

GERMAN TREE CULTURE

(By H. Wakefield)

If a traveller journeying to that over those parts of France which the Germans were forced to evacuate in the early spring of this year, he would notice, besides the almost total destruction and demolition of every building, that the countryside had a curious and desolate aspect. He would look more closely and he would find something had happened to the trees. Most of them, he would see, had been hacked down ruthlessly and were lying dead on the ground. Others had been cut and slashed about as if by a crazy giant. He would find hardly a tree, which had not been savagely attacked. Here and there also he would see little groups of men, mostly in uniform, tending the trees as if they were wounded men. Some were being carefully and tenderly bandaged. Occasionally he would discover a khaki puttee wrapped round a badly slashed little apple or cherry tree, or, on others, again, the wrapping would be the ordinary hospital bandage. Some, he would find, required to be operated on by a skillful and practised hand. Their wounds would be cunningly treated with grafting cement and then bound up.

However unpractised an eye such a traveller had, he would realize that a terrible tragedy had devastated this region; that the poor people who lived there, had loved their trees and depended greatly on their fruits, and now all those trees had been destroyed or maimed. Then, perhaps, he would remember reading in the paper that the Germans were suggesting that all the nations at war should forgive and forget and make peace, but that no reparations should be demanded for anything that had been destroyed. The traveller would understand why they suggested this, for they have given a new proof to the world. When, in future, a man wishes to express a sense of utter destruction and desolation he will say, "It was just as if the Germans had passed."

The Germans slashed and killed these trees, because they were brutally and bitterly savage at the idea that they, who called themselves "Invincible" should have to retreat.

"We will leave nothing but a desert behind us," they said, "just to show these Frenchmen that if they do make us retreat and give up their soil, they must expect to see it always laid waste. If they make us retreat again, we will destroy their homes and kill their trees, so that they shall weep and not rejoice when we have gone; thus they will lose heart and make peace."

The Germans do not think as other men do. Therefore they were surprised to find that, when the world read about these wounded trees, a cry of indignation went up. So, when they found that all the world despised them for what

they had done, they pretended that it had been necessary for military reasons. They did not say very much, because they could not describe what these military reasons were. Most of these trees were small; many were young and only just beginning to bear fruit, and the Germans could not think of any military reason for destroying them. It was not as though they were great forest trees which might serve for military observation.

Most men love trees. They are beautiful. Some bear fruits, others by their shade show their friendliness to men. Who has not felt weary travelling in hot parched lands, that the trees are his friends? They can be seen from afar off, beckoning to the wanderer to come and rest and refresh himself beneath them. They are, as it were, the Inns of lonely sun-stricken lands, where men meet and rest and talk before going on their way again. They protect the herds from the noon-day sun. So no one travelling in hot parched lands, that a tree and that was, perhaps why some British soldiers took off their puttees and bound up the wounded trees they passed on their march.

It is said that a few very few Germans were unwilling to obey their orders to kill trees. Often they saw that, while they had not time to do really useful things, and had to leave valuable material of war behind to the enemy, yet their leaders always insisted that they must find time to hack and mangle the trees. They understood then that it was done for revenge and perhaps, because they had trees of their own at home, they were sorry for what they had to do.

Sometimes people ask what this war is being fought for. Well, it is being fought mainly to show the Germans that the organized brutality which they so admire and call their war, ruins and does not benefit those who plan it, and begin it. It is being fought to allow those Germans, who hate it and cannot find it in their hearts to admit cruelty, whether to men or even trees, to make their voices heard and so to change the hearts of their countrymen. That lesson has still to be learned, and it must be brought home to the rulers of Germany with bitterness and tears before they will understand.

Sometimes in the distant future, men who have never known this war will ask the writers of history to tell them simply and in a few words why it was that the whole world rose up against the Germans. The historians, if he is wise and if he really understands, will write one chapter telling the story of the archbishops' Picardy, for with every slash they made, the little trees of France, the Germans were carving the story of their shame; and the khaki puttees of the British soldiers bound round those little trees will tell, better than any words, why it was that the British came to fight for France.

Sporting Comment

A GOOD PICKER

When it comes to picking out ball-players, developing them and then disposing of them to the major leagues, Jack Dunn, of the Baltimore Internationals, is just king.

His recent sale of Turney Barber, former National, to the Chicago Cubs for \$15,000 is the highest price he has ever received for a player. Then there was his sale yesterday of Foster, Thormahlen and Lamar to the New York Americans for \$20,000.

