

# MORALE OF GERMAN ARMY AND PEOPLE COMPLETELY BROKEN

## A Neutral's Impressions Gleaned in a Trip Through Germany—No Unfavorable News Permitted to Reach the People who are Warned by Authorities to Show Best Face to Strangers.

Writing in the London Daily Express a neutral who has returned from a trip through Germany says:

"I embarked for Germany in a Dutch boat for Amsterdam. Ordinarily the journey would have occupied three days, but owing to the measures adopted by the British naval authorities we were nine days arriving at our destination.

"Thence I proceeded to Germany. I was anxious to see for myself how the Germans treated neutrals entering their country. There was, of course, a scrupulous examination of luggage, as well as of passports and other documents. Travellers are compelled to undergo every garment is thoroughly searched, and even the labels of their coats are minutely examined.

"From the frontier onwards one begins to learn something of the marvelous organization of the German One is spoken to in the language one speaks, and the first question asked is: 'What language do you desire to speak in?' There are officers and soldiers speaking several different languages at the frontier. I am sure this is not done for the convenience of foreigners but to enable the military and police to understand almost anything spoken in an alien tongue. Every newspaper, guide book, map, and suspicious document is confiscated, after which the passenger is allowed to proceed.

"On arrival in Berlin he must report immediately to the police in order to obtain the necessary permission to reside on German soil. At the police station one is again questioned as to the reason for visiting Germany. Name, personal description, and address are all recorded, and the passport which entitles him to reside in Germany is duly sealed. The visitor is warned, however, that all his movements must be reported to the police, and that removals and changes of address must also be notified both to the police in his present district and in the new one.

No Mere Man.

"In the journey from the frontier to the German capital one obtains the impression that the supply of men is already exhausted. The few one sees at the railway stations are either old men or youths unfit for military service.

"From the moment one arrives at the German frontier it is easy to detect that the morale and spirit of the German people have completely broken down. There are few soldiers to be seen in the streets, and no wounded or crippled soldier is seen anywhere. They are not allowed to walk in the streets during convalescence, and may only show themselves when they can wear their uniforms in a decent manner. Officers and soldiers on leave from the front are ordered to change their dirty uniforms for clean ones, in order not to show the poor condition in which they return from the fighting line.

The German capital, however, still maintains its gay appearance. Cafes and public places, cabarets and concert cafes, are open until one o'clock in the morning, and one can have any drink except liquor from 7.30 a. m. onwards. At every station, park, hotel, restaurant, and cafe notices are posted reading as follows: 'Soldaten, vorsticht, bei Gaswachen, Spionensgefahr' ('Soldiers, mind your conversation, as there are spies').

Life in Berlin is extremely expensive and a bachelor's room in a boarding house cannot be rented for less than five shillings a day. Breakfast and fire are each charged a shilling extra. German breakfast just now consists merely of a cup of coffee with a suspicion of milk, with a thin slice of black bread thinly coated with margarine. All are of the poorest quality. First and second-class hotels are now charging from 10s. to 16s. a day for a single room only.

A modest lunch, consisting of a course hot or cold, a slice of bread, a glass of lager beer, and a small portion of sweets, costs no less than four to five shillings. A dinner of two dishes, sweet, bread (black) and beer costs from seven to eight shillings.

Fights for Food.

Every piece of bread eaten in Germany is made of the most inferior quality. No one may eat this bread unless he has a ticket.

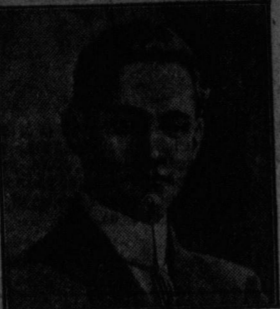
Meat stocks and reserves appear to be decreasing, if one may judge from the price asked in shops and restaurants, while the regulations attendant on the sale of meat, milk and cream point to the fact that those stocks are becoming exhausted. A new issue of meat tickets similar to the bread tickets is already in circulation all over Germany.

These regulations have given rise to riots in different parts of the German Empire. Circulars were issued by the military authorities threatening rioters with court-martial and a life sentence or death penalty.

Taxicabs and carriages are difficult to find in Berlin, since a great number have been requisitioned by the author-

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has been extremely quiet. Meanwhile the use of cotton and cotton waste has been regulated in such a way that these raw materials can hardly be used at all except for Army purposes. Consequently, the existing stocks of cotton yarn having been used up, and the transition period having expired, the free activity of most of the mills is checked, and the closing of a number of spinning and weaving mills is to be expected in some cases, indeed, it has already taken place. During the past three months cotton has been uncommonly dear in Germany. The price of middling in the open market at Bremen was about double the price which prevailed before the intervention of Italy, and about treble the price at the beginning of August, 1914.

"The situation as regards cotton waste is similar to the situation as regards cotton. Germany and Austria were always important buyers of English, American and Indian waste, the Minister of Finance, and which since the disappearance of these two buyers it is said that enormous stocks of cotton waste have accumulated in Lancashire and also in Bombay.

"Employment in the German cotton-spinning mills has fallen off very much in consequence of the strict regulations. Yarns are no longer delivered except to purchasers who can prove that they will be used for the carrying out of army contracts, and as such orders are not on a very great scale business is stagnant. Deliveries are kept within the narrowest limits, and there have been very few new bargains during the last few months. Business in imitation and waste yarns is rather more active, as it is also in the mills which produce two-cylinder yarn, because these businesses can use the various kinds of cotton waste the employment of which is permitted by the regulations. A large number, however, of cotton, cotton waste, and also imitation mills have preferred to stop work.

