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## Bavarian Prisoners Grumble About Kaiser

Spirit of World Domination Replaced by Consciousness of Real Position—Morale of Low Standard—Clothing and Food Cause Much Dissatisfaction.

With the British Army in the Field—(By Mail.)—The German prisoner, in his muddy blue-grey uniform, with the fear of death scarce out of his eyes, was wolfishly devouring the regulation meal of "bully" and biscuits. "Good," he said with a satisfied air when the last crumb had gone; "very good. We don't have food like that on our side."

He was one of the many hundred prisoners who have been captured by the British in the raids of the past few weeks. These men have all been examined and their condition studied. What can be learned from them of the state of the German army and of Germany itself?

Look at the men. Naturally they arrive in our lines muddy, disheveled, and often with faces showing mingled apprehension and relief. They do not look very attractive objects, but can you expect it from men living for days or weeks amid appalling mud, and then, after terrific shell fire, taken captive by a yelling crowd of khaki-clad soldiers, who—with bomb and bayonet—rushed the trenches almost before Fritz knew they were there!

The men here come mostly from Bavaria and East Prussia. Of these the Bavarians are the better fighters. The East Prussian regiments include many German Poles and a considerable proportion of wastrels.

### Had Enough Food.

They generally seem sufficiently, although not over-abundantly, fed. Last December deserters arriving in our lines told appalling tales of starvation. One Pole declared that his company had had nothing but jam, bread and tea for weeks. No one says this now. On the contrary, they talk of a decided improvement in their rations recently. To-day the usual meals in many of the German companies are coffee and bread for breakfast, a sloppy meat dish, half soup, half stew, for dinner, and coffee and bread for tea. Jam is often issued as well, and there is a small supply of artificial butter tasting like cart-grease. Tea is more and more used as a substitute for coffee. When the fighting is strenuous the food is increased. When in reserve or on a quiet part of the line, it is reduced. But there is a general agreement among the prisoners that the food recently has improved.

What of the physique of the men? Some companies are almost incredibly low, others are very good, while most are mixed. Three prisoners

brought in recently from one sector formed the most extraordinary trio that could be imagined. They were little more than dwarfs, only two or three inches over five feet high. One had lost his right eye and had to shoot from his left shoulder. The second was half-witted and had not been called to serve until he was 32. The third was a young degenerate. They said that theirs was a specially short company. Yet it had been placed in the front line to hold a part of an important position.

### Dwarfed Canadian.

You might conclude from this that the German army is very low down. Yet a few days later we captured another three prisoners. These were so tall that they made the Canadian who escorted them in, himself over six feet high, look small. They came from a regiment of the Prussian Guard Reserve, recently transferred from the Russian front to the west. It is a very smart body. When the lines were raided at 3 a.m., the Guards were already shaved. They fought like demons. But their fighting strength did not save them or their dugouts from the Canadians.

Many of the Germans are a mixed crowd. The worst companies are being used as cannon fodder, to hold the lines while the preparations for the spring offensive are being carefully made by picked troops behind. But we can say that we find an increasing number of young, immature, small-limbed lads among the prisoners, quite unfitted for winter war.

### Wool-Fibre Clothes.

Clothing is markedly worse than it was. Some men have no underclothing at all, not even a shirt. Others have very poor cotton wear. Wool is markedly absent, except in socks. The Germans are wearing a new artificial wool made from the wool fibre, but apparently neither the soldiers nor the people at home like it. There are constant complaints from wives in letters found on the men about the scarcity and poor quality of clothing material of every kind. They frequently ask the men to send home their "old woolen socks, however old and worn out. Every thread of wool is precious."

### Open Grumbling.

The Bavarian prisoners grumble openly about the Kaiser, and about the folly of Germany in plunging them into this war. "If Prussia loses this war we will leave her and become an independent kingdom again," they say. "If the King of Bavaria had

been German Emperor there would have been no war with England," is another common remark. "Wouldn't it be rather mean to leave your pal in a hole?" one young English officer suggested to a Bavarian who was preaching separation. "We couldn't stay, because there will be such heavy taxes to pay if we lose the war that they would ruin us," the man replied. When it was suggested to him that Bavaria would have to pay her share whether she separated from Prussia or not, he scratched his head perplexedly. Such things were beyond a plain peasant soldier.

### Fear British Guns.

The letters from home found on the prisoners deal largely with food conditions in Germany. They do not wholly bear out the extremely unfavorable reports of German conditions now circulating in England. They show want, not starvation, in the towns. Some towns suffer more than others, and all are feeling the pinch considerably. In the country, however, things are not nearly so bad, for the rural population can supplement their rations in many ways. There is shortage of many customary things and absence of some; anxious, worrying days, but again, I repeat, so far as the letters show, no general starvation.

