

## THE TRUTH ABOUT GERMANY

IT WILL BE A BIG JOB TO DEFEAT GERMANY THIS YEAR. EVEN WITH HELP OF UNITED STATES

German Finances Go Around in Circle—Kaiser's Health is Good—Ambassador Gerard's Protest has Improved Prison Camps

(By Carl W. Ackerman)

Of the hundreds of questions which people have asked about Germany, one of the most interesting and most difficult is: "How long will the war last?"

It is impossible to say with any degree of certainty whether the war will last more than this year or not. There are and there will be great military operations in Europe this summer and fall, and until some of these are completed no one will know what the results will be. But to observers in Germany one thing is certain: Germany can conduct an aggressive war this year. She can continue an offensive warfare in 1918 and perhaps even in 1919, unless the United States and the Allies are overwhelmingly successful in their military operations.

I want to answer briefly some of the questions I have been asked from Holyoke, Mass., to Richmond, Indiana and Chicago.

### Germany can Finance

"Will Germany be forced to stop fighting because of a lack of money?" asked a business man in Richmond.

Answer: It is very doubtful whether Germany will permit her finances to decide the war. When the ruthless submarine war was decided upon, financiers were not even questioned about the effects it would have upon Germany's financial standing. German financial methods are about as follows: The Government floats a war loan. The banks, people and manufacturers subscribe. The Government spends this money in Germany for war supplies, war materials and for salaries. The workers are receiving high wages, they save considerable money—deposit in the banks. Profits of the manufacturers go to the banks too. Then when the Government wants more money it announces another war loan, and the money which the Government previously spent is returned to the people in subscriptions. No one is permitted to take 1,000 marks or more out of Germany without permission, so that every possible cent is kept in the country. This method of war finance is successful in Germany during the war, and I doubt whether a continuation of it will affect military operations.

### Crisis after the War

The crisis will come after the war, when the city governments which have been borrowing and spending lavishly for relief purposes, have to pay their debts and obligations. "Is the Government paying interest on the war loans?" asks another Hoosier.

Answer: The Government pays 4½ and 5 and 6½ per cent interest on the war loans regularly.

"Is the Government considering a confiscation of wealth?"

Answer: Dr. Gustav Stresemann, a National Liberal member of the Reichstag, has introduced a bill providing for the confiscation of all great fortunes, and with the growth of Socialism in Germany, this plan may be adopted, but probably not until after the war.

"Is the Kaiser ill and does he really direct the Government affairs?"

### William's Health Good

Answer: The Kaiser is undoubtedly the most active man in Germany. He is not ill, as some Americans think. From time to time his physicians make him rest, and he is bothered with a throat trouble, but this does not keep him from directing and overseeing all Government business. In war time the Kaiser's will is law.

"Do the people ever see the Kaiser?" asked a woman in Scranton.

Answer: "The Kaiser comes to Berlin frequently, and when he is there he rides through the city in his military automobile. I saw him in Berlin three times last fall and winter. At all these times he was coming from or going into the chancellery's palace on Wilhelmstrasse, opposite the former American embassy."

"Has Germany called out her last reserves?" asked a lawyer in Holyoke.

Answer: "It has been reported many times that Germany has called out the last reserves, but I noticed during my stay in Berlin that by last reserves the Germans usually meant men who were excused at former calls because of sickness. Germany has it is estimated, about 400,000 new recruits every year, as the boys become of military age."

"Will the German people revolt as the Russians did?" questioned a businessman in Chicago.

### No Revolt if Winning

Answer: "The German people will not revolt as long as they are convinced that the Kaiser and military party are winning the war. Only a decisive military defeat will shake the confidence of the people in the present Government. The overthrow of the Hohenzollerns would accomplish nothing unless von Hindenburg and all the German Government officials were overthrown, too. If the German people discarded the Kaiser today they would select von Hindenburg to succeed him, because the field marshal is the most popular man in Germany. This would gain the Allies and the United States absolutely nothing. Uncle Sam and the Allies must fight until the faith of the German people in their army leadership is shattered. When this is done there will be an opportunity for the democratic movement in Germany to succeed."

