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LUDENDORFF IS TEUTONS' HOPE

The Real Ruler, Says Member of Reichstag
Rinches The Brains
Directs Strategy and Cooks the Official Reports — As Ruthless as Hindenburg

Speaking in the Reichstag some little time ago Haase, Socialist leader, said: "The truth, gentlemen, is that Count von Hertling is only a sign, which covers the all-powerful military party; the real ruler is Ludendorff."

The notion that the Kaiser is the brains of Germany is dispelled by the fact that the German army has some first-class brains in its round skull, and a glance at the photograph of the Crown Prince would establish his own alibi, as the ball-players call it. For a long time Hindenburg was supposed to be the master spirit of the Central Powers' military exertions, but those in a position to judge are almost unanimous in saying that the best brain in the high command of the German army is behind the broad, bulging forehead of Ludendorff, whose title is lieutenant-general quartermaster, and in whose honor a bridge has been named by the Kaiser.

Hindenburg, they say, is the arm; Ludendorff is the brain. In a recent article in La Revue, Captain Carré, of the French army, discusses Ludendorff, and lays emphasis upon the creed of force and cruelty of the man as revealed by his utterances and his acts. In appearance Ludendorff does not impress like Hindenburg as massive and trooper-like. If there is any science of physiognomy, Ludendorff is a much swifter, cleverer thinker than Hindenburg. The latter frequently indulges in furious bursts of passion, and makes his subordinates shiver, which, perhaps has something to do with the great respect that is shown him by his butler-like colleagues. He bumps the table with his fist, and gives vent to profanity, and one recalls other men who have built up a reputation for force of character on no better foundation than ill-manners, a formidable countenance, rude manners, and the lavish use of the word "hell."

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Ludendorff is quite as ruthless as Hindenburg, as the following passage, which is translated from an interview by the New York Times, indicates: "War is not any more a war of armies, but a struggle of nations against nations. All the means used to weaken an enemy's nation become legitimate—by killing women and children, for example, one destroys the mothers and future defenders of the country." Similarly by putting out the eyes of the young girls of the country, one makes them less attractive to lovers, and thus tends to keep them single, which would be an advantage if the plan is to decrease the birth-rate of the next generation." This single statement of Ludendorff is enough to reveal the man's character, in so far as it is a matter of concern to civilization. One is not astonished to learn that it was Ludendorff who planned the wholesale deportation of Belgians.

One of the most important duties discharged by Ludendorff is not directly a military one. He may advise Hindenburg as to strategy, and that Hindenburg relies upon him in this matter is indicated by the fact that the people of Berlin call the field marshal "Wassagst."

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many had not lost a battle, had not made a mistake, had not been checked, since the struggle began. It would be impossible for any censorship, any official conspiracy, to impose upon one of the Allies the reports that Ludendorff has invited the German people to accept. They have accepted, and therefore their "will-to-win" remains strong. An Extremely Competent Liar.

Speaking of these reports, Captain Carré says: "Cunning, tortuous, a forger and a liar, thus appears Ludendorff in the course of this special work." All the official reports to the people pass through his hands. If there is a German repulse, he represents the ground lost as unimportant, and lays emphasis upon the fixed policy of the higher command to use sparingly the lives of German soldiers. If it has to be admitted that the enemy gained a mile, he says that the intention had been to gain ten miles, and that it was therefore a failure. Sometimes he invents stories of battles that never occurred, and concludes with German victories. As a chief of staff he must be accorded high rank. His Roumanian campaign, even though founded on treachery, was organized with great flexibility. Once it began, it would have taken a miracle to turn it into a German defeat. On the whole his western campaign will not turn into a crown of laurel. It has had successes, but as many checks. It has failed to do what he intended it should do, what Hindenburg was so incautious as to announce it would do. And, so far as Ludendorff is concerned, the worst is yet to come.

CATHOLIC CHURCH AIDS SALVATION ARMY DRIVE

Pastor of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, Calls on Parishioners to Give to War Fund

(New York Times.)

With only two days left in which to get the last \$75,000 of New York city's quota of \$250,000, the Salvation Army campaign was spurred yesterday by an appeal to Catholics to support the drive, which was issued by Mgr. M. J. Lavelle, The D. & A. embody the latest and most fashionable designs and sell at half the price of imported corsets.

One of the most striking changes brought about by the war, and the necessity of raising great funds for charitable work under the direction of the various organizations best fitted for it, has been the practical raising of old walls of religious insularism. These various drives have brought Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, and the non-denominational shoulder to shoulder. This war has had a wonderful effect in bringing people together, making them waive differences of religion and party, and causing them, without the slightest diminution of loyalty to individual belief, to join hand in hand and stand together in every enterprise calculated to promote the welfare of our common country.

"We Catholics have striven to do not only our share, but our utmost, in the financial support of the government and of all the war charities. We appreciate cordially the aid we have received from our non-Catholic fellow citizens in the Catholic war drive; consequently we are deeply concerned in the success of the Salvation Army's present drive. I wish it well, and shall lend it every assistance. We know that the money thus raised—like that of the Y. M. C. A. and the Jewish Society—will be wisely used for the welfare and comfort of our soldiers in the camps and on the battlefield. This unanimity of sentiment in the present issue is of great value to the country at all times, but especially in these days of danger and stress."

At the headquarters of the campaign, 148 West Fourteenth street, announcement was made last night that the campaign total now stood at \$175,000. Among the larger givers were Cleveland H. Dodge & Co., \$10,000; Mrs. R. A. Wellington, \$1,000; Clarence MacKay, \$1,000; Mrs. Walter Damrosch, \$1,000; R. G. Dunn & Co., \$800; American Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$1,000; New York Telephone Co., \$1,000, and \$500 from Liggett & Myers.

A factory girl, who has relatives at the front, approached a Salvation Army

woman yesterday and tendered two \$100 Liberty bonds. Investigation disclosed that the girl was trying to give away her entire savings, and the bonds were returned. The girl, highly indignant, said she could use her own money as she pleased, and mailed her contribution right into headquarters.

The high cost of living was completely forgotten yesterday when John Beck, manager of the American Lithographic Company, 82 East Nineteenth street, called his employees together at noon and talked to them about helping the campaign. With R. E. Newberry, a member of the firm, he rounded up all the men in the big plant and started to auction off doughnuts at \$2 apiece and pies at \$1 a portion. The auction brought \$1,045 in twenty minutes.

Commander Evangeline Booth yesterday issued an order directing Salvation Army workers to give one day to helping the Red Cross in its drive next week, besides helping all the time. The Salvationists have already donated forty-six ambulances to the Red Cross, and furnished several drivers, who have won honors.

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