the fighting possibilities of the money we asked, I was sure they would not look twice at the question of interest."

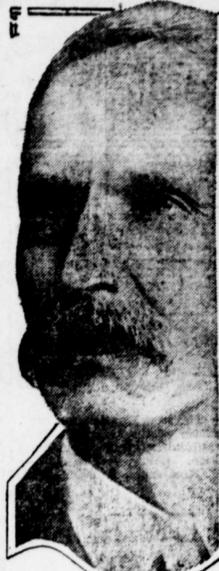
His confidence was added that the difference in interest saved the empire more than \$50,000,000 a year.

"There were good reasons for not allowing the interest rate to exceed five per cent," he continued.

"Through the necessity of keeping up our exchanges, the value of all money on the London market has long been higher than it otherwise would have been. Exchange bonds bearing six per cent and trading at 100 and a half were issued up to the very day before the issue of the loan. It was because of this high level of money that many financial men most competent to judge warned me that the loan could not succeed at less than six per cent."

"It seemed to me as chancellor of the exchequer that to stereotype British credit at a higher figure like six per cent would be a serious misfortune. It would be better to ask a comparative failure of the loan."

"Furthermore, it is my belief the success of the loan should not



BONAR LAW

be measured in the amount raised, but in the number of persons who participated. Eight million people have a part in this loan. Attending five big meetings in various parts of the country, he said, he was astonished at the enthusiasm shown.

"This spirit of the people had the greatest effect on people of means spontaneously with which the poor people save their little would have made it impossible for the wealthy to withhold the needed big contributions, even if they had been so minded."

**America's Part.**

A search through London newspaper "morning" had revealed that his biographers unanimously agreed that Law never had coined an epigram. Yet he was the author of the appeal: "Are you going to give your sons and not your money to Mr. Wilson? He is longing for, we are fighting for. It is impossible for German nature to understand human nature." All in this loan campaign.

"Has the effect of America's possible entry in the war been seen here?" he was asked. "America's resources are greater than those of any of the allies, but it is outside the province of a member of the English government to discuss America's possible action. We have steadily refrained from doing so. But it becomes a question of staying power, it is obvious American resources could make all the difference in the world," was his reply.

## TOWN CAPTURED; GERMANS FLEE

(United Press Leased Wire.) WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES APPLIED, March 28.—For the first time since the fighting in Belgium at the beginning of the war, armored cars, supported by cavalry, achieved the capture of a town today.

The village was Boyelles. The armored cars, supported on the north and south by British cavalry, swept over the Germans. The enemy fled precipitately, not having expected more than a clash with small advance forces.

The Germans had laid a trap at Boyelles for what they supposed would be a reconnoitering guard of the British advance.

Field Marshal Haig's men today held Boyelles in great strength.

## HARD ALLIED BLOWS FALL

(United Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, March 28.—General Nivelle is driving his wedge with sledge-hammer blows against the Germans today north of LaPerle and at the same time, by hot pursuit, forcing another such wedge and thrusting at Laon.

The most bitter fighting of the

advance and the retreat so far is centering around the point of this second wedge near St. Gobain forest.

Military experts here today expressed their admiration for the marvelous speed with which Nivelle has moved in following up every advantage of the German retreat and in forcing the enemy, in advance of its carefully laid plans, to give way before the tremendous pressure of the French forces. It is in the meantime, on the British front the fighting was still of the open variety, as opposed to the masses of men now coming to grips on the French sectors.

The British are steadily forging ahead, cavalry and armored cars, and supply factories and ammunition depots are retreating. The main obstacle to swifter progress.

Holland dispatches today detailed reports of two German moves preparing for a shortening of the lines by withdrawals in Alsace, particularly Muelhouse.

The second was that Berlin had made tentative offers of a separate peace with Russia—the terms to include autonomy for Poland, internationalization of Constantinople and German domination of Armenia and in return, Russian evacuation of Austrian territory now held.

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The greatest energy was apparent today at the war office. Extraordinary efforts have been made to equip troops at the front with the exact conditions under which Russia slipped from the bonds of autocracy into democracy, as well as with the provisional government's plans for the future.

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## Cynthia Grey's Answers

Dear Miss Grey: I am one of the men who have been through the mill and still single.

I have gone out with every kind of a girl from the cheapest kind to the best in the world. I will say that of all the girls I have kissed I have yet to disrespect any one of them.

Why can't a civilized man keep his mouth shut concerning his affairs with women instead of bragging about them from the house top for every one to hear and discuss. From some of the letters I have read I wonder how many were written by men who mind their own affairs. F. C. E.

Dear Miss Grey: There was some young married fellow who wanted one of the 16-year-old boys to answer the 16-year-old girl's letter on do boys lose their respect for any girl after kissing them. In the first place we are not in the habit of kissing girls we do not respect. You ought to know, you're a married man.