In the twelve years that Dunn has managed the teams of Providence and Baltimore \$150,000 has been turned over to him in cash and players for the twenty-three players he has sent to the big show.

He has made many record sales, but the case of George Twombly is probably the most noteworthy. Fresh from the high school team of a little town outside of Boston, Twombly was reported to Dunn about six years ago. He was a shortstop, and about as bad a one as could be found.

Dunn, however, saw a chance of his being developed, and kept him around. Later in the season he tried three times to farm Twombly, but each time he was returned. The next year Dunn succeeded in getting Twombly a job in a small league, and he made good. A third year found him in the New York State League, and the fourth he was the star for Baltimore.

When the Feds invaded Baltimore Dunn sold Twombly to Cincinnati for \$5,000. The Reds didn't like him, and they gave him back to Baltimore with the understanding that Dunn could have him if he would live up to the contract. Twombly had signed in Redland. Back with Baltimore Twombly hit well over .300, and last winter Dunn sold him again. The Boston Braves were the purchaser this time, and \$2,500 was the amount they gave up. Now Twombly is back in the International with Providence.

Here are some of the players the Oriole leader has sold in the last 12 years: Ira Thomas, \$3,000; James Morgan, \$1,000, draft; Fred Burchell, \$6,000; "Lefty" Russell, \$11,000; A. Russell, \$4,000; Rube Meadows, \$5,500; F. Maisel, \$12,000; Schmidt, \$3,000; C. Derrick, \$10,000; George Twombly, \$5,000; Ben Eagan, \$7,000; Babe Ruth, \$12,000; Ernie Shore, \$12,000; Dave Danforth, \$3,000; Birdie Cree, \$5,000; Bert Daniles, \$4,000; Morris Rath, \$1,000, draft; Wilbur Goode, \$1,000, draft; Bill Kopf, \$4,000; Turney Barber, \$15,000, and George Twombly \$2,500.

The Longboat faker has sprung into notoriety again. This time he has, according to reports, joined the United States transport service. At any rate his baby face has appeared in many American dailies this week, announcing the fact and giving his

past history. Evidently he is the same gent that "worked" California some time ago, before he was discovered. One thing to the faker's credit is that he is a persistent.

During one of the recent games between the Yankees and Indians at Cleveland Ray Chapman "put one over" on Empire Connolly, and it was an entirely novel in baseball. Chapman reached first on a pass and went to second when Speaker bunted safely. Then he asked Connolly to call time. Tommy obliged thinking the player had been injured.

Chapman then ran back to first base and held a conference with Speaker. Connolly was so dumbfounded at this strange performance that he made no attempt to chase Chapman back, though the rules do not allow a player to hold up the game in this way.

After the game Connolly admitted that he had been the victim of an unfair request and said he would have permitted it had he known why Chapman asked for time. It was a new one on Bill Donovan after he had spent more than 20 years in the game.

Joe Cantillon, manager of the Minneapoli team, pulled a prize aibit for a kid pitcher some years ago.

The Millers were playing on the home lot and the visiting team was knocking the cover off the ball when Mike Cantillon, brother of Joe came rushing out to the bench in a rage.

"They've knocked every pitcher you've got off the mound but the new kid," yelled Mike. "Why don't you stick him in there?"

Joe had secured the kid pitcher from the Western Canada league, where ball games start after dinner, and he replied:

"I got this kid from the Twilight league. He can't pitch till after 6 o'clock."

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

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Guelph—Pte. Smeltzer.

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Mount Brydges—Pte. L. R. Humphrey.

London—Pte. K. S. Stewart, 55 Askin street, Pte. D. W. Hughes, 1912 Richmond street.

Address Unknown—Pte. George Pifford, 44122.

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- Lambeth Sept. 26
- Leamington Oct. 3-5
- London (Western Fair) Sept. 7-15
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- Winton Sept. 25, 26
- Windsor Sept. 27
- Wingham Oct. 9, 10
- Woodstock Sept. 19-20
- Wyoming Oct. 4, 5
- Zurich Sept. 19, 20

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VEGETABLES

Cucumbers 0.05 to 0.70
Vegetable Marrow 0.10 to 0.15
Tomatoes per lb 0.10 to 0.25
Radishes, bunch 5c, 3 for 10c
Rhubarb 3 for 10c
Lettuce, bunch 3 for 10c
Beans, quart 0.15 to 0.25
Potatoes, small basket 0.35
Potatoes, new, basket 0.60 to 1.00
Beets, 6 for 0.00 to 0.25
Carrots, 6 for 0.00 to 0.25
Peas, green, shelled, per quart 0.20 to 0.20
Pears, peck 0.40 to 0.40
Celery 0.05 to 0.08
Turnips, basket 0.30 to 0.30
Horseradish, bottle 0.10 to 0.15
Black Raspberries, box 0.20 to 0.30
Cabbage, doz. 2.00 to 2.00
Onions, pk. 0.75 to 0.80
Onions, bunch 0.05 to 0.05

