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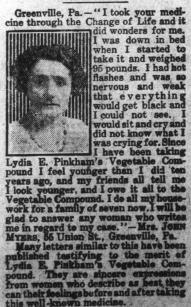
Because of the German military the era of social reconstruction, the presence of a Power that subordinated everything that man holds dear restored the fortunes of Prussia. building up of a system to overawe Gneisenau, the organisers of victory, the world was a perpetual menace, a achieved with their little army of 42,

fragments. The task accomplished, centre for Young Prussia, while clanthey defied their uniforms and went destine military organizations like back to their homes, leaving the pol- Lutzow's "Wild Huntsmen" afforded iticians to see that it did not happen facilities for surreptitious military

History, they say, repeats itself. It always "happens again.' It is happening again at the present time. menace to the world's peace since which, if officially oppressed, neverthe old German Army went down in theless continue to flourish merrily the smoke and flames of the Hinden-

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(By VALENTINE WILLIAMS In Lon- tury ago. At Jena and at Auerstadt as Potsdam, uniform is openly worn the military genius of Bonaparte laid on Sundays and holidays, and at the the Prussian Eagle in the dust; the different military commemoration Four years ago the German Army Man of Destiny entered Berlin in festivals organised with the deliberate had ceased to exist. The greatest mil- triumph; and, by the peace of Tilsit, intention of keeping alive "the spirit itary machine the world had ever Prussia was more utterly dismem- of 1914." Look at "Sport Im Bild," known was smashed to pieces. Along bered than ever Germany was by the Berlin Society's illustrated newspaper

Lord himself in disgraceful flight, failure of the Russian adventure had "high, well-worn" bridegroom and headed homeward, for the most part failure of the Russian adventure had an undisciplined, often an unmanagelowest ebb, Prussia's military leaders stamped on the ground and, in a machine, the Great War had to be.

Not Austrian fears of Pan-Slavism, not German jealousy of France's rein a stanged on the ground and, in a might, out of the army of 42,000, to which her forces had been limited by the Treaty of Tilsit, arose a nation in a stanged on the ground and, in a machine on the ground and, in a machine on the ground and, in a machine of the ground and, in a machine of the ground and, in a machine, the ground and, in a might, out of the army of 42,000, to which her forces had been limited by the Treaty of Tilsit, arose a nation covery from the disaster of 1870, not in arms. It was this army that, in Anglo-German rivalry, made the war inevitable. In the twentieth century,

--liberty, justice, prosperity-to the The miracle which Scharnhorst and permanent check, to the march of 000, is being repeated in Germany today. In 1812, during the French oc-In August, 1914, Germany, thinking cupation, it was the secret society known as the "Tugend-Bund" (League of Virtue), whose symbol, a gigantic pens, a royal prince is present he, in the cupation of the cupa machine; but the free nations dit not shirk its challenge. They set to work to destroy it, nor halted till it lay in and tree-trunks, that was the rallying

training. In Germany to-day, with the active connivance of the military authorities, and in flagrant contravention of the Peace Treaty, secret societies foster the old army spirit, nessing to-day a military revival in while the "Wild Huntsmen" and the Germany which, if left unchecked, rest of them find their counterparts will undoubtedly become the greatest in the innumerable "Free Corps"

Years ago, in his study at the Chancellor's palace in Berlin, Prince Bu-It finds an almost exact parallel in low showed me a Christmas card he the rebirth of Prussia, phœnix-like, had received from the Emperor. It in the ashes of her defeat at the represented a march-past of the Prushands of Napoleon Bonaparté, a cen- sian Guard, and underneath William had written these words of Frederick the Great: "The world does not rest more securely on the shoulders of Atlas than Prussia on her army." Just as securely does the German

Confederation, present-day dissolving tendencies notwithstanding, rest on Prussia, so that in the State fabric of modern Germany the army remains an integral part. The military system was devised to dominate the whole life of the nation. It took the youth at the most impressionable age, molded him to the army pattern, and retained a hold on him until late man hood. The army offered an established position and a safe career to the brainless nobleman as well as the unambitious bourgeois. By the privileges it conferred on the officer caste and by the strict regulations governing the social standing of candidates for commissions the veto on Jews, for instance—it consolidated the position of the upper classes against the growing influence of moneyed indus-

trialism in the State. With the collapse of the Hohenzol lerns the ascendency of the Junkers was, or was thought to be, at an end. The army, their own special close corporation on which they and their elations and friends had waxed fat, had melted away into civil life, and the Republic had raised to be their masters the very men-Radicals, Socialists, Jews-whom the old sys-

red, but, also without a living. ons, the primordial law of selfservation added them to the ranks of those who saw in the revival of Germany's military prestige the only

The Junkers, the titled squirearchy of Prussia, were always the backbone of the country. They are so more than ever to-day. The produce of their great landed estates in East and West Prussia, Hanover and Pomerania, which, incidently, brought them in great fortunes in the lean times of the war, renders them practically independent of the vast economic upheaval caused by the slump of the mark. To illustrate the wealth of some of these gentry I would cite the case, recently brought to my notice, of two brothers whose annual income from their forests to-day stands at the astonishing total of £120,000 sterling. And this is poor bankrupt Germany!