"Can you tell us anything about the Belgian atrocities?" asks a Hoosier businessman.

Answer: "I was in Belgium several times, but I never came across direct evidence of atrocities. War is not only the most inhumane thing in the world, but it makes men inhuman. Intoxicated men will do almost anything when they are free from all moral and legal restraints, as they are during active military operations."

"What are conditions in prison camps?" asks a New York woman.

Answer: "Whenever I visited prison camps I was escorted by a German officer, and the camps were always put in good condition beforehand. I would rely absolutely upon the statements and testimony of Ambassador Gerard. He told me that one time he found eleven Englishmen living in a box stall at Ruhleben where his riding horse was kept in peace time, but this was remedied after the ambassador complained to the Government and published his exposure of conditions in the American and Allied newspapers. Prison camp conditions were much better when diplomatic relations were broken last December than they have been at any time during the war. Because Mr. Gerard took such personal interest in the camps he received the title of the 'American Warden' in Germany. Before I left Germany the English-born wife of a German army officer, whose brother was interned at Ruhleben, was supplying her with butter, cake and tea, which he obtained from England. Many men are becoming insane at Ruhleben because of the detention there. Ambassador Gerard has made this clear in his reports."

### "Can Germany be defeated?"

Answer: "Germany not only can but must be defeated, even if it takes two or three more years to do it. There will not be peace in Europe unless the present Government of Germany is radically changed, so that was and peace do not rest with one man. The sooner the United States gets into the war with its full power the quicker the war will end. The sooner the American people learn not to be wasteful the quicker Germany will be defeated. Everything now depends upon the United States."

### Place for Americans

"Are American troops needed in France?"

Answer: "The best way to encourage our allies and show them that we are in the war to win is to send troops to France, and to send a strong commission to Russia. Theodore Roosevelt's presence in Europe will do a great deal to help us defeat Germany. But it would be a splendid thing if Mr. Roosevelt could be sent to Russia, too, after he has been in France."

"What do the German people think of President Wilson?"

Answer: "They regard him as the most dangerous leader of the Allies. Next to Premier Lloyd George, there is not a man the German Government fears more. The Kaiser fears Mr. Wilson, because it knows that if these two men are successful in carrying through their policies that the Government will lose the grip it has over the German people."

Mothers can easily know when their children are troubled with worms, and they lose no time in applying the best of remedies—Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.

## POTATOES BY THE TON BUT PRICE HIGH

Enormous Crop From South on Way to the Markets, To Take Place of Flour.

There is an enormous crop of new potatoes coming into the market from the South, according to dealers.

"We are now getting a big yield in Florida," said H. G. Miles, of H. G. Miles & Co., Washington Market, "and South Carolina shipments have just begun. Farmers who expected a crop of forty-five to fifty barrels to the acre in those sections are now getting eighty barrels. They cannot get barrels enough in which to ship their crop to the market. They are using bags and boxes and every other container available. The outlook is bright for a big potato crop all through the South Atlantic States."

"The North Carolina potatoes will begin to come in by June 5 and the supply from Eastern Virginia, including Princess Anne, Norfolk and Nanamond Counties by June 10 to 15. In the height of the season over 100,000 barrels per day come in from the Norfolk section. From 25,000 to 30,000 barrels per day come in from the Norfolk section. From 25,000 to 30,000 barrels per day are needed for the local consumption in New York City alone."

Mr. Miles said that the West and Central West are bare of potatoes and big shipments of the new crop are being made to those sections. The new crop is bringing \$11 per barrel for 'firsts' and \$10 for 'seconds'.

"With flour at present prices," said Mr. Miles, "potatoes will be high through the year. They will largely take the place of flour in bread-making. They furnish more nutriment for the money, and will largely make up for the short wheat crop."

"There are a lot of individual buyers in the Southern potato fields but they are buying for the immediate needs of their home markets. I don't believe that there is any speculation in it."

Mr. Miles said he did not place much credence in reports current in the market district that speculators had already gone into the Norfolk district and bought up more than half the growing crop.

"If anyone were able to buy up the field of one grower, say at \$6 per barrel, by the time he got to the next farmer he would have to pay \$7. The news that anyone was trying to corner the market would travel quickly, and every grower would be eager to share in the deal," said Mr. Miles.—Brooklyn Eagle, May 14.

