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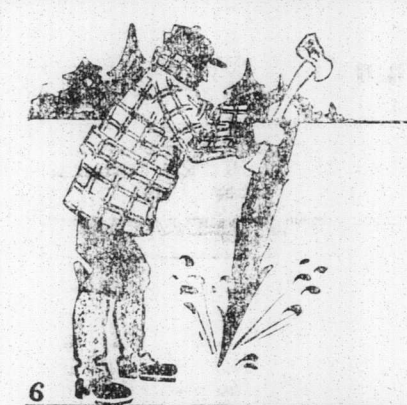
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REVIVE GLORIES OF OLD ARABIA IS HUN DREAM

In the Vossische Zeitung appears a characteristic article entitled "The Heart of Islam." It is characteristic in that it is one of an endless series appearing in the German press and pointing out the policy which Germany will pursue after the war in countries which she has hitherto not controlled, but where she believes she has important interests at stake. As a rule, these countries have hitherto been regarded as within the British sphere of influence, but countries in which Russian and French influences are paramount are also the subject of examination. The general trend of all these articles is to show that in Egypt and Syria in Morocco, the Congo State and Algiers, in Persia, Baluchistan, Siam and the Malay States a system of indifferent government prevails which is contrary to the best interests of the inhabitants, and that it is the world mission of Germany to remedy abuses and inaugurate a system of government and economics which will bring happiness to hitherto downtrodden races and measureless wealth to enterprising Germans.

The article on "The Heart of Islam" deals with Arabia. In the opinion of the writer the reform of Arabia might be left to Turkey—of course under German direction. It will be the task, we are told, of the German-Turkish Allies to rebuild desolate villages, to repair the choked harbors, and generally to pour fresh blood into the country. The way to revive Arabia, says the article, is to prolong the Hedjaz railway to Mecca, and here and there, where needful, to build branch lines to the sea and into the interior eastwards. It is most important to keep an eye on the harbors, which must be so enlarged as to enable German steamers to call at them. Kaiways and harbors, telephones and telegraphs will reduce Arabia to order.

THE PATRIOTIC PRESS. In the German newspapers recently there are constant references—almost daily—to articles in the London Daily Mail and Times, which are quoted to show that Great Britain is not doing her part in the war, that the English are divided in their councils, and that they have no confidence in their leaders, either political or military.

Judging by the prominence given to these extracts from a certain section of our press it is clear that the Germans are attached to them in Germany. As samples of numerous references we would quote the following:—From the "Berliner Tageblatt" of September 2. An article headed "The English against the Dardanelles Expedition, Sharp Criticism of the English Military Leaders." The article from which the "Berliner Tageblatt" quotes is one written by the military correspondent of the "Times" in the "Deutsche Tageszeitung" of the same day another article by the "Times" military correspondent is quoted, and headed "Prastic English Criticism of England's Military Leaders." The heading of an article in the "Vossische Zeitung" of September 2, quoted from the Times, is "The Art How to be Weak Everywhere." The heading is a quotation from a "Times" article condemning our conduct of military operations.

It is pretty similar in Austria. In the Vienna "Arbeiter Zeitung" of August 30, we have a prominent article headed "The English Underestimate Nothing of War." The article is a lengthy quotation from an article by a neutral correspondent in the Times. In the "Neue Freie Presse" of the same date we have a quotation from the same article.

IN THE CAUSE OF CHARITY. A bright gleam goes occasionally through the disciplined dullness of the German press. In this country we read with amused interest of the numerous fantastically wooden monuments which German towns are raising in their most prominent squares and streets, and into which patriotic citizens are invited to drive nails for charitable purposes, from one mark upwards per nail. Angels, peasants, dragons, saints, crosses, mythical beings from old sagas, and Hindenburgs have all been utilized for this purpose, and the newspapers never tire of expatiating on the wonders of wooden monstrosities and the skill of the artists responsible for them.

Stuttgart affords a fine example of the grotesque war monument in its "Gallant Swabian in Iron." We are told it is "a beautiful embodiment of a Swabian trooper of olden days, who looks mockingly on his enemy." The pedestal is carved with reliefs, which are said to be caricatures of Germany's enemies. A bear represents Russia, a cock France, and a chameleon—what withering scorn!—Italy. We are not told how England is caricatured.

"At Dortmund the citizens are to possess an 'Iron Reinholdus,' St Reinholdus, presumably, being the patron saint of the town. The saint is to be nearly 100 ft. long and made of oak. He is to have a thick chain around his neck, the links of which are to be gold discs contributed by the patriotic families of the town. The simplest form of disc to be engraved with the name of the family and will cost \$25, but for \$50 and \$75 a donor may have his name, arms and motto engraved on a gold disc, which may either be fastened in the chain or on the pedestal.

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"It seems so silly to spend one's time dodging bullets, although I hope our friends who keep popping away at a distance of from fifty to seventy yards are not so lucky, with their dodging as we are. I can hear shouting now and then, and their favorite taunt: 'When are you coming over?' Perhaps they will be sorry when we do arrive. They try to alarm us now and then by holding up canvas sheets with alarming war communique to the effect that our allies are losing thousands upon thousands but we laugh at their ridiculous efforts.

The men here are very good fellows and are full of anecdotes. One was telling me to-day that at the time of the great retreat he was lucky enough to find a horse, which he mounted. In this way he was able to sleep a little while travelling along. But the rich art of the story was the fact that he sold his horse next day to an artilleryman for a packet of wood-bines! How's that for a price?"

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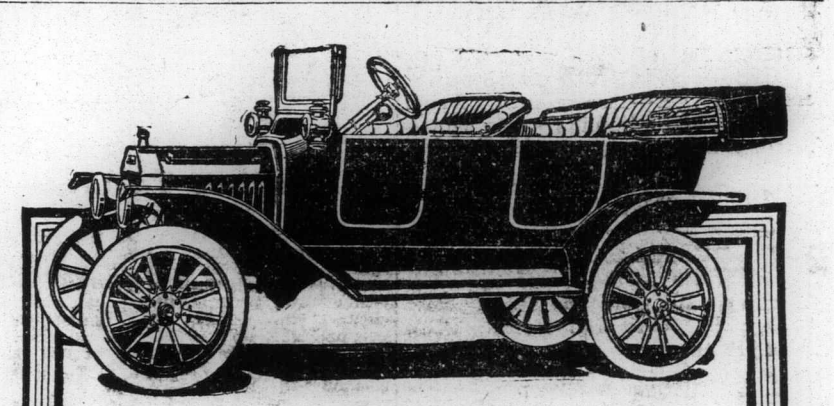
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