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Marse Henry Watterson
Says, "To Hell With the Hohenzollern"

Says Germany's Chance Was Lost When Paris Was Saved—God Never Meant Such a Cause to Win—The Silent Pressure From Those at Home Beginning to Tell.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 15.—Under the caption "Terms of Peace," Col. Henry Watterson says in the Courier-Journal:

And now the peace-word comes direct from the camp of the Hohenzollern—from the Bloody Lips of the Prussian Militarist—the devil quoting Scripture, the while in condemnation of war.

"At present," says von Hindenburg, "the enemy won't make peace. They are not weakened enough. We must therefore keep it up further."

The rat, Aesop's fable tells us, having possessed himself for the moment of the cheese, made philippic discourse upon the virtues and the graces of life, including his own magnanimity. Equally complacent is the Field Marshal. He was never a lover of strife. He would emulate Cincinnatus and "Return to the plough." But the war "having been thrust upon Germany," she "cannot sheathe her sword," notwithstanding the fact that "every German would rejoice if an end were put to the terrible blood-letting."

Feeling the Pressure.

We may read between the lines that there has arrived at the front a pressure from the rear. For the first time the German people must be considered. In truth, small heed was paid to them at the outset. They had been "prepared" by half a century of "kultur." Kruppism sat in the saddle. Militarism rode at will. All that was wanted was a pretext, and the signal. The murders at Sarajevo furnished the one, the War Lord of Berlin gave the other. To catch Britain unready, if not unawares; to swoop across Belgium and on to Paris; possessed of France, to turn upon Russia. 'Twas to the Kaiser-mind as easy as falling off a log.

Now as ever, here as elsewhere—"The best-laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley."

There stood Belgium—little David with his sling!!!

Who so believed it possible? And the French!!!

The Lord had not deserted France, and the French people—may heaven continue to bless France and the French people!!!

A little late and a little lame, rich old, old lubberly John Bull ambled up, but "Got there," the battles of the Marne were fought. Slowly the encircling lines widened—the over-confident hordes drew back—and Paris was saved.

There and then the cause of the Hohenzollern and the Hapsburg—to hell with them!!!—was lost. It was lost, and they proclaimed it lost by the last ditch campaigns of murder which followed on land and sea. Terror might piece out the shortage of "kultur"—the deficiencies of Kruppism might perchance be made good by frightfulness. Fatal mistake!!!

Cause Cannot Win.

God never meant that such a cause should win. In all the world it never has. In all the world it never will.

Now come the Winter of the people's discontent—nature's signal for the undoing of Hapsburg and the Hohenzollern—and the bold von Hindenburg, that first cried havoc and let slip the dogs of war, to put up a poor mouth and talk of peace, to talk of peace like a very drab; regardless of Serbia lying dead at his feet; regardless of Belgium slain in her sanctuaries; yet betraying the spirit of his dream of blood and conquest when he said: "If the French want Alsace-Lorraine, let them come and get it." Please God they will not the war end until they do.

Truly that visit of the Hohenzollern to the Hapsburg the other day 'tis a long way from Berlin to Vienna—was not without significance!

But what of America? Fittingly the President gave the cue and spoke the word. Let us all rally about the stand by the terms of his noble utterance.

The loyal, the true American, hates no land and no people, but he loves only his own; and, loving his own, he says to the rest, the United States would stand friendly and just in this combat of nations, demanding that each shall respect the law of nations; expecting each to obey the laws of God, but requiring of all the homage due alike to our dignity and prowess; due alike to our rights and our standing, our rights on land and sea; our marine, commercial, indus-

he is a self-exploiting advertiser, or a poor wretch made insane by the onrush of gold; the man Bryan, whether he be a crazy visionary he has always seemed, or a sleek humbug out for gate money and the Nobel Prize—in short, the man behind the alleged peace societies, whether a crank or an emissary.

Von Hindenburg sounds the first official note of despair. The Prussian staff begins to realize that there is a people, if not a God. The popular shoe is pinching at home. There is a German Winter ahead—yea, there is a Russian Winter ahead. Peace were a boon indeed. Nor will the Government of the United States stand idly by and see the slaughter go on if there be some Teutonic power definitely to treat with on the basis of the only settlement which the world can permit or tolerate, the dismemberment of the German Empire and the relegation of the four kingdoms embracing it back to their original sovereignties; the recession of Alsace-Lorraine to France and the return of the money wrung from France in 1870; complete indemnity to Belgium and, finally universal disarmament.

Our little billion account of the Lusitania, the Arabic, and other matters appertaining to the massacre of women and children, not to mention pay for each factory destroyed by German agents, can wait awhile. The Hohenzollern and the Hapsburg—to hell with them!!!

Being down and out, we shall not be too pressing. But, Belgium first!!! Come, Hind, old sport, since you are such a lover of peace, how do you like the lay-out?

Russian Mounted Scouts Raid Village and Capture Entire Staff German Div.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15. via London.—The entire staff of the 82nd German Army Division was captured by Russian mounted scouts and brought as prisoners into the Russian lines as the result of a daring night raid recently, according to unofficial accounts which have just been received.

Under cover of darkness a small company of scouts worked its way past the German trenches towards the German base, according to the details as received here. Emerging from a wood, the scouts found themselves close to a village. They stopped and sent forward a reconnoitring party.

Foe Ambushed.

The latter soon came upon a German sentry who gave the alarm. Ten minutes later a German cavalry squadron galloped out of the village, followed by two companies of Austrian landsturm troops. The Russians meanwhile had dismounted, hiding their horses and conceding themselves.

The Germans and Austrians fell into the ambush and became panic-stricken when the Russians opened fire, it is declared, the Austrians running for their lives and throwing down their rifles. In the confusion, the German cavalry, not knowing how large a force might be opposing them, also retreated, many troopers falling under the Russian fire.

The Russians were ordered to follow on foot into the village. They came upon a large estate and through the windows of the mansion made out the figures of German officers. Half of the force of scouts made for the mansion, while the other continued the pursuit of the retreating troops.

A rush for the doors of the mansion was made by ten Cossacks, the account continues, and so quick was the progress of events that the German officers did not have time to secure their coats and furs before they were hustled outside.

Caught Them Quickly.


By this time the other division of the scouting party had returned and searched the mansion which proved to be a division staff headquarters, and secured valuable papers. The whole incident took place in less than fifteen minutes. With their prisoners the scouts began to retire. The German cavalrymen, meanwhile, had reformed and attempted to cut off the Russian retreat. The prisoners were sent back under convoy, however, it is declared and the retreat covered by the bulk of the scouts, who also succeeded in returning to the Russian lines with small loss.

It is stated that the captured staff included two generals, one being a division commander, seven staff officers, and several Red Cross physicians. One colonel was killed in attempting to escape.

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