### COAL PRICES

The Cobourg Board of Trade has secured a copy of a report made by the Federal Trade Commission of the United States on the coal situation, and after a careful study of the report, one is led to the conclusion that the only justification for the present high prices is that all over the country the consumers of coal have become panic-stricken and are frantically trying to purchase coal at almost any price. The local dealers are of course compelled to do the best they can to supply this demand for several times the amount of coal that they handled in ordinary seasons at this time of the year, and are forced to pay premiums to speculators in order to secure the coal in such increased quantities. During last winter when the situation was acute and when the railroads were

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I am a woman. What I have suffered is a far better guide than any man's experience gained from books. And the treatment that gave me health and strength, new interest in life, I want to pass on to you, that you, too, may enjoy the precious boon of health.

Are you unhappy, and for your duties? Write and tell me how you feel and I will send you ten days' FREE trial of a home treatment to meet your individual needs, together with references to women in Canada who have passed through your troubles and regained health, or you can secure this FREE treatment for your duties, for mother.

you suffer from pain in the head, back, or bowels, feeling of weight and dizziness, down sensations, falling or displacement of internal organs, bladder troubles, frequent urination, obstinate constipation or diarrhea, flatulency, nervousness, depression, sleeplessness, irritability, loss of appetite, loss of energy, loss of interest in life, loss of vitality, loss of power, loss of strength, loss of health, loss of life.

blamed for the shortage of cars, it appears that many thousands of cars were held up by speculators who paid demurrage on them rather than let them go through in the ordinary way, and this demurrage was ultimately paid by the consumer as well as the premium demanded by the speculator for what he was pleased to call his services in getting the coal through.

Prices at the mines for May are, it is true, higher this year than formerly, but the increase is only from 24 to 30 cents a ton, and the prices being charged this month loaded on cars at the mouth of the mine are as follows:—

Egg ..... \$3.61  
Stove ..... 3.34  
Chestnut ..... 3.93

To arrive at what should be a fair price one should of course add the freight and the cost of delivering from the cars, and a reasonable profit for the dealer, but there is no reason why the buying public should get so panicky as to force the dealer to secure coal from sources other than the regular mine owners and pay a premium to get it.

After all it is a long time till next winter, and while it is the part of prudence to look ahead, and the custom of filling the coal bin in the summer time is one that is to be recommended, there is no reason in the world for losing our heads.

The miners simply cannot mine all the coal we want for the whole year in a month or two in the spring. They are mining more than they did last year, and there should be no famine if everyone would simply take the advice of the diminutive little man in the comic supplement, "For the love of Mike, be reasonable."—Cobourg World.

### A Pill that Proves its Value.

Those of weak stomach will find strength in Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, because they serve to maintain the healthful action of the stomach and the liver, irregularities to which are most distressing. Dyspepsia is well acquainted with them and value them at their proper worth. They have afforded relief when other preparations have failed, and have effected cures in ailments of long standing where other medicines were found unavailing.

### DEATH OF MRS. ANDREW SPENCER

On Friday evening, May 18, there passed away at the 4th Concession Ameliasburg, an aged and highly respected lady, in the person of Mrs. Andrew Spencer. The deceased had been in declining health for a time and the passing was not unlooked for.

The mother of a large family she has long enjoyed the confidence and affection of her children and grandchildren. Though settled in various parts, the devotion of the different members of the family to their aged parents has been an object of admiration to the whole community. Their frequent home-comings will now have lost much of their charm since Mother the guardian angel of the hearth has been called away.

To the bereaved husband deprived of sight since some years, and to whom for sixty-three years she has been help-mate and comfort is the loss most keen. To him, time and adversity have proved the worth of a loving and solid partner, and though the human eye may lose its sight, even death has no power to efface the image of the loved one from the human heart.

The immediate mourners are: the husband and nine children: Asa of Winnipeg; Mrs. McConnell and Mrs. Alvey of Wellington; Mrs. Coulter of Smithfield; Mrs. Smith of Bancroft; Mrs. Morrison of Bloomfield; Walter of Peterborough; Halton and Miss Alma at home.

