

Germany Has Fallen, Indicted by World of Inexpiable Damnation

Strong Words of American in His Answer to Letter Signed by 93 German Professors—Guilty of Beginning War and of the Blackest Crimes Against Belgium—War Really Began When Kaiser Ascended Throne.

(London Times, Nov. 30.)
Ninety-three of the most prominent men of Germany, distinguished in various branches of science, art, education, and literature, have recently circulated broadcast throughout America a letter, entitled "An Appeal to the Civilized World, in which they attempt to change public opinion in the United States on the subject of the war. Mr. Church, president of the Carnegie Institute, at Pittsburgh, and author of "The Life of Oliver Cromwell," has made reply to the German appeal, which is addressed to Dr. Fritz Schaper, of Berlin. He says:

It gives me a feeling of pity to note the impertinence with which the people of Germany are seeking the good opinion of America in this strife. It is greatly to their credit that they wish to stand right in the judgment of this nation. But Germany need have no fear that American public opinion will be perverted by the lies and calumnies of her enemies. We are all going deeper than the surface in our search for the truth. Your letter speaks of Germans as being in a struggle which has been forced upon her. That is the whole question: all others are subsidiary. If this struggle was forced upon Germany, then, indeed, she stands in a position of mighty dignity and honor, and the whole world should acclaim her and succor her, to the utter confusion and punishment of the foes who have attacked her. But if this outrageous war was not forced upon her, would it not follow in the course of reason that her position is without dignity and honor and that it is her foes who should be acclaimed and supported to the extreme limit of human sympathy?

I believe, dear Dr. Schaper, that the judgment on this paramount question has been formed. That judgment is not based upon the lies and calumnies of the enemies of Germany, nor upon the careless publications contained in the newspapers, but upon a profound study of the official correspondence in the case. What do the official documents prove?
After reviewing the evidence the Church concludes:
Who began it? Was it England? Scarcely so, for England, in so far as her army is concerned, had yielded to the popular plea for arbitration; she was not ready for war and will not be ready for another six months. Was it France? Was it Russia? Not one of the 93 distinguished men who have sent me this letter, if they will read the evidence, will say so. It was Austria, who, by her unreasonable and inexorable attack on Serbia, began the war, supported at every step by Germany, who, in her turn, gave notice to the Powers of Europe that any interference with Austria would be resented by Germany to the full limit of war.

THE CRIME AGAINST BELGIUM.

Mr. Church proceeds:
The next point in your letter reads thus: "It is not true that we trespass in neutral Belgium." Have these 93 men studied well the letter they have signed? Could intellects so superbly trained deliberately certify to such an unwarranted declaration? Has any one of my 93 honored correspondents read the appeal to the American people by Imperial Chancellor von Bethman-Hollweg, published in the American newspapers on Aug. 15? I fear not, for in that statement the Chancellor said: "We were compelled to override the just protests of the Luxembourg and Belgian governments. The wrong I speak frankly—that we are committing we will endeavor to make good as soon as our military goal has been reached."
What will the good conscience of the German people say when, in spite of its passion in the rage of war, it grasps the awful significance of the confession of its Imperial Chancellor? "The wrong that we are committing." The wreck and ruin of a country that has done you no injury, the slaughter of her sons, the expulsion of her king and government, the blackmail of her substance, the destruction of her cities, with their happy homes, their beautiful monuments of historic times, and the priceless works of human genius! "The wrong that we are committing." Worst of all, when the desperate and maddened populace, seeing their sons slain and their homes in flames, fired from their windows in the last instant of nature, your troops, with barbaric ferocity, put them to the sword without distinction of age or sex!
The wrong! Oh, Doctor Schaper, if these conditions should ever be reversed and these foreign soldiers should march through the streets of Berlin, would not you, would not all of my 93 correspondents, if they saw their homes battered in ruins and their sons dead in the streets, would they, too, not fire from their windows upon the merciless invaders? I am sure I would so!

GERMAN MILITARISM.

Your reference to German militarism brings up in my mind the conviction that this year was begun potentially twenty-five years ago, when Emperor William II ascended the throne, declared himself Supreme War Lord, and proceeded to prepare his nation for war. His own children were raised from their babyhood to consider themselves soldiers, and to look forward to a destiny of slaughter; and here in America we know even his daughter only by her photograph in a colonel's uniform. And as with his own children, so all the youth of his empire were brought up.
Going far away from your great philosopher, Kant, who, in his Categorical Imperative, has taught us all a new golden rule, the national spirit of Germany has been fed on the sensual materialism of Nietzsche, or the undisciplined bloodthirst of General von Bernhardi, on the wickedness of dreams of Treitschke, and on the weak moanings of von Bulow; and we behold in every step of evidence that we can gather from your emperor, his children, his officers, his statesmen, and his professors, that Germany held herself a nation apart from the rest of the world and superior to it, and predicated to maintain that superiority by war. In contrast to this narrow and destructive spirit of nationalism, we in America have learned the value of humanity above the race, so that we cherish all mankind in the bosom of our country. Therefore we can do nothing but execrate the conduct of your emperor, who has driven his troops to slaughter their brethren and be slaughtered by them in this bloody and unspicable conflict.

And so, at last, my dear Dr. Schaper, we find ourselves shocked, ashamed, and outraged that a Christian nation should be guilty of this criminal war. There was no justification for it. Armed and defended as you were, the whole world could never have broken into your borders. And while German culture will have something to gain from her neighbors, yet the intellectual progress which Germany was making seemed to be lifting up her own people to better things for themselves and to an altruistic service to mankind. For great nations float their ships in every ocean, sell their wares in the uttermost parts of the earth, and enjoy the good favor of humanity because it was treated as a humane state. But now all this achievement has vanished, all this good opinion has been destroyed. You cannot in half a century regain the spiritual and material benefits which you have lost. Oh, that we might have again a Germany that we could respect, a Germany of true peace, of true progress, of true culture, modest and not boastful, for ever true of her war lords and her hosts, and turning once more to the uplifting influence of such leaders as Luther, Goethe, Beethoven, and Kant! But Germany, whether you win or lose in this war, has fallen, and the once glorious nation must continue to pursue its course in darkness and murder until conscience at last bids it withdraw its armies back to its own boundaries, there to hope for the world's pardon upon this inexpiable damnation.

For Patriotic Funds.

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OBITUARY PART TRUCE RULES IN ST. JOHN COUNTY

Miss Emma Armstrong.
Friends here will regret to learn of the death of Miss Emma Armstrong which occurred in Ottawa last week. She was a niece of C. R. Pollockman John Collins, and had visited here three or four years ago. Miss Armstrong was about thirty years of age. She was in the civil service.

Mr. Daniel Ferguson.
Newcastle, Dec. 21.—The death of Mrs. Daniel Ferguson, formerly Miss Elizabeth Hubbard, of Cassilis, took place at her home in Cassilis, Saturday. She was 89 years old and had been a widow about ten years. She is survived by the following children: Joseph, Cassilis; George, Memphrith; William, Memphrith; Mrs. Cassilis; and Mrs. John Vye, Wilson's Point; and the following sisters: Mrs. John Appleby, Nelson; Miss Jared Blackmore, Cassilis; Miss Johnnie, Cassilis; Memphrith (Meth); The funeral will be held this afternoon, interment in Bethesda Presbyterian cemetery, Rev. J. F. McCurdy, B. A., officiate.

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BRITAIN FORBIDS THE EXPORT OF CRUDE RUBBER

American Concerns Fear Disaster to Their Business as Result—Prices Begin to So.

New York, Dec. 23.—The rubber industry of the United States faces a grave situation as the result of the embargo placed by the British government upon the exportation of crude rubber from Great Britain and her colonies, according to a statement issued today by the Rubber Club of America, which includes the leading manufacturers and importers of rubber in the country. An advance in prices is imminent, unless the embargo is soon removed, the statement says, and unless a large number of the 125,000 persons employed in the rubber industry.

The statement adds that a special committee of rubber manufacturers has been working with the State Department at Washington on the situation, but that owing to the "uncompromising attitude of the British government nothing has been accomplished."
Prices of plantation rubber have already risen from fifty-five cents to nine cents, on account of the embargo, it states.

THREE PROMINENT CANADIANS TO BE RENATURALIZED

Sir William Van Horne, Sir Thos. Shaughnessy and Hon. Geo. H. Parley to Take Out Imperial Papers—All Born in United States.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Among the first Canadians to be re-naturalized under the Imperial Naturalization Act which comes into effect on January 1, will be three distinguished men, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Sir William Van Horne, and Hon. George H. Parley. They were born in the United States, but have lived here for years, and were naturalized under the Dominion Act. But this act did not have statutory effect in Great Britain, and as a result some discussion has been raised in Imperial conferences.

The new act requires five years residence in the British empire, the last year of which shall have been spent in the country where the application is made.

ROYAL FAMILY TO SPEND CHRISTMAS AT SANDRINGHAM

Prince of Wales Expected Home from the Front for the Festive Season.

London, Dec. 18.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The king and queen have planned to spend Christmas, as usual, at York Cottage, Sandringham. It is expected that they will be joined by the Prince of Wales, who is now Gen. French's headquarters.

The presence of the Prince is based on the assumption that although the efforts failed to arrange a Christmas day, there will, nevertheless, be an informal suspension of his duties as Prince of Wales until after the royal home during the Sandringham is a favorite week-end of their majesties.

Clarendon Station Belgian Soci.
Clarendon Station, Dec. 21.—The members of Clarendon I. O. G. T. Lodge 446, gave a very enjoyable concert basket social on Saturday evening, December 19. H. W. Roberts was chairman. The programme was as follows:—Chorus—O Canada.
Speech—By Mr. Gregg, also J. Woods.
Recitation—"The Flag of the Empire"
Solo—Anthony Woods.
Recitation—"Lips That Touch Liquor Shall Never Touch Mine"—Annie Roberts.
Duet—"Tenting Tonight"—Arthur Johnson, Mrs. V. Johnston.
Dialogue—"Bridges Investment."
Solo—"The Canadian Boat Song."
Solo—"Beside the Camp Fire"—Violet M. Johnston.
Recitation—"Stella Murr."
Duet—"The Canadian Boat Song."
Dialogue—"The Quack Doctor."
Reading—"David Muir."
God Save the King.
Although the rain poured in torrents \$47 was realized for the Belgian fund.

Where Was It?
The superintendent of a Sunday school was illustrating for the children the text, "Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt." Showing them a large picture, she asked:
"Now, isn't that splendid? Here is the mother, here is the young child, there's Egypt in the distance."
The children, however, looked disappointed, and finally one little boy piped out: "Please, teacher, where's the flea?"
—Wesley Scotsman.

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