

# WHERE CENSORING WAS ESSENTIAL

## A Book Full of Scurrilous Attacks on Canada and Britain Was Censored And Carried Through the Mails.

During the past few weeks the Post Office Department has been exercising a censorship on all mail matter coming into and leaving Canada. Considerable annoyance has been caused by the opening of private correspondence which has been most diligently accomplished by the censors. If they would exercise a small particle of the same care and industry in censoring other things they would come nearer earning their salaries.

The Whig is forcibly reminded of this because of the receipt on the 18th inst. of a book entitled "Neutrality, the Crucifixion of Public Opinion." This book was not smuggled into the country, but came through in the ordinary course of the mails, and is marked "Censored." It comes from the Neutrality Press, Chicago, and is a most scurrilous attack, not only upon Britain and Canada, but also upon all Americans and American newspapers which have supported the Allies. It is one of the most offensive and harmful publications that could have possibly entered the country, and yet it goes freely through the censors and the mails. What a lot of splendid, wide-awake officials these censors must be.

Just to quote a few paragraphs taken at random from this publication which the censors seem to regard as worthy of circulation in Canada:

On Page 10 we find a reference to "the talented and brilliant editors of the 'Fatherland,'" the latter, of course being the German-American paper excluded from Canada.

Page 25:—"It has been truly said that the greatest achievement of the English navy was the cutting of the American-German cable; equally true it is that the supreme strategic achievement of the Allies was the capture of the New York press."

Page 36:—"Apparently, the manufacturing of lies is an old and favorite industry of England, and—it has justly been suggested—a very profitable one."

The Kaiser is described as "this great and noble man and monarch," and of Francis Joseph of Austria, it is written: "He has shed the seeds of kindness and has reaped the most magnificent harvest of love that ever surrounded a popular monarch."

Chapter 24, which begins on page 77, is entitled "Kitchener, the Butcher." The next page tells us that one of the most disgraceful records of infamy is that of the shooting of women and children in the Boer War by English soldiers.

Page 84:—"Heaven only knows how dark, how filthy, England's history is of such bestial crimes, but the Baralong case will long be remembered by the sailors sailing the seven seas as one of the foulest blots on the dirty escutcheon of Albion's fleet."

Page 89:—"Much as one regrets the staggering loss of life in the Lusitania disaster, the facts of the case can only justify the action of the

case can only justify the action of the Germans."

Page 117:—"The press of this country allowed itself to be led by the notoriously lying and defamatory press of England."

Page 135:—"The scurrilous, dirty, unwomanly contributions of the English women about their German sisters are the more unpardonable because everything they wrote is false, libelous, and unworthy of them. It may not be amiss to give two or three samples to the effect that the feminine world of England is not far behind that male portion of libelous accusers and vilifiers which fill with rotten twaddle and filthy lies the pages of English as well as American newspapers and current literature."

Page 174:—"Wake up, America! Don't forget that in fighting England's claim of absolute rulership of the seas, Germany is fighting for the United States as well as for all other neutral countries."

Page 180:—"Blood thicker than water? Yes, and blacker than pitch, and more poisonous than the venom of a rattlesnake. Hands across the sea? Yes, to throttle every American industry the big paw can choke the life out of and to grab every bit of American trade that the big paw is capable of grasping. Hypocrisy of the rankest kind it is."

This charming publication also contains a complimentary paragraph on the Kaiser from the pen of our own Sir Gilbert Parker, written some years ago. The above are only a few of the many quotations that might be made containing discreditable and dishonorable attacks upon the Allied cause. Nor is this book more objectionable than the Hearst papers which it praises so lavishly and which the government still allows to enter the country. The failure of the censors to stop "Neutrality" in the mails is another illustration of their futility. The book should never have left the Kingston post office. The very title on the address label ought to have been enough to catch the eyes of the most stupid censor.

"It's a Long Way to the Trenches."

(Air of Tipperary.)

Into Kingston Armouries walked a crowd of chaps one day.

They said to Colonel Low: "We want to sign up right away.

We want to help our Motherland to fight them Germans bold,

So we are going to join the 146 if we are not too old.

Now the 146 it needs more men,

And wants them right away,

So come along and join us, lads,

and help us win the day.

We want to help the British and do our little bit,

And show those beastly Germans that Canadian boys are it.

Chorus:

It's a long way to the trenches.