

What the World is Saying

A Slogan

Our cause is just. In God we trust. Berlin or bust!—Chicago Herald.

The Transformation

Slowly but surely German "might" is being changed into a very plain German "might have been."—London Truth.

What Germany is Ready to Do

Germany is entirely ready to make another peace, if somebody will kindly furnish the scrap of paper—Milan Corriere di Sera.

The Only Way

The only way to enlighten the German people is to chastize them. Enlightenment will then arrive.—Tokio Shimbun.

An Accurate Description

A German Ambassador is necessarily a criminal and usually a blunderer.—Paris Journal des Debats.

The Kaiser's Hue

If the old saying were true, the Kaiser's face and ears would be by this time almost as red as his hands.—Bombay Times of India.

Paying for the War

Low birthrate scares Germany, for she cannot afford a failure in the crop of future taxpayers.—Wall Street Journal.

The War-Maniac

Having collected 10,000 volumes on War, in all languages, the Kaiser should be sentenced to spend the rest of his life reading them.—Paris Figaro.

What Name?

A German navy official said the other day of the German people, "God has called us by name." Now, we're curious to know by what name.—Atlanta Constitution.

The Reason Why

"We know what we want," says the Imperial German Chancellor. So do the rest of us. And that's why you are not going to get it.—Paris Matin.

A Peace that Would be No Peace

The world welcomed horseless carriages and wireless electricity, but it is not at all keen for a peaceless peace.—Toronto Telegram.

Characteristically German

"If we hold out one more winter, the worthlessness of American assistance to our enemies will be apparent to all the world," says the Cologne Gazette. Dream on, Rudolph, dream on.—Minneapolis Journal.

Kultur Produces No Such Thoughts

The German Government may occasionally have had a sane, a human or a civilized thought. But during the last three years it has successfully concealed all trace of it.—New York Sun.

When Dogs are Drafted

When the government drafts 40,000 army dogs, we presume that the Skye terriers will go into the aviation corps and the setters will grab off all the desk jobs, and the yellow curs and dachshunds be conscientious objectors.—Boston Transcript.

Not Their Way

Any one who supposes German military authorities would keep silence about it if they really had Kitchener as a prisoner gives them undue credit for reticence and modesty.—Victoria Colonist.

Boche Bosh

"It makes slaves of Germans in the United States," says the Cologne Volkszeitung, to have English the official language of the country. But there seems to be no help for it.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Kaiser's Guilt

Soap, says Mr. Oswald Schuette in a dispatch from Switzerland to the Daily News, is one of the scarcest things in Germany. Probably the Kaiser, like Lady Macbeth, has been trying to wash the blood from his hand.—Chicago Evening Post.

A Radical Forecast, Indeed!

A forecaster in a contemporary magazine attempts to show what the world will be like thirty-five years from now. Some of his expectations look reasonable enough, but when he says that women's fashions will not be subject to continual change he shows himself a radical prophet indeed.—Halifax Herald.

Naturally

Unrest is growing in Austria, reports say. A large iron heel on the neck naturally tends to make a country restless and even irritable.—Dundee Courier.

Exactly So

Our fortunes are so closely linked with those of the Entente Powers that there is no such thing possible as treachery towards England or France that is not also treachery towards America.—New York Tribune.

This Changing World

A quietly dressed woman of about 35, carrying a batch of papers in her hand, was walking along John street, Adelphi, yesterday morning smoking a briar pipe! Soon not a single masculine privilege will remain!—London Daily Express.

Mr. Wilson's Way

Roosevelt would have said, "The Kaiser is such a liar we can't believe him," but Mr. Wilson phrased it: "We cannot take the word of the present German ruler." Which was the same thing all dressed up in a bird-tail coat and white gloves.—London Opinion.

The Kaiser and His Bulldog

Von Hindenburg tries to encourage the Kaiser by emitting growls like a bulldog, and the Kaiser tries to encourage Von Hindenburg by sending him new medals to be fastened on his collar.—London Daily Telegraph.

The Individual and the Whole

One lesson which this war is going to teach us before we get through with it is that the individual doesn't amount to so much in the general scheme of things as he thought he did.—Manchester Guardian.

Luther Was a Christian First

Missouri's German Lutheran synod changes its name and gets rid of the "German." We imagine Luther would approve if he could be heard. He was a Christian first, a Teuton afterward.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The Only Explanation

Ever so often, as the story writers put it, some person arises to display his ignorance, his idiocy or his ignominy by asking why we are at war. We are at war because we want to remain decent, and decency demands the crushing of the frightfulness that has its lair in Berlin and menaces civilization.—New York Herald.

No Other Way

A decisive triumph must be won over brutal militarism. Force is the only thing that the Prussian despots fully understand. When they are forced to their knees, then may we have peace. Any other way of bringing it about would be dangerous, for it would leave the wild beasts of Berlin free to make war all over again when they got good and ready.—Washington Star.

