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"English and Germans Hate."

Comments of a London Editor on the New York Tribune's Estimate of the Character and Quality of the Two Kinds—A Clear Statement of the Englishman's Way of Thinking.

(Morning Post, London.)

We republish in another column an extremely interesting article which appeared a little while back in the New York Tribune (August 9, 1916). It is a critical estimate of the character and quality of British and German "hate" respectively—an estimate provoked by certain recent utterances of Professor Muensterberg, of Harvard, the leading exponent of Germanism in the United States. The Professor has been moved to suggest, as a vision of the future, an alliance between the United States, Germany and Great Britain "as one of the logical and necessary consequences of the present deplorable conflict," and no doubt he intends the proposal as a high compliment to this country, and we are only surprised that it did not occur to Professor Kuno Meyer, let us say, to endorse this offer of future friendship with his own trusty right hand. Such is the curious mentality of the German—it seems to him that all that has happened during these last two years is merely something that can be wiped from memory by an offer to shake hands. That he should have reached the stage already when his impulse is to let bygones be bygones is extremely instructive. It manifests a severe chastening of the Teutonic mood. Thor's hammer is exchanged for Loki's guile—why? Is it that "our old German God" has failed his devotees? Is he, like Baal, when the priests cried unto him to produce fire from heaven, sleeping or perambulating on a journey? But a few months ago the German press and the German professors were still proclaiming the imminent overthrow of England and her Allies and the ruthless imposition of the German will to conquer on the whole civilized world. Toward this country implacable enmity was still breathed, and to America insolent warnings were given to take heed to her ways lest a worse

thing should befall her. Now, suddenly, the British and American nations are invited to ignore all these threatnings and to contemplate the prospect of a friendly alliance with the people who so recently uttered them.

Discussing this suggestion, The Tribune points out very shrewdly that Professor Muensterberg does not seem to understand the mood of the British people. He fails to realize the effect which has been produced by his countrymen's methods of making war, and how entirely negligible beside the frothy demonstrations of German "hate" is the silent but deep-seated loathing of the British nation. As The Tribune says, this feeling among us has not been inflamed by professorial campaigns, by organized press incitements, by "hymns of hate" and such like stimulants. It has grown up spontaneously under the influence of events. It has grown slowly, but now it has overrun the land. It is deep and strong as an instinct, and is, except by slow time, ineradicable.

Our American critic perceives very clearly what is so completely hidden from German eyes—that generations must pass before the very name or German ceases to be in this country anything but a byword of reproach and disgust. That we are glad to think, is profoundly true, and we are glad also to recognize that the British character is so well understood, at any rate by our American cousins. "To-day the German is for the Englishman," writes this "clear-sighted" American observer, "the man who abuses women and children on land and murders them on water. He is the man who brutally maltreats British wounded prisoners. He is the author of the Zeppelin raids, and he is the criminal who employs the submarine for assassination, not for war. Above all, and this is comprehensive, he is not a 'clean' fighter; he doesn't 'play the game'; he recognizes no rules of 'humanity, of law, of sport.' An Englishman could hardly have started his own case better. The German is exactly all that and a little more, and to condone his crimes—even to think of it—would be a crime almost as great; a betrayal of the very standards of honor and decency that the German has already outraged so shamelessly."

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The antagonisms of war in themselves need create no impassable gulf between the opposites. On the contrary, they may resolve themselves into stronger friendships founded on mutual understanding and respect. Our age-long wars with France have left no bitterness; our fierce rivalry with the Dutch has subsided into perfect good will. But the memories that this war with Germany will leave behind are not memories of honest blows given and taken, but of actions that have disgraced humanity and befouled the very fountains of chivalry—actions possible only to those with whom honour is but a name and to whom the only operative restraint on ill deeds is fear. As the writer in The Tribune truly points out, no nation can do such things and escape the consequences—"consequences which will not be abolished by a treaty of peace, liquidated by victory, or settled by an indemnity." He adds that "those who know the Englishman best are at times a little awed by the revelation of the effect upon him of two years of wartime relations with his German neighbor." It is gratifying to know that in America things are seen so clearly; and the time shall yet come when even the German intelligence will also awake to the facts. We could not forget if we would; we would not forget if we could. The sentiment of heartfelt passionate detestation for the German and all his works throbs through every fibre of our national life. It knows no limitation of class or locality; it is universal, it is overwhelming; and no minister who valued his career and reputation at anything more than contempt would dare to disregard the portent. For us, at least, and probably for our Allies as well, Germany is henceforth excommunicated from the comity of nations, she is the leper of Europe, whom it is a deadly contamination to approach, a leper infected by the foulness of her own soul. And Professor Muensterberg dares to talk about an Anglo-German-American alliance! The most effective commentary on that revolting proposal is made by the New York Tribune when it dryly observes: "At all events, let us hope that the United States will not become the ally of Germany before Great Britain does."

Get Off the Stills.