Many of the writers openly long for peace, but, again, there is little in the letters to suggest despair or consciousness of probable defeat. Late last year, when the German Chancellor suggested peace negotiations, the letters were full of expressions of rejoicing. "Thank God, our illustrious Kaiser is at last about to give the world peace," was the common sentiment. That phase has gone, and the most recent letters proclaim confidence in the submarines. The weapon, they say, has at last been found

that will beat the Englishers! It is always the Engländer who looms in the letters as the great foe.

### A Striking Change.

It may be, of course, that the people at home in Germany conceal their worst conditions from their soldier-relatives or are afraid to reveal them. That is a point on which I express no opinion.

Earlier in the war German soldiers when taken prisoners were often sullen and resentful, showing an intense sense of conscious superiority over their enemy. Then the talk was all dominated by the strain of Deutschland über Alles. Here the change is striking.

The talk of Germany dominating the world has gone. Germany, they declare, is now defending herself against those who would destroy her. The one wish of most of the men is to return home and to hear no more of war. They speak almost with awe and terror of the effect of our artillery fire, and how it searches their lines, smashes their trenches, explodes their ammunition dumps and causes them constant casualties. One man incidentally stated that his company commander visits the lines once in three weeks. The British O.C. lives in a dugout among his men. The evidence supplied by the German prisoners and their letters, while it does not confirm the extreme views of German exhaustion, does show declining moral, a deadened enthusiasm, approaching internal division, and the dread of coming disaster.

### Household Notes.

Mixed nuts and cluster raisins should be kept on hand to serve as dessert if unexpected guests arrive when there isn't time to make one.

To know whether the contents of the bottle is too hot for the baby, drop a little on the inside of the wrist. If it feels hot it is too hot for the baby.

It makes sponge cake very light and spongy if a tablespoon of water, with the chill off is put into the mixture directly after putting in the eggs.

There is no end to the convenience of having rubber hands handy in the kitchen. They hold paper covers on jars and take the place of string in doing up lunches.

An excellent hodge-podge is made of bits of leftover meat put into a baking dish with layers of potatoes and onions and carrots. The whole should be baked for hours.

### Bridge Drive

IN AID OF KHAKI GUILD.

On Thursday last Mrs. Henry Crawford, LeMarchant Road, gave a bridge drive in aid of the Khaki Guild for Disabled Sailors and Soldiers. A large number of guests attended and the magnificent sum of one hundred and two dollars (\$102) was realised. The many guests at the genial hostess are desirous of expressing their sincere thanks for the enjoyable evening spent.

### Dogs Destory Poultry.

The police should pay attention to some of the vicious dogs that roam the city and suburbs destroying property, particularly poultry. We have heard of much destruction of late caused by the savage brutes and only on Saturday last learned that the poultry yard of Mr. Thomas Maundrell, on the Torbay Road was entered and a splendid bird of superior breed and valued at \$25 was destroyed. A special effort should be made to exterminate the mongrels that are at large at present.

The Concert, and Sociable which is to be held in the Cochran Street Centennial Church Lecture Room on Tuesday, April 17th, promises to be one of the most enjoyable events of the season. A very choice programme has been arranged which contain the names of the following artists: Mrs. (Dr.) Smith, Misses Pike, Jones and Taylor; Messrs. Alex. Mews, Christian, Bulley, Somerville, Foster, Trapnell, Brett, P. Cowan, Young and Courtney. There will be Candy and Ice Cream for sale. Part of the proceeds are in aid of the Imperial Red Cross Fund. Tickets 30c. May be had from members of the Mission Circle or on the door. Concert commences at 8 o'clock. Doors open at 7.30. Entrance from Bannerman St. and Stewart Avenue.—April 13, 16

Stirring melted butter in with the raisins before adding them to the cake batter will keep them from sinking to the bottom of the cake. Flouring the raisins has the same effect. A very old fowl can be made as tender as young chicken. Rub it over with lemon, which whitens the flesh, cover with buttered paper, and steam for two or three hours, according to size.



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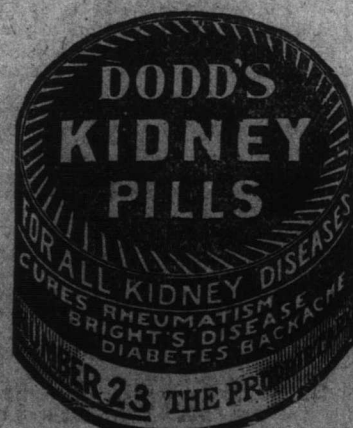
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