The Problem of Civilization

The peace of Europe cannot be established until Germany is powerless or is made free. In freedom the German people would gain an incalculable blessing; if they cannot move towards it and seize it when the occasion fits, they must at any rate be stripped of the force which has been a curse to themselves and to the civilized world.—Montreal Gazette.

Titles in Canada

Canadians will not mind if royalty takes Canadian titles, as has been suggested, but they are certainly much disgusted with the crop of lordlings that is springing up in this fair and otherwise democratic Dominion. If there is one measure more than another that is calculated to bring titles into disrepute in Canada, it is the promiscuous tacking of titles on every man who has the price.—Hamilton Spectator.

The One Supreme Truth

This, then, is the one supreme truth which is being taught the world: That which occupies the mind enters into the conduct, just as that which is near the heart invades the intelligence; and what enters into conduct fashions fate. It is not safe in educating citizens to think of nothing but industrial and commercial success and to forget morality. Germany has done so. Her delight has not been in the law of the Lord. She has meditated therein neither day nor night. And she shall not be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth fruit in his season. Her leaf shall wither; and unless she changes her soul nought that she doeth shall prosper. She had issued a challenge to the nature of things which is moral; and she is in process of being worsted in the fight.—The Round Table.

The Future Must be Made Secure

Much as we abhor a continuation of devastation, it would be the greatest tragedy in the records of civilization if the terrible sacrifices made by all the peoples should fail to purchase the world a future in which such a catastrophe is not made at least less possible.—London Spectator.

What the World Knows

The bombastic proclamations of a disordered Emperor do not deceive the world. Germany has failed, and her leaders know she has failed; and when her greedy and half crazed people realize it they will set up a universal cry, which your society is anticipating in her behalf, for "Peace without victory; no annexation and no indemnity." But who is to pay for ruined Belgium and France; the ships that the U-boats have sent to the bottom of the sea; ravaged Serbia, and all the devastation which the Hun has wantonly wrought?—Toronto Globe.

Sage Advice to Hindenburg

General von Ardenne, military critic of the Berlin Tageblatt, gives most sage advice to the great general staff. He declares that the best policy now is to overwhelm and utterly defeat the French army and they concentrate all of Germany's military force against the British and crush them before America can lend any aid. It is a wonder that Hindenburg has never thought of that. Possibly, however, he has. One almost suspects that if the German Commander-in-chief were able to compass the destruction of the French army, he would have done it some time ago.—London Times.

A Question Answered

"What are we fighting for?" Well, for one thing, to protect the precious hides of the half-wits, ingrates and chattering who ask the question—although that's an incidental part of the job which is becoming distasteful. If the whole crowd could be gathered up and shipped into Prussia, maybe some of them would learn at last "what we are fighting for." The man who asks the question really makes an assertion. He declares that he is either mentally defective or a traitor.—Cleveland Press.

Abraham Lincoln's Native County

The top of the morning to Larue county, Kentucky, birthplace of Abraham Lincoln and banner draft district of America. Its quota for the national army was 132 men. Only 132 men were examined. No one claimed exemption. The whole 132 passed. It is a perfect record, and Kentucky may well be proud of Larue.—Toronto Star.

Political Sleight of Hand

The psychology of the professional politician resembles that of the prestidigitator. The attention of those to be influenced is directed to objects and acts which habit has rendered congenial and attractive, and meantime something quite different is carried forward to an unforeseen result. As a rule the most effective form of motivation is one which combines appeal to highly idealistic ends with appeal to immediate profit: the Old Flag and an appropriation, the prevention of the vicious schemes of the opposing party plus a larger price for crops and general prosperity.—New Republic.

The German Idea of Honor

The German idea of honor and wisdom is well illustrated in a cartoon published by a Stuttgart newspaper. It shows the ghost of King Leopold of Belgium shaking an accusing finger at King Albert and saying: "Foolish Albert! If I had been in your shoes I should to-day still be King in Brussels, with a German decoration pinned on my coat." It would be difficult to imagine a more degraded conception of personal, national, or international good faith, honor and decency.—Ottawa Citizen.

The Truth About Germans

Let us clear our minds of cant; we are at war with the German people from the "All Highest" to the lowliest of his subjects; we reciprocate the hatred of the whole nation by an equally cordial detestation of their repulsive methods of war and in peace; we recognize in them a nation of spies, from the Kaiser to the Kellner, from von Boehlen (managing director of Krupp's) to the barber, who have eaten our salt, while planning our destruction. We abhor their substitution of expediency for honor in all their dealings; we detest them for their repudiation of the moral code of civilized nations and of the ethics of the Christian religion; we shudder with unspeakable disgust at the behavior of men, women and children towards our prisoners; we loathe the ghoul-like glee with which they murder the victims of their submarines. . . . So long as this generation lives it will be an unpardonable insult to our gallant dead, and reckless treachery to the living, ever to allow another German to set foot upon our shores.—Nineteenth Century.