

GERMAN NAVAL POLICY.

Germany is pushing forward Naval construction, and we must meet it. The burden is heavy, and many think that German Naval preparations are not called for. We know our own point of view. We do not perhaps sufficiently consider that of Germany.

The inferiority of the German Navy in past years was viewed with the deepest concern by patriotic statesmen.

The passage below is taken from the Memoirs of Prince Hohenlohe, lately published. Writing in 1847, the Prince gives the reasons why in that revolutionary period discontent in Germany was universal.

"There was one reason of which every thinking German was painfully aware. It was the impotence of Germany among other States. No one could deny that it was hard on a thinking energetic man to be unable to say abroad, "I am a German," not to be able to pride himself that the German flag was flying from his vessel, to have no German Consul in case of emergency, but to have to explain my Fatherland was once a great powerful country, now it is shattered into eight and thirty splinters, and when we study the map and see how the Baltic and the North Sea break upon our shores, and no German flag commands the customary salute, surely the hue of shame will mount into our cheeks."