Philadelphia Ledger.—On two previous occasions Frank A. Vanderlip called the turn exactly on our country's immediate financial future. He sounded a warning of the coming crash in the autumn of 1902, and he repeated his work of prophet prior to the panic of 1907. What Mr. Vanderlip strongly urges all business to do now is to prepare for getting down off its stiffs. Assuredly it cannot remain up where it is now. It is equally certain that the end of the war will bring a sudden and terrific reversal in our industrial affairs. Gold will rush back to Europe by the tens of millions. Our exports will drop, our imports increase, prices of materials and labor will fall, and demand for manufactured articles in the United States dwindle, because Europe will stop its unparalleled buying.

MINARD'S LINIMENT LUMBER-MAKERS' FRIEND.

Skeleton, Dressed, Gives Clue to Two Murders.

A grimly witness stood before detectives of the 7th Branch Bureau yesterday. A dead man's clothes hid the bare bones of his ribs and legs. A dead man's hat was perched upon the bareless head.

Friends of a man who disappeared long since filed past the shape in the loosely hung clothing and the horribly jaunty hat. The skeleton smiled at them impartially, but they did not smile back. Instead they looked once and then hurried from the room, crossing themselves and muttering in Italian.

But before the police stripped the clothes from the gruesome shape and looked it up it had told them the story of an old murder, whose secret had lain hidden until yesterday, eight feet below the surface of a lot at Powell street and Hagerman avenue—a lot which dwellers in Canarsie are beginning to call "the skeleton farm."

Exhibit Leads to Arrest.

For an hour the skeleton held its ghastly reception before Captain Carey of the 7th Branch Bureau, believed that he had sufficient evidence to arrest Giovanni Romana, of 146 Cackman street, Brooklyn. Last night the police were trying to make him tell why two skeletons, each with its skull battered in, have been dug out of the "skeleton farm" in the last two weeks. Romana was arrested on two charges of homicide and will be arraigned to-day.

The bones are now believed to be all that is left of Rosario Passerello, who lived at 2290 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, and Dominic La Rosa, who dwelt in a tenement somewhere on Pacific street. One skeleton, tricked out in the clothes of Passerello, gave the police this information.

Passerello disappeared from his home on Nov. 16, 1914. Three men came to the door that evening and he went out with them. He never returned. The case was reported to the police, who were unable to find a trace of him.

On Saturday men working in the excavation at Powell street and Hagerman avenue dug up a barrel containing the second skeleton, the first having been found some weeks ago. A check in the pocket of the mouldering cloak in which it was wrapped bore Passerello's name. Captain Carey conferred with Lieut. Grant Williams, of the Bureau of Unidentified Dead, and they, with the help of Dr. Pecchini, of the Standard Testing Laboratory of the Board of Estimates, clothed the bones in a suit which had belonged to the missing man. Wires bound the joints so that the thing would stand.

One of the men, Passerello's cousin, was the first to be confronted by the figure. He turned several shades lighter and backed out of the room declaring that he could not stay in such company. Then Mrs. Maria Telo, another cousin, was brought face to face with it.

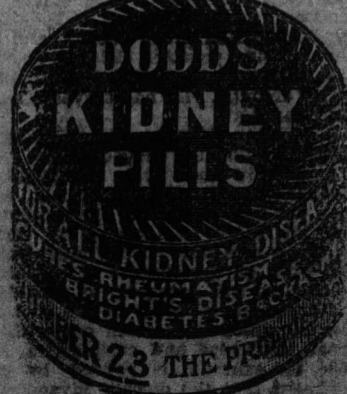
She looked solemnly at the skeleton for a moment. Then she said, slowly: "It is Rosario. The hat, the shape of the head, the shoulders—it is all him. It is my cousin."

Then, watching the skull, with its fixed grin, she told the rest of the story. La Rosa and Passerello had once been friendly with Romana. They had quarrelled. A little later La Rosa had been shot in the back. Italians suspected that Romana had done it, but following their custom, they did not impart their suspicions to the police. La Rosa recovered from the wound and then disappeared. Soon thereafter Passerello went off with the three men, and never returned.

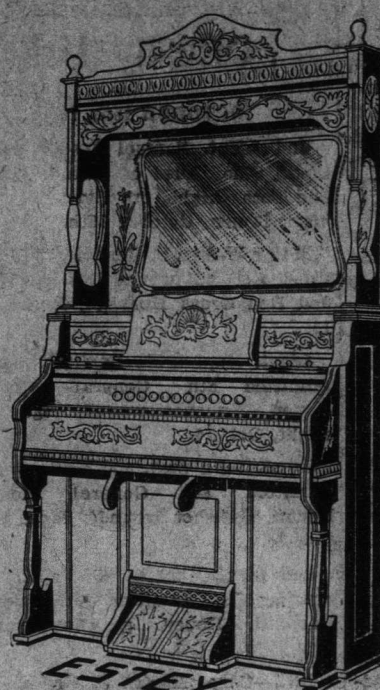
She whispered other information to the police. When she had finished she broke down and had to be led out. The police then took down their giant witness, put him away and arrested Romana for his murder.

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