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"Why I Don't Think War Will End in 6 Months.

Treasonable Misconceptions of the Real State of Affairs in Germany.

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By FREDERIC WILLIAM WILE, Daily Mail."

just as dangerous to the security of dress would have been St. Helena realm as any of the 16,000 alien long ago. mies still at large in London, and any who are where the rest ought

ghting going on by the way, withby them in France, Belgium, and Russia since Christmas and longer: with their battle fleet intact, though hiding; with their aircraft and subnarines raiding British coasts and led view that the war will be over

Why is such drivel treasonable? ause it is turning the kingdom Anything which fills the country with the idea that neither men nor money are urgently needed

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pewspaper, and for months have not seen a newspaper bill which has not ate Berlin Correspondent of "The minously hither and thither and the Allies "gaining" irresistibly here, When I hear people talk about the there, and everywhere. If bills inwar ending in six months I feel like stead of bullets could beat the Gercalling a policeman. I consider them mans, the Kaiser's forwarding ad-

But it is not only in Omnibusland being still at large in London, and obably more dangerous than a good that war-soon-over claptrap is talked. that war-soon-over claptrap is talked. for all Britain to read and ponder if I hear it daily from men and women who can think and reason, as well as With a British casualty list of read. I hear it in the clubs, and in which found £65,000,000 of gold rethe restaurants where they charge serve in its vaults the day Belgium but for Caruso to practice somewhere den and shot down and bayonetted by tlemen who have not exchanged

spats for puttees. What is it I hear? They will tell ou that Germany has "shot her bolt. That she has conquered all of France and Russia and Belgium that she car conquer. That she has had to put miforms. That she has abandoned all hope of taking Paris, Warsaw, and

Calais. That she knows she is beaten. That Krupps are short of copper and saltpetre, and Berlin is on the brink of cat and dog rations. That the German people are seething with discontent and despair which they dare not utter, and hanker for peace at any price. That the Kaiser s a discredited and disgruntled ruler of a muzzled and baffled nation. That its collapse, though shrewdly veiled. s in progress, and that "starvation" will shortly and decisively complete the work which Neuve Chapelle be-

Now I happen to know a bit about Germany; not everything, but a bit. I Germania was finishing her battle wilet and crouching for the attack that. Does any Briton who does no do his thinking in his boots imagine right to expect logic and perspi- that these toiling years and decades ty, as a rule, from the man or of preparation for war contemplated

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but 62,000,000 or 63,000,000 who never tain the Allies are beaten. smelt gunpowder?

are reliably reported to have had only 0,000 less trained soldiers than Russia, France, Great Britain, Belgium and Serbia combined.

We laugh hereabouts at German poroughness and far-sightedness ave called it over-organisation. In the orgy of efficiency in which Gernany normally has its being, I used nyself in ante-bellum days to thank Heaven that I came from a clime where easy-going, while not exactly a enerated, was a tolerated virtue. It eeded the red perspective of war to ermit me to see the real meaning of all—to understand the actual goal or view.

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stance, has been laboriously cardndexing not only all her own docile people, but every foreigner who arrived within her gates before he had been there long enough to change a collar. I know now why Germany for years has taken the trouble to keep track of the pedigree and whereabouts of very pig, bullock, sheep and horse, every wagon, motor-car, van had the Germans "retreating" igno- and lorry in the country. I know to a hushel, how much wheat, rve. barley, oats and corn was at the disposal of the population or would be at any given date in the future. I know now why the Imperial Bank for more than two years before last Augustsystematic "financial mobilisation" was violated. It is nearly doub that amount-£118,000,000-now

sses in the field; true. Her colonie are gone (which is a good thing for ickets: true. But you don't need to that an Empire which has grown fat and powerful as rapidly as Germany has done in the lifetime of us all which are only scratched by twothirds of a year of war waged almost exclusively on the enemy's soil.

The trouble with the war-is-ending about the war from England's, not Germany's, standpoint. I suppose i fair to assume that if England cose-jointed politically militarily and economically, had been called upon to put up the fight that Germany putting up, she would be in a very remembered again that Germany is not England. The Germans knew perfectly well that a great European war would terribly dislocate their conomic machine, but the machine was built and geared-up for disloca-

England's economic machine, being machine constructed essentially Dexter' Weatherproofs the strain which is now being out on the German Juggernaut. That makes many Englishmen feel, you see, that just because their machine would probably give way, confronted similar conditions, Germany's must, too. I believe it will, eventually. But the point I am trying to had time to convert Belgium into a vast fortress. Supposing the Allies do begin really to push her out of it. Let us imagine her being shoved out of France, too. Dare we suppose that

collapse" just because Germany, with a dozen titanic fortresses like after eight months of fighting and the Metz and the Rhine fortresses to fall loss of 1,000,000 or so of fighting-men, back on, is going to be crushed in six has only been able to conquer Bel- months? It is too grotesque for

France and most of Russian Poland? I read the German papers every Do people in these unruffled isles day. I am seeing neutrals who have know that storage of shot and shell just returned from Germany-every and the other implements of man- day. I would not believe the papers killing is only a microscopic part of if what they say were not echoed, what Germany calls preparation for and echoed four and five-fold, by unwar? Do Englishmen realise that prejudiced people coming out of Gerthey are fighting not 4,000,000 or 5,- many. Far from considering them-000,000 uniformed, armed Germans, selves beaten, the Germans are cer-

Germany is not "hard up." She is Preparation? Viewed Teutonically, not going hungry. She is inconveniwe here in Muddle and Meddleland enced and she is frugal, more so than don't know the meaning of the term. ever, immeasurably more. But when You are reading a good deal about you have said that, you have said it 'War Babies' in England just now. all. For out-ranking all these un-Germany has been breeding war ba- canny preparations of hers for The bies for half a century. If they are Day-the stored shot and shell, the boy babies, they grow into soldiers, war babies, the trained legions, the If they are girl babies, they become tabulated live-stock, the gold remothers of soldiers. Babies have all serve-far above all these physical ways been No. 1 in the long list of and material war assets-is the in-German preparations for war. That domitable spirit of the German peos the reason why Germany and Aus- ple. It is that which the Allies have tria combined, when war broke out, to break before the war will be won

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Some time ago he took a new house in Italy, and had the workmen in to decorate one of the wings. Every now why the Government at Berlin to practise singing the songs in the was able at any time to figure, almost operas in which he had to appear. After a few days, the foreman of the decorators came to him and said "I suppose you want to get that wing finished as soon as possible?"
"Certainly I do," answered Caruso.
"Well, then, you will have to stop

practising here," said he: "for as it only would—began a policy of won't do a stroke of work for listen-systematic "financial mobilisation" ing to you. They don't touch their work until you've finished."
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father, were herded in the latter's garthe Germans when they occupied the place. There had been absolutely no interference with the occupation.

The cure of the village, Father Verbeeck, who protested against the brutallity was tied by recent and the protested against the brutallity was tied by recent against the protested against the brutallity was tied by recent against the brutallity was tied by the place of the brutallity was tied by the brutallity tality, was tied by ropes to a tree and left to starve for a day and a half, when he was shot and thrown into a vell, and his housekeeper, who sought

The Germans, after killing the men. eleased the women and told them to bury their dead." This they endeavored to do. There were about 600 deep wells in the village. The women succeeded with the aid of their little sons in rescuing the body of the cure into which they had been thrown and burying them in the church plot. Several other members of the party old of atrocities which had been communicated to them by other parties but could not at first hand vouch for

WHY ARE NO WEATHER CHARTS NOW PUBLISHED?

Many people have noticed that no weather charts are now published in the newspapers, and what forecasts are given are very uncertain compared with what they were before the

The stopping of weather charts and records is part of the Allied scheme for beating Germany. Our enemy would give many a golden sovereign to have these charts regularly form our Meteorological Office. As it is her lack of news about the weather is

her lack of news about the weather is all to our advantage.

It's like this. If Germany wants to carry out a Zeppelin raid on Great Britain she must know what the weather in our country will be like for the next twenty-four hours. Now our weather is practically controlled by what is happening in the Atlantic, the news of which we get by wireless from ships, and also from the west coast of Ireland.

But that news never gets past the

But that news never gets past the Admiralty and War Office nowadays, and they are the only people who can say what the weather is going to be. So if a Zeppelin does start from Ger-many, though the weather may be fine there, a storm may be brewing over here and blow that Zeppelin to bits. Zeppelins are costly affairs and there are not many of them, so Germany doesn't like to take the risk. That is ne reason, too, why we are showing such superiority in flying. We know he weather—Germany doesn't.

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