FRUITS

Cherries box 2 for 0.25
Cherries, basket 0.75 to 1.00
Strawberries 0.25 to 0.25
Red Currants, box 1.25
Black Currants, box 0.15 to 0.18
Cabbages, basket 0.20 to 0.30
Red Raspberries, box 0.20 to 0.20
Gooseberries, box 0.12 to 0.13

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Butter, dairy, per lb 0.42 to 0.42
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MEATS

Bacon, side 0.34 to 0.38
Bacon, back 0.38 to 0.40
Beef, per lb 0.18 to 0.24
Beef, hinds 0.14 to 0.18
Chickens, lb. 0.16 to 0.17
Ducks 0.80 to 1.00

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Aug. 14.—Receipts at the Union Stock Yards this morning were: cattle, 101 calves, 402 hogs, 271 sheep.

Calves and hogs were higher, in other classes prices were steady.

EAST BUFFALO MARKET.

East Buffalo, Aug. 14.—Cattle, receipts 200; strong.

Veals—Receipts 125; steady; 5.00 to 16.50.

Hogs—Receipts 1,300; strong. Heavy and mixed, 17.90 to 18.00; yorkers, 17.75 to 17.90; light yorkers, 15.75 to 16.00; pigs, 15.50 to 16.00; roughs, 15.75 to 16.00; stags 12.00 to 13.50.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts 200; active, steady and unchanged.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, Aug. 14.—Export cattle choice 12.00 to 12.65; butcher cattle choice 10.50 to 11.00; medium 9.25 to 10.75; common 7.25 to 9.00; Pure Erie 7.00; canner 4.00 to 5.00; bulls 5.00 to 8.75; Feeding steers 7.75 to 8.75; Stockers, choice 7.75 to 8.25; light 6.40 to 7.50; Milkers, choice, each 40.00 to 125.00; Springers 80.00 to 125.00; Sheep ewes 8.50 to 9.75; bucks and culls 5.00 to 7.50; lambs 10.00 to 14.00.

Hogs, fed and watered 17.50. Calves 10.00 to 15.50.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Cattle receipts 4,000; market firm; heaviest \$8.00 to \$14.50; western steers \$7.00 to \$12.50; stockers and feeders, \$5.90 to \$9.35; cows and heifers, \$4.00 to \$10.15; 00 60's "spaw" \$27.25; hog receipts, 10,000; market strong; light \$15.85 to \$17.45; mixed, \$15.90 to \$17.55; heavy, \$15.88 to \$17.55, a new high price record; rough, \$15.85 to \$16.10; pig receipts, 10,000; bulk of sales \$16.60 to \$17.35; sheep receipts, 10,000; market, strong; wethers, \$7.75 to \$11.15; lambs, native \$10 to \$15.70.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

NEWS OF THE EXCHANGES

United States Steamships Company report for the quarter ending June 30th, 1917, shows net earnings of \$1,409,090, dividends paid amounted to \$504,898, leaving a surplus as of June 30th, of \$904,192. The company has declared the regular dividend of one per cent, and an extra of one half per cent payable September 1st, to stockholders of record August 16th.

McIntyre—During the month of July the McIntyre mines mined 15,563 tons of ore of an average value of \$932 per ton. The total production amounted to \$13,779,300. This is the lowest production of any month this year.

Southern Pacific—It is understood that the monthly report will show a big increase in earnings.

Silver—Silver continues to hold steady at 82 7/8 cents. This is the highest price silver has sold at in 25 years, and it is only reasonable to believe that the silver producing mines will take advantage of this high price and make exceedingly large profits. Some activity may be expected in the silver stocks in the very near future.

Ophir—Mr. Alexander, of the Ophir has been visiting the property in Colorado and considers recent developments very satisfactory.

Kerr Lake—It is estimated that the year 1916-17 will show a production of 2,700,000 ounces of silver. This will compare very favorably with recent years and, it must also be taken into consideration that the increased price of silver represents a greatly increased profit.

Tomiskanjur—It is understood that Mr. B. Neely, of Cobalt, is making an inspection of the Tomiskanjur property in order to check up on the management's estimate of ore reserves. It is expected that his report will be completed shortly.

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