

THREATENS CANADA.

Abusive and Insulting Article in St. Paul German-American Daily.

In the discharge of its duty to the public The Free Press has already exposed the mischievous lucubrations of the "Lincoln Freie Presse," of Lincoln, Nebraska, and of the "Staats-Anzeiger," of Bismarck, North Dakota. These publications, however, are but a portion of a German-American press movement having for its object to foment trouble and sow sedition in Canada and particularly in the Canadian west.

To this category belongs the "Täglich Volkszeitung" (People's Newspaper), of St. Paul, Minnesota, whose issue of Tuesday, November 3, lies before us. In it appears a lengthy article dealing with Canada in a way which is deliberately provocative and inflammatory. Its text is that whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad, and the moral is that the gods have made Canada mad. Any participation of Canada at all in the war is considered by this St. Paul protagonist of the Kaiser to be very questionable, in view of the fact that Canada looks to the warring nations "to let their heart's blood flow into her uncultivated wildernesses." To adopt any measures to control the hostile alien population is considered insanity by a kind boasting of its free institutions.

Sarcasm is directed at a Canadian publication printed in German for saying that it would be the duty of every German-Canadian to defend his adopted land with his life's blood against any invader. St. Paul's pro-German daily states that this "a duty which everyone knows the English-Canadian government itself is not prepared to undertake, probably, because this would be the last nail in the coffin of Canada's future."

If the German population of St. Paul, or a wider area of Minnesota, can be impressed with crude and silly lies of

this kind they are not the people they have been taken for. But to proceed. The next contention of the "Tägliche Volkszeitung" is the bluff that that American nation is obliged to proceed warily lest it offend the susceptibilities of its German-speaking element. Says the St. Paul daily:

"The German-Canadian should model himself upon the example of his countryman in the United States, whose bearing in times of peace precludes a war between the States and Germany. And in war time he has seen to it and still sees to it that the Anglo-Celtic agitator, with all his rabidness and lying, pays a certain respect to the 'Dutchy' standing at his post."

Here is another paragraph, the calculated mischief of which is obvious and palpable:

"In the interests of Canada, it would be necessary to draw the attention of that country, still under age, to the fact that the twentieth century will anyway belong to the Germans. Perhaps the mere hint at this eventual and highly probable development will suffice to render the 'truest daughter' of Great Britain, nationally more tolerant and more grateful, especially toward great nations like Germany and Austria, which, and particularly the former, have largely contributed to build up the British colonies, without, however, ever getting anything for its scattered heart's blood except ingratitude and officious contempt."

The St. Paul branch of the Berlin publicity department proceeds to warn Canada against disaffection in her Polish population. A paragraph is included in the article, evidently for consumption by the Polish population of the Dominion. It states—certainly an unmitigated lie—that the latest Polish newspapers to hand sympathize with the idea of making the Kaiser king of Poland. One paper is said to have printed a picture of the Kaiser enthroned as King of Poland.

A yarn is spun of a Canadian-Pole who looked at this picture of the new king of Poland with the greatest enthusiasm. He is alleged to have said that it would be immaterial whom the Poles got as their king and that there would be no objection to a victorious Kaiser. According to the story, a Canadian magistrate appeared shortly afterwards at the house of this Pole and demanded that he become naturalized, saying: "The Poles in Europe are fighting on the side of the Germans and thus against Britain." According to this fiction the Pole, in high-sounding words, refused ever to be anything but a Pole, and, as a result, was deprived of his position. Needless to say, no names are given, nor the slightest clue by which the veracity of the story could be tested. The falsehood is invented, of course, to give color to the following vicious paragraph:

"If Canada now, besides molesting the Germans and Austrians, turns its attention to the Poles, one may await the result in suspense. For the Ruthenians allow no liberties to be taken with them, and their number in Canada is simply alarming." Alarming, happily, only to the "Tägliche Volkszeitung" of St. Paul, which evidently knows no difference between Poles and Ruthenians.

There are many more 'jewels' in the article of the St. Paul mouthpiece of the German war lords. Reference is made to twenty-seven 'prisoners of war' "in Fort Garry in Winnipeg." Of these it is said: "It is to be hoped they will get something to eat, for food is getting to be scarce in Canada."

Another lie made out of whole cloth is the statement that the Free Press printed an announcement that all available rifles in Prussia, Sack., had been bought up, that the population of Prussia and environs would soon begin a forward march, and that the Germans would break in from the south.

The whole article in the "St. Paul Tägliche Volkszeitung" is a pack of crude lies, and it is surprising to find such a rag published in the excellent Minnesota capital. There is only one thing, of course, to be done and that is immediately to exclude this organ of intrigue and falsehood from the Canadian mails.