"The position in the German cotton industry has been unfavorable during the past three months. Production for non-military requirements is, with comparatively few exceptions, forbidden. Orders for the textile exist in August and September. It was only during October that blanket business became more active. Almost the whole existing stocks of cotton blankets were taken up by the military authorities, and new orders were given. There is also a strong demand at present for sandbag materials. Many concerns have devoted themselves to this business, and are employing in it most of their spindles. The busiest concerns are those which produce bandages and hospital requisites, many of them being supplied with orders until next spring."

The Swedish Press Bureau has been authorized to issue the following official communication from the government: "Owing to certain statements in the Norwegian paper, Tidens Tegn, regarding the Aaland fortifications, the Swedish Foreign Minister received in January last from the Russian Minister in Stockholm certain confidential information regarding the general character and intention of certain military arrangements undertaken and intended to be undertaken, on Aaland. At the same time, the hope was expressed that in case it should be found essential, the Swedish government would reassure public opinion in Sweden with regard to the character and aim of the said arrangements." The communication concludes by stating that the article in the above-mentioned Norwegian paper must be due to a misunderstanding, or, possibly to the author's evident desire to throw discredit on the Swedish government and a section of the Swedish Press.

Holland has to face the prospect of a considerable increase in taxation, owing to the heavy demand made up on the state in these abnormal times. The drafting of the necessary measures has been in hand for some time past, and it is now announced from an authoritative source that the bills for the carrying out of the tax reform scheme which was forwarded by the Minister of Finance, and which includes a tax on tobacco, have for the most part been sent to the Council of State. A technical revision of the import tariff is in preparation.

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## COTTON INDUSTRY IN GERMANY IS EXTREMELY QUIET

Frankfurt, Germany, Dec. 15.—The Frankfort Zeitung publishes the following report of conditions in the German cotton industry, dated from Munchen-Gladbach, Nov. 11:

"During the past three months business in the German cotton industry



# Rheumatism and Lumbago

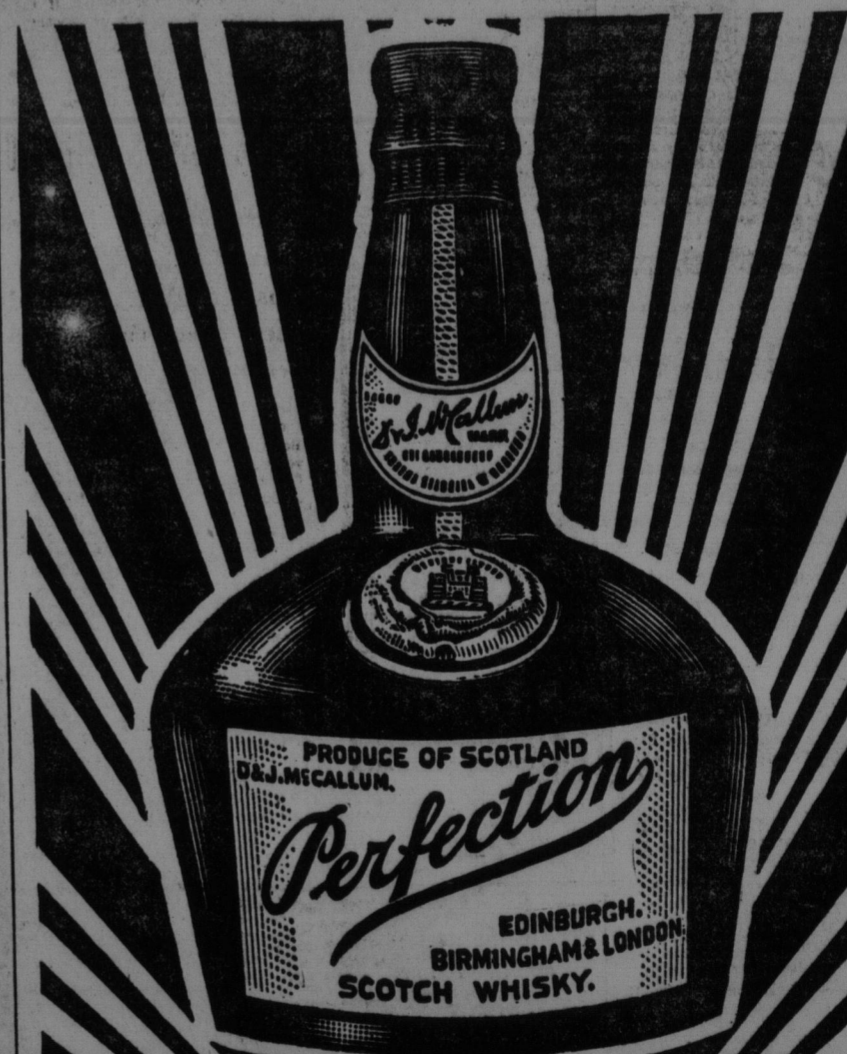
Mr. Wm. Parker, 105 Cayuga street, Brantford, Ont., tells in the following letter of his remarkable experience with Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills:—"My doctor treated me for some time for Sciatica, Rheumatism, Lumbago, but to no purpose, for I had to lay off work. The visiting officer of Sick Benefit called to see me and advised the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, stating that he had been cured of the same trouble by their use. I asked the druggist about them and he recommended them highly. Not being satisfied with this, I went back to my doctor, and when he said they were good I began their use. The promptness with which they enlivened the action of the kidneys and bowels was wonderful, and it was not long before I was rid of all my trouble. I had awful, sharp pains in the lower part of my back and left hip, and was so bad that I could only walk by hanging on to a chair or the wall. My wife had to lace my shoes. Only those who have had this ailment can realize the way I suffered. I am writing this letter to let people who have my trouble know of these pills. You are at liberty to use this letter, and if anyone interested will call or write to me I will give every detail."

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