I use the word because I am speaking for several of my boy friends. FAT.

Dear Miss Grey: We are two boys and would like to state in answer to "One Who Would Know" that we have been going with girls for about six years and have never thought less of a girl if we kissed her once in awhile.

We see no harm in a girl letting a boy kiss her if she knows him any length of time.

TWO OF YOUR FRIENDS.

Q.—I am a young girl 19, very quiet and shy. I would like to make some friends, but can't find any. Can you say in company, I cannot carry on a conversation. Can you help me to learn how? HESTER.

A.—How perfectly delightful to hear of a modern girl who doesn't think she can fill the social obligations of a matron and if necessary put all the "400" at its ease.

Speed the return of the day when the quiet 19-year-old girl reigns. There won't be such an easy one for a divorcee courts then, I'll wager. But to your question. The pleasantest way to acquire conversational ease is to go among people as much as you can. Much depends on the persons you meet whether it will be easy or difficult. For good divorcee she understands her guests, and she will see that the quiet girl is placed near someone who knows how to put a shy person at ease quickly. I should go into group circles of girls as much as possible, and in my travels have found the same thing in every country, that if you take a girl out for a good time, she expects you to kiss her goodnight before leaving.

I am sure I had the opportunity to speak to "One Who Would Know" I could give her several good reasons why a boy gets tired of a "kissing girl." E. T.

Q.—Could you give me some information which would settle an argument I had with a friend of mine? He says that a fish called a pogy gives birth to live ones,

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## CONFESSIONS OF A WIFE

IMAGINATION MAKES VAMPIRES OF ANGELS

"About this time I had another jolt to my preconceived ideas of human nature, Margie," said Paula continuing her story. "It was the way Earnest's wife Maud treated me at this time.

"You remember I told you of meeting her and her adorable baby the first day she came. After she had seen Earnest she studiously avoided me and when that was impossible she treated me as though I were one of the vampire women one reads about but never by any possibility meets.

"Sometimes, Margie, I think imagination is the most tyrannical thing humanity knows. Most of us are tortured by letting our imagination set a standard for those we love that no human being by any possible means could live up to.

"I think that is one of the most terrible facts of life—our brains and our emotions can fashion such alluring fancies that realities seem most prosaic in comparison. No person could be as good as our minds can picture and I am sure no one could be as bad as we sometimes think some folk are.

"Maud Lawton, after talking with her husband, took the stand that I had tempted the poor man in such a way I made his life a burden. If by any possibility he had seemed to pay me any little attention it was because I demanded it.

"She paid me unconsciously the tribute of classing me, a girl of twenty, with those sirens of history whom no man could resist. Maud Lawton loved her husband with a doglike devotion which made him a god in her eyes. From the moment she joined him in Philadelphia she forgot all his neglect, all his cruelty.

"Ruth, who was much exalted over the influence Earnest had over Maud, told me Maud had not seen her husband before but once since Earnestine was born.

"He was perfectly horrid about the baby," she said, "and when he knew she was coming, he left Maud without money and did not return until Earnestine was six months old.

"He would not have come then if I had not gone to his manager and told him of Maud's dire poverty and that I would have him arrested for non-support of his wife and child. Then he came over where Maud lived and acted like a crazy man, but I made him arrange to pay her twenty-five dollars a week. This he did until he became infatuated with you, and then he apparently forgot he had a wife and child.

"Maud came here because I wrote her the exact circumstances, but such is his influence over her that she has come to think him a poor abused man who for a short time was under the designing influence of a regular-for-sure vampire.

"For a moment, Margie, I was too astounded to speak and then I laughed. "Do think poor little I, whose only mistake was pouring out all my girlish heart to him in perfect love and trust, should be described as a vampire was too ridiculous.

"The next few days, Maud's treatment of me got on my nerves, particularly as she took great pains to keep little Earnestine away from me. "That adorable baby, with the inconsistency of childhood, took a great fancy to me and would run to my arms the moment she saw me.

"Why can't I go to pitty yaddy, muvver?" she asked fretfully one afternoon when her mother had restrained her from throwing herself upon me.

"Her mother whispered something to her, and she answered with a pout, 'I don't care. I like pitty yaddy more'n fawver, anyway. Fawver squeezes my arm till it hurts when I don't want still when he wants me to sit in his lap, and pitty yaddy always kisses me and yoves me.'

"Earnestine used y for I, and I loved to hear her talk, but evidently her daddy had put a ban on the vampire woman where his innocent child was concerned.

"Since then, Margie, I have met many women who thought husband could be a conk. They lay all his possibilities at the other fellow, but at the time I was terribly hurt to think that any one would give me the impression that the sight of my young eyes about her child was abhorrent to her."

(To Be Continued)