People call the Junkers "Monarchists." Little they cared, or care today, who rules, provided he is their puppet. "Let the King be absolute as long as he does our will" is the otto of their caste.

This Germany, represented by the unkers, solidly supported by a mass of reactionary opinion in Southern Germany, and backed by regulars of the old army throughout the Empire, the Allies, by the ambiguous and wisely-worded Military Clauses of the Treaty of Versailles, sought to disarm. Not a day passes but the Junker drives a gun-carriage and six through one or other of the twentyone articles which, as pathetically reorded in the preamble, Germany "undertakes strictly to observe."

But a very few months had elapsed since the disintegration of the old army before the uniforms came out. depth of the country, but even in the towns, in such reactionary fastnesses any week and you will see photo-Yet, seven years later, when the graphs of marriage groups with the groom's man, and maybe the fathersin-law as well, in the glittering uni-

forms of pre-war days.

Everything is done to foster regimental traditions. Old regimental messes still meet weekly or monthly in select restaurants of the cities where, before the war, the regiment was stationed ,and the Kaiser's health is drunk in wine of such prize vintages as the ordinary client never sees. Parades with a band and a march-past are held on foundation days of the regiments, or to celebrate battles whose names are born on the regimental colors. Of these occasions, the rank and file, it is true, turn out in mufti, with umbrellas at the

formed generals. Germany has a republican government and a civilian Minister of War, the first in the Empire's history. In the old days the War Minister was always a general, who went his own sweet way, entirely regardless of the Chancellor, the head of the Government. To-day, if the Reichswehr-Minister is a civilian, his officials are old army regulars who, fuglemen of the reactionaries in the background, if they are not actively supported, at least are not interfered with by the weak and irresolute government of

the Reich. Ever since peace was signed the Reichswehr Ministry has, with unblushing effrontery, set itself sedulously to the task of evading Germany's obligations under the Treaty. These, o recapitulate briefly their gist, impose on Germany the abolition of conscription, the limitation of the armed forces of the Reich to 100,000 men re-

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cruited on a voluntary long-service ence has shown to be utterly worthbasis, the surrender of all munitions less. of war surplus to the quantities laid of regulations intended to frustrate tem," by which the cadres that form-great masked reserve in the backthe creation of masked armies out of ed the army of 42,000 were constantly customs officers, coastguards, and the renewed. Present-day Germany has, like; or by military training at the uni- for the moment, no dearth of trained versities or in veterans' clubs, shooting ocieties, and similar organisations.

The supervision of the fulfilment by ermany of the military articles of the Treaty is entrusted to the Inter-Allied Control Commission, with headuarters in Berlin and branches in the rincipal centres of the Empire. Comosed of British, French, Italian and Japanese officers, its chief is General Nollet, of the French Army; and General Sir F. R. Bingham is the princip-

The rejuvenation of the Prussian lown under the Treaty, the disman- Army after Jena was achieved by of instructors, a skelton force capable,

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ties is, therefore, to keep as large a force as possible as a standing army

ground.

It is abundantly clear to-day tha the Reichswehr is being transformed into a miniature of the old Germa Army, Divisional staffs are corps staffs in miniature. When in Berlin a vea ago I was astonished to meet a troop er of the Cuirassiers in the old uni form of the corps. I was then inform ed that he was a Reichswehr cavalr man, and that, in the Reichswehr cav alry, squadrons retain the names an often the uniforms of officially di banded regiments. That this practi is widely extended is shown by a ca cited by the Times in which the ran and ale of a former regiment of Por eranian Grenadiers were identified the ranks of the Stettin Security Po

is at present the most acute is the Empire on the pretext that it onary and Communist disturb hich have sporadically recurred

second standing army, armed with erous doles maintain intact the rifles and bayonets, hand-grenades, uniting the ex-Service man machine-guns, and even some artillery. old corps. Grants amounting to The men live in barracks under milit- quarters of full pay are now tling of fortresses, and a whole series means of the so-called "Krumper Sys- at short notice, of expansion from a ary discipline. The Germans have every officer or man leaving the strenuously resisted all attempts of after four years' service, whether the Allies to compel the demilitarisa- has been with the old army tion of this highly-trained body and new, the police, or one of the npudently demand that Prussia alone ous volunteer formations in shall retain no fewer than 75,000 of lican Germany. This munificent these police as a State force. Large sion is deferred, not cancelled,

formation of a masked reserve. Gen-ed are standing empty throw Germany, the German military



oin the force on their discharge from | ment. Great attention is being paid to the racks in which the old army was

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Though many of the splendid thorities are busy building new racks for the Security Police, the learly demonstrating their into restore, at a given moment army barracks to their original pose. Expenditure such as this led with the huge sums swallows by the army doles, accounts for thought-provoking fact that General is spending to-day on her arm 100,000 men four times what her

standing army of over a million The irregular formations know the "Free Corps," that sprans being, under Junker leadership, crush the Communist disturbances Prussia and Bavaria, are the bone of Germany's masked

The famous Einwohnerwehr, o (Continued on next page.)