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## THE BLATCHFORD ARTICLES.

Once upon a time there was a newspaper proprietor who telegraphed from Berlin to his paper a long dispatch upon the folly of a recent scare about imaginary German airships. He ended it with these words:

Germans, who have so long been accustomed to regard Great Britain as a model of national department, police, and cool-headedness, are beginning to believe that England is becoming the home of mere nervous degenerates. Northcliffe.

This, all this, was in the olden time long ago, as the poet has it. In fact, it was as long ago as the 21st May this year; a very considerable lapse of time as it is measured in the mental world where the convictions of the Yellow Press are formed. So now, almost as much as seven months later, we find the most prominent place in the same paper given up day after day to what we are inclined to think the wildest, the silliest, the most ignorant, and the most unprincipled attempt to beat up a panic about Germany that even our journalism has known; and not only to that, but to long dispatches from Germany showing how well the venom is working out there. With a curious appearance of pride, our contemporary prints extract after extract from German papers which, in commenting upon these articles, say what Lord Northcliffe was afraid—in May—they might come to be saying. That it is his journal which is forcing the belief upon them is apparently a matter of genuine self-congratulation. As for the articles themselves, they do not call for much description. They are by Mr. Robert Blatchford; a fact which will be enough for every man who has followed politics in recent years, and more than enough for every man connected with any section of the Labour movement, which has repudiated all connection with him. It is scarcely a compliment to Mr. Blatchford to express our belief that he is sincere in his ravings about the German danger. He does, we think, really believe that the hash of half a dozen past panics which he is daily serving up is very important indeed. He has nothing to say that has not been said already by the prophets of the Great War. His facts are known: his fictions are stale. Mr. Blatchford is quite ignorant about Germany. He does not know, for instance, that even the strongly anti-British coteries in Germany have moderated their tone of late, while there has been a complete absence of that mood of irritated suspicion

in Germany which has, as a matter of fact, on several occasions in the past produced a situation of real peril. He does not know that the Pan-German extremists are bewailing the impossibility of inflaming public opinion anew, or influencing the Government in any way, or that the Government has gone out of its way to snub them heavily of late. If he knew these facts, we think that even he would have held his hand from doing the one thing which might possibly help the anti-British element in Germany to get its head up again. All Mr. Blatchford knows is that German armaments are "directed against England"; which is as true as that British armaments are directed against Germany—no more and no less. There has been danger; there may be again; we know it, everybody knows it, and now, it seems, even Mr. Blatchford knows it; and the discovery has quite turned his brain. The piling up of armaments, which is inevitable once the miserable folly of militarism is established, appears to him as evidence of a resolve to fight—but only on Germany's side. He is doing what he can to destroy the beginnings of a saner and more hopeful state of relations between the two Powers.—Daily News.

## NEWS OF THE WORLD.

BRUSSELS, Saturday.—The will of the late King Leopold commences with the following words: "I die in the Catholic faith, in which I have lived. I ask pardon for the errors I have committed. I bequeath the fortune which I received from my father (15 million francs) to my children. I desire a simple funeral service, and to be attended to my last resting place only by the attendants of the palace." The news that King Leopold contracted a religious marriage with the Baroness Vaughan has caused considerable discussion in political circles. It is asserted that the marriage took place, with the sanction of the Pope, at San Remo in 1905, and that it may be regarded as valid in Belgium. The position thus created will not improbably cause difficulties now that his Majesty is dead.

BRUSSELS, Saturday.—From all parts of the country come reports of the people's grief at the death of King Leopold. In the course of this evening the body will be conveyed from the castle of Laeken

to the Brussels residence palace. The funeral has been fixed for Wednesday next. On Thursday the Heir Apparent, Prince Albert of Belgium, to whom the assembled Ministers tendered their condolences yesterday afternoon, will take the oath of allegiance to the Constitution.

NEW YORK, Saturday.—Captain Loose emphatically repudiates the letter of Mr. Osborne, Secretary of the American Arctic Club, in which the latter states that Loose has retracted all his allegations against Dr. Cook in the matter of preparing the Polar report. On the contrary, Captain Loose asseverates that he has refused all the money bribes offered him to retract his charges originally published in the New York Times.

VIENNA, Saturday.—Towards 7.30 o'clock last evening in the Chamber of Deputies, insulting cries against the Czechs were heard from the first gallery, together with threats against Deputy Chaloupka, who was speaking at the time. These insults were vigorously applauded by occupants of the second gallery. At the same moment some one in the gallery squirted the contents of a mineral water syphon on the Czechish Agrarian benches, Deputy Brdlik getting thoroughly drenched. Vice-President Zazvorak at once ordered the removal of the practical joker and the clearing of the galleries. Numbers of Social-Democratic Deputies noisily protested against this order, which was carried out, however. Quiet being once more restored, the sitting was resumed and M. Chaloupka continued his speech.

(From our correspondent.) NEW YORK.—Gold fever has once more broken out in Alaska and will certainly spread throughout the Union. The greatest excitement is reported to prevail at Tacoma, Washington, where fifteen despatches by wireless and cable have been received from Nome, Alaska, giving details of the new gold strike. Mr. James Murphy, an ex-United States Commissioner of Alaska, recently arrived at Nome from Iditarod. He declares that the gold vein formerly discovered on Ophir Creek was only the branch of a much richer vein extending along Ophir and Otter Creeks. The principal vein he asserts is 600 feet broad and six to 20 feet deep. Apparently authentic evidence goes to prove that a territory of 250 square miles in North-Central Alaska contains rich gold deposits. Mr. Murphy has the reputation of being an absolutely trustworthy man.

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