GERMAN MIND NOT ALTERED BY THE WAR

Holocaust of War Fails to Shake Her Out of Self-Conceit.

CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY DEFEAT CAME

People Are Just Waiting for New Party to Come Out and Lead Them.

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Berlin, Jan. 7—It is nearly seven and a half years since I was last in Berlin. The city which in 1913 I left spick-and-span, prosperous and purse-proud, its poor, like its vices, decorously hidden away, is today but a shabby shadow of its former self, and abandoned to an open orgy of iniquity which must surely be unique among the capitals of Europe.

But the German mind does not seem to have altered. Neither the holocaust of dead nor the crash of thrones has shaken Germany out of her self-conceit.

Albeit sadly puzzled to account for the utter breakdown of the entire German system, in his outlook on life the German of 1920 is to most intents and purposes the German of 1913. In a world which to British eyes is strangely changed by five years of world war, the mental isolation of the German is absolute. To talk to him makes you feel that the German of today is the loneliest creature on God's earth.

Wondering Why Defeated

Yet with heavy deliberation he is communing with himself to ascertain the causes of his defeat. But he is not examining conscience.

Any Berlin bookshop will show you the chaos prevailing in the German mind.

Professor Steinach's rejuvenation experiments, Einstein's theory of light, Maynard Keynes and Norman Angell on the Versailles Peace—both books in German translations and prominently displayed—treatises on spiritualism, atheism, free love and the like—works of this description stand side by side with a mass of frankly pornographic literature. Here you will find reasoned explanations for the past, complicated schemes for the future, but nothing practical to deal with the problems of the present. And, above all, no contrition for Germany's crime against mankind.

Floundering in Doubt.

The German surveyed the world from his castle of militarism. Now that it has collapsed he is left floundering in a sea of doubts and fears. The Germans with whom I have spoken expect us to hold them guiltless of the past because, they say, they have rid Germany of her military caste.

They have, it is true, expelled the bloody-minded blanderers surrounding that eminent nonentity, William the Second-rater, because they failed to keep their promise to establish German world-dominion. But the German people is governed by herd instinct, and the expulsion of the Old Gang in the circumstances of military defeat and home panic in which the Hohenzollerns were sent away requires weightier evidence of a change of heart than is forthcoming in Germany today if it is to be accepted as a proof of the death of German militarism.

Talk to a Frenchman of any class, and you will, sooner or later come upon a well-banked but fiercely smouldering Republican ardor. Talk to a German about his government and you will find, at the best, lukewarm interest; at the worst resentful ridicule towards the German Republic.

The average attitude is one of blank indifference. The German man in the street never thought for himself. He does not do so today. The question of the future is: What party will emerge from the present chaos to do his thinking for him?

The Germans are perfectly willing to forgive us for the war. They talk glibly about "this unhappy war" with the air of a man making perfunctory excuses for some social lapse. Even today, I find that the great majority of Germans have no idea of the abhorrence in which the very name of German is held in the Anglo-Saxon countries and in France and Belgium.

Roosevelt and Congress.
(Washington Star.)

A number of men were dining at the White House one day during a period when President Roosevelt was having a particularly difficult time with Congress. Among them were Carl Akeley, the big-game hunter, and a certain Congressman from Illinois.

Akeley had been telling how one evening in the heart of Africa he had seen sixteen lions coming out of one cave. The President's eyes shone.

"By George!" he exclaimed. "I wish I could turn those lions loose in Congress!"

"But, Mr. President," interposed the Congressman, "aren't you afraid they might make a mistake?"

Roosevelt snapt his teeth together. "Not if they stayed long enough!"

The Cause of Gout
Rheumatism

According to medical men such as Garrod, Minkowski, Haig, Vogt and Roach, the cause of gout is due to an excessive accumulation of uric acid in the blood. The same effect happens in rheumatism.

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ENGLISH SCULPTOR MODELS BUSTS OF LENINE AND TROTZKY

Mrs. Clare Sheridan Reaches London After Trip to Petrograd.

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London, Jan. 7—Mrs. Clare Sheridan, the brilliant young English sculptor, who went to Russia to model the chief figure in the Russian revolution, has returned to England. She is a cousin of Mr. Churchill and niece of Lady Randolph Churchill. She has brought back with her life-size busts of Lenin and Trotsky.

"I went to Russia," Mrs. Sheridan said, "at the invitation of Krassnoff, who assured me that if I accompanied him he would secure me sittings of Lenin and Trotsky. This was a chance not to be missed. The Foreign Office refused to grant me a passport, saying I would be shot. So I went without one, and yet see I have not been shot.

Was Used Well.

"I was given comfortable quarters in a requisitioned house. Both Lenin and Trotsky are excellent sitters. I had eight hours with Lenin and twenty with Trotsky. Trotsky talked pictures, art, and literature. He has the head of Mephisto. He has a wonderful personality and is full of fire. He has read the best English literature, and once said to me that if England had never done anything but produce Shakespeare she would have justified her existence."

Lenin Extraordinary Man.

Of Lenin Mrs. Sheridan said: "From the art point of view I think he is the most interesting man in the world. His eyes are most extraordinary. His whole personality is in them. I modelled him in his room at the War Office while he was at work at his desk. His calmness in all circumstances is extraordinary. No matter how excited others get he always preserves his impassiveness.

Mrs. Sheridan is a very handsome woman. She has the dark coloring and the fine expressive eyes that mark her aunt, Lady Randolph Churchill, who chaperoned her often when she was a girl. Her intimate friends include Lady Patricia Ramsay, and her bust of the Duke of Connought's daughter is one of her most successful efforts. Another admirable likeness is the bust of Mr. Asquith, done for the Oxford Union, while her cousin, Mr. Winston Churchill, has been an appreciative sitter. Other cousins who have played a part in politics of a very different kind in Ireland are Lady Carson and Mr. Shane Leslie.

Mystery Solved at Last.

We now know who won the war. It was Smith. There were 54,180 of him in the American forces. The United States War Department says that all the Smiths who served in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps would make fifteen regiments of a strength of 3,000 each