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in an ethic of savagery becoming incarnate and centralised in a despotic government in which might is supreme, backed up by an educational system splendid in its thoroughness but disgusting in its designs. This education of the Teuton peoples created as its tool the mighty war machine of Germany, which, in the hands of the Great General staff was to dominate the world. Its exponent was Nietzsche, its historian Freitschke, its military adviser Bernhardt, and its origin Germany.

On July 23rd, 1914, almost a month after the assassination of the Archduke, the Austrian Empire presented its drastic note to Serbia, demanding practically that she become vassal to Austria, and the absorption of a Slav people by a Teutonic government. Forty-eight hours was given for an answer. Serbia appealed to Russia which advised agreement to all but two clauses that meant national suicide. Within an hour or so of receiving the reply the Austrian minister left Belgrade and four days later that city was being bombarded by Austrian guns.

Great Britain, represented by Sir Edward Grey, did her utmost to prevent the culmination of war, but to all her appeals a deaf ear was presented and she was even asked to lie down while France, as Russian ally was smitten down and robbed of her colonies, and while Belgian neutrality was broken.

It has been suggested that if Britain had given Germany to understand that she would fling in her sword with France and Russia, the Central Powers would not have entered upon this war, but it is confidently felt, after locking into the designs of Germany, that it would only have meant a postponement until Germany was still stronger on land and water. Moreover the attitude of Britain has satisfied all right-thinking peoples of her aims in this war. British policy is probably the strangest and most incoherent of all European policies but with few exceptions, as in the case of the German drill-sergeant George III who spoiled for us the government of North America, she commands the respect of respectable peoples.

On August the 3rd the Empire was by a colossal paradox, both stunned and relieved beyond measure by Sir Edward Grey's statement. Mobilisation for service in France was begun and local prejudices for the time being forgotten in a combined effort to concentrate all energies against the 'Bully of the World'.

Berlin that day pelted the windows of the British Embassy with stones, while British warships were piloting the German Ambassador through German mine fields in British waters.

British fleets steamed to stations. Lord Kitchener was called back to London as Minister of War, and some 90,000 men with about 15,000 horses and 400 guns were instantly available; and under the curtain of darkness of the nights up to August the 13th the British expeditionary force was transported to the shores of France.

(To be continued next week.)

SAPPY BOY.

When a Sapper goes to Paris
The bands begin to play,
The flags all wave,
And the people rave,
In the Frenchy, Frenchy way.
And when he marches down the street,
All the drums begin to beat,
(Drum-roll) drum—drum—drum
—drum—drum
The girls are there
With their baby stare,
And this is what they say.

Chorus.

Oh Sappy, Oh Sappy,
I think you are fine,
Oh Sappy, Oh Sappy,
Why won't you be mine?
Ze drum I roll for you,—drum,
drum,
For you I roll ze eye,
I teach you how to love,—drum,
drum,
If you'll be my Sappy Boy.

When a Sapper goes to Paris,
The Huns begin to pray,
Their hearts they quake,
Their knees they shake,
For they want to run away.
And when he marches down the line,
All the shells begin to whine
(Drum roll) Drum, drum, drum,
drum, drum.
The boys are there,
They shout and cheer
And this is what they say.

Chorus.

Oh Sappy, Oh Sappy,
We think you are fine,
Oh Sappy, Oh Sappy,
You're there every time.
The drum we'll roll for you—
drum, drum.
The flag we'll wave on high,
We'll give you all our rum—drum,
drum.
'Cause you're sure some Sappy
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