

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS MAKE SOME CURIOUS ADMISSIONS

Cologne Gazette Pleads Guilty to the Offence of Lying and Attempts a Justification

GERMANY WANTS TO HOLD BELGIUM

And Must do it, Says The Deutsche Tages Zeitung—Pinch of Want Much Felt in Germany

In an interview granted to the Associated Press correspondent the other day, Imperial Chancellor Bethmann von Hollweg said that hate was not a German charac-

teristic. "The vendetta," he said "belongs to the Latins." The unsupported word of the Imperial Chancellor is not to be accepted, and the German Press daily supplies evidence that hatred of Britain is the dominating sentiment of the German people to-day. If Germany were winning she could not hate Britain, and her hatred probably means no more than that she recognizes it is the British Empire which, in the long run will destroy her ambitions.

The German hatred of Britain, however, is hardly more prominent in the columns of German newspapers than the attempt to deceive the German readers. It is probable that the German editors are not themselves the sources, but rather the victims of deceptions. They know only what the German military authorities choose

to let them know; they print only what they are permitted to print. Yet in spite of themselves we come across some curious admissions.

Admits Lying. For instance, in the Cologne Gazette, a semi-official newspaper, which has occupied for many years some such position in Germany as the London Times in England, contains the following paragraphs: "The German press should be made to understand that the golden hours are too precious to be wasted in dwelling on the hypocrisy and lies of the British."

"The British are really not to blame for possessing these characteristics any more than a dog is to be blamed for barking. It is their nature to lie and deceive."

"Throughout our glorious history, we Germans have shown by our actions that we despise the tortuous path, that falsehood and libel are foreign to our nature. But with a snarling dog there is no use in arguing, the only reply possible is a vigorous kick."

"This simile applies to the British, and, being under compulsion by the stress of circumstances to carry the theory into effect, we must occasionally depart from the straight road and meet the liar with lie. That is the only way to silence him."

"When once the strong arms of our blue-coated lads shall have beaten him to earth, we shall joyfully return to our strictly truthful ways. There will be no more cause for answering a fool according to his folly, and returning lies for lies."

Admits Designs on Belgium.

As the London Express remarks, probably never before was there such an admission in a responsible newspaper. There is a significant passage in the Deutsche Tageszeitung concerning Belgium, which would indicate that Belgium was by no means the accidental victim of Germany's designs on France, but that Belgium was coveted for her own sake. It is as follows:

"According to Lord Kitchener, Great Britain and France are determined to exert themselves to their utmost to wrench from us the occupied Belgian territory."

"This must not be. Even though Germany be beaten in the East and in the West, though she be finally and absolutely defeated in all her aspirations, this sole aim, the possession of the Belgian coastline, must be secured at any cost, if we lose everything else."

"It must be driven home to every sane person in the Fatherland that Germany's whole future depends on keeping Britain and France away from Belgian soil. This is a vital

question, not for the success of our military operations only, but for the political and industrial future of the German Empire. With Belgium we sink or swim."

Feeling the Pinch.

Occasionally a plaintive note will be struck, and the Cologne Gazette, in discussing the war, estimate that it is costing about £8,000,000 a day. "If this war continues for another year," it remarks, "the grim spectre of bankruptcy, which already casts its shadow before it, will be at the doors of many of the belligerents. In the face of such ruinous figures as these, even defeat would be less disastrous than an indefinite prolongation of the war."

It is plain that the pinch is beginning to be felt. There is the example of the Imperial decree that black bread shall be eaten instead of wheat bread. It has been made a penal offence to sell bread containing less than 75 per cent. of potato meal, and the use of oils and fats in the manufacture of soap is also forbidden.

The Cologne Gazette remarks that, while the people in England are struggling to keep the wolf from the door, the German people must be careful. It mentions a German town where there are 1,000 school children, and it has been discovered that in the school there is a wastage of bread amounting to eight pounds a week. "During the school term of 40 weeks this totals 320 pounds, which at the present price of bread is equivalent to about £7."

Bread Very Valuable.

It is easy to calculate from this what bread is worth in Germany. The wastage against which the paper protests is caused by the children throwing the uneaten crusts into the dustbin. The Lokalanzeiger admits that Germany is sending boys and greybeards to the front, but declares that this is a vindication of German militarism.

It asserts that these elders and youngsters are made efficient soldiers in a few weeks, thanks to the spirit that animates Germany, and which cannot be imitated by her foes. Some of the newspapers sought the opinions of representative citizens as the best means of celebrating Christmas.

According to Marshal von der Goltz, "There is no better way of spending or celebrating Christmas than in the trenches and amid a formidable rain of bullets." Prof. Harnack, the venerable theologian and philosopher, said: "We can best celebrate Christmas by vowing to fight and fight again until we have secured a lasting and honorable peace."

Dr. von Jagow, the Berlin chief of police, said: "Let your hearts beat with faith in God, your fists on the bodies of your enemies."

SHARE FOOD WITH FELLOW SUFFERERS

Belgians, Themselves Destitute, Share up with French Comrades in Distress—Help Urgently Needed

London, Jan. 10.—Herbert Hoover, chairman of the American commission for relief in Belgium has returned to London from a tour of inspection of the work being done for the Commission in Belgium. In a statement issued to the Press Mr. Hoover said:

"An appalling situation has been presented to the commission with regard to the French peasantry in the valley of the Meuse, just south of the Belgian frontier, where there are ten thousand persons absolutely without food. Our investigation showed that a large number of deaths already had occurred there from starvation."

Share With Others Needy.

"Despite the shortness of the rations in Belgium our Belgian colleagues agreed that we must share the last crust with these people."

Mr. Hoover also issued a report on the Commission's work in Belgium, in which he says the organization for the distribution of food supplies is well on the road to completion.

"It must be borne in mind," Mr. Hoover said in his report, "that the problem falls into two phases. The first is the provision of bread for those who are able to pay for it, and the second, the provision of all foods for those who are destitute. Broadly speaking the former comprise some 5,500,000 persons. On the basis of the minimum rations we are providing, they require about \$3,500,000 worth of bread per month."

1,400,000 Wholly Destitute.

"The destitute comprise 1,400,000, who are being wholly fed through the public canteens. The cost of supporting them is about \$2,500,000 per month, for which we are depending on the charity of the world."

"All Belgium is now on a ration of ten ounces of bread per day, rich and poor alike, when there is that much of a ration available. The rich pay the cost price, the destitute nothing."

"This requires a total import of over 100,000,000 pounds of flour or wheat per month, to say nothing of peas, salt, beans, bacon, condensed milk and other things which must be provided for the canteen."

The report concludes as follows:

"Despite the volume of food which has been placed at our disposal, we can provision only until Feb. 15th. Great as has been the generosity of the American people, it is well to bear in mind that if we fall after that date, the world will be faced by the greatest tragedy it has yet witnessed in the possible extinction of an entire nation. Strenuous as the efforts that we, our country-men and country-women have made, they cannot for one moment be relaxed, if this gigantic catastrophe is to be prevented."

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