In this their hour of tribulation, is extended to them, the sympathy of a host of friends and neighbors.



### Read My FREE Offer!

To Mothers of Daughters, I will explain a simple home remedy which speedily and effectively dispels green-sickness (chlorosis), irregularities, headaches and leucorrhoea in young women, and restores them to plumpness and health. Tell me if you are worried about your daughter. Remember I send you nothing to give my method of home treatment a complete ten days' trial, and if you wish to continue, it costs only a few cents a week to do so, and it does not interfere with your daily work. It is health worth asking for! Write for the free treatment, and I will send it to you in a plain wrapper by return mail. Cut out this offer, mark the pieces that tell your feelings, and return to me. Write and ask for the free treatment to-day, as you may not see this offer again.

Windsor, Ontario

## Letters to The Editor

### JENNIE LIND

Many years ago P. T. Barnum, the great showman, brought to the United States a young Swedish girl born in Stockholm, named Jenny Lind. This young songstress captured the continent with her songs. No such enthusiasm ever greeted the greatest sopranos since that day. Barnum reaped a large fortune, and was very liberal in the immense sums paid the Swedish nightingale.

I venture to reproduce a few of her celebrated songs:—  
From the Opera "The Daughter of the Regiment."

All do allow it, march where we may,  
None like the '24th', gallant and gay!

All are so kind to us, so loved around,  
We have a merry time—life and joy abound.

Our brave companions, foremost in fight,  
Loved by the fair, with us they delight.

Yes, they're here! Yes they're here!  
Lo, they come with sword and drum!

See, they come! See, they come!  
With the drum, see, they come; See, they come with sword and drum!

Look at our regiment! who are like them?

In our battalion all are so brave,  
We have decreed our country to save.

Marching to victory, we now declare  
Never to surrender, but unto the fair.

Yes, they're here—Hurrah!

"Song of the Drum."

During life's early morning  
The camp is my home;

No sound half so charming  
To me as the drum—  
It calls me to glory,  
And this is our cry:  
For home we must conquer,  
Have freedom or die.

The camp, the camp is our home;  
No music so stirring to me as the drum!

The camp is a palace  
In splendor to me,  
And queens might have envied  
The song of the free.  
Hurrah for the drum!

"The Ratanplan" (from the Opera "La Figue del Reggimento").

What charm has the drum, with its tan-a-ran-tan!

When we march to the gay parade,  
Oh, the music we love in the bold ratanplan.

And the 'rub-a-dub' merrily played,  
Every heart is inspired by its magical sound;

There's a soul in the stirring drum;  
And there's not a voice while its echoes rebound.

But would cry "Let them come."

So merrily O! So cheerily O!  
So merrily march away.  
Ratanplan, ratanplan, ratanplan!  
March away while we may—  
'Tis a gay, gaily day.

And our banners are flaunting high  
In the sun, sword and gun.  
Flash every one,  
With a glance just as bright as the sky.

To the field when we march, how the tan-a-ran-tan!

Makes the heart of the soldier glow!

Let him hear but the roll of the bold ratanplan.

And how gallantly forward he'll go.

When the battle is done, and the victory won,  
Still the sound of the rolling drum

Sends its echoes afar from the red field of war.

To the dear friends who welcome them home.

J. J. B. Flint.

### PRESENTATION OF SILVER

Mr. Murch Honored by Members of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

Friday evening was a memorable event in Masonic circles when members of the Grand Chapter from various parts of Eastern Ontario gathered in Kingston to make a presentation to W. S. R. Murch, who for two years has been presiding officer of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada. The presentation was in the form of a magnificent cabinet of silver suitably inscribed and very appropriate.

The presentation was made by a committee composed of Abraham Shaw, F. W. Harcourt, Toronto, Col. W. N. Ponton, Belleville, and H. F. Smith, Toronto, and there was an unusually large crowd present, representatives being on hand from Toronto, Trenton, Belleville, Picton, Napanee, Brockville, Renfrew and other places. Following the presentation Mr. Murch made a suitable reply after which a banquet was held and a delightful musical program provided.

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## PITIALE SCENES IN BELGIUM

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seizures would continue here in Brussels but on Thursday last, a bitter cold day, those that had been evoked were sent home without examination. It is supposed that the severe weather has moved the Germans to postpone the deportations.

The rage, the terror and despair excited by this measure all over Belgium were beyond anything we had witnessed since the day the Germans poured into Brussels. The delegates of the Commission or Relief in Belgium, returning to Brussels, told the most distressing stories of the scenes of cruelty and sorrow attending the seizures. And daily hourly almost, since that time, appalling stories have been related by Belgians coming to the Legation. It is impossible for us to verify them, first because it is necessary for us to exercise all possible tact in dealing with the subject, and all secondly, because there is no means of communication between the Etappen Gebiet. Transportation everywhere in Belgium is difficult, the vicinal railways scarcely operating any more because of the lack of oil, while all the horses have been taken. The people, who are forced to go from one village to another, must do so on foot or in vans drawn by the few miserable horses that are left. The wagons of the breweries, the one institution that the Germans have scrupulously respected, are hauled by oxen.

### Perfect Health Due to the Blood

No Girl or Woman Need be Constantly Ailing and Unhappy

Nature intended every girl and every woman to be happy, attractive and healthy. Yet too many of them find their lives saddened by suffering—nearly always because their blood is to blame. All those unhappy girls and women with colorless cheeks, dull skins and sunken, lusterless eyes, are in this condition because they have not enough blood. Red blood in their veins to keep them well and in the charm of health. They suffer from depressing weariness and periodical headaches. Dark lines form under their eyes, their heart palpitates violently after the slightest exertion, and they are often attacked with fainting spells. These are only a few of the miseries of bloodlessness. Nothing can secure girls and women from the inevitable decline that follows anaemia except a generous supply of new, rich blood, and nothing has ever proved so successful in creating red, good blood as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Thousands and thousands of girls and women owe their good health and charming complexion to the use of this medicine. Here is one example of its power to cure. Miss Dorina Bastien, St. Jerome, Que., says: "For over a year my health was gradually failing, my blood had seemed almost to have turned to water, my cheeks were pale, my lips bloodless, and the slightest exertion left me breathless. I suffered frequently from severe headaches, my appetite failed, and my friends feared I was going into consumption. I had been doctoring but did not derive any benefit, and finally I had to give up my work and return home. It was at this stage that a friend brought me a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and urged me to try them. By the time the box was used I thought they were helping me, and decided to continue using the pills. I took a half dozen boxes more, when my strength had completely returned, my appetite was restored, my color returned, headaches had disappeared and I was feeling better than I had been for years. I would urge every weak and ailing girl to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial."

These pills are sold by all medicine dealers or may be had by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

NAPANEE INAUGURATES A CAMPAIGN

Napanee is having a campaign for military Y.M.C.A. funds. Their objective was \$1500 and the returns for the first day was \$1800. This is to be followed by a canvass of the rural district surrounding Napanee.

HONORS COME TO BELLEVILLE

Miss Norah Elliott, a former student of the Belleville High School, who entered Trinity College last autumn with the Carter Scholarship, has been most successful in her year's work, having gained first class honors in her course, and secured the Dickens Scholarship in modern languages.

HEALTHY CHILDREN

It is natural for little ones to be well, and with care every baby can be kept well. The main thing towards their little stomach sweet and their bowels regular. Baby's Own Tablets will do this. Thousands of mothers keep them an efficient guard against illness. Concerning them Mrs. Hilaire Desmarais, St. Joseph de Sorel, Que., writes: "I believe Baby's Own Tablets are the best medicine in the world for children. My baby was terribly constipated but the Tablets promptly cured him and now he is a big healthy child."

The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

WELCOME PROPOSED IRISH CONVENTION

London, May 22.—Most of the morning newspapers editorially welcome the proposed Irish convention as a hopeful means for settling the Irish trouble, but none of them express confidence in the success.

TARNOWSKI REACHES ROME

Rome, May 22.—Count Tarnowski, late Austrian ambassador to Washington, has arrived here after an uneventful voyage from the United States enroute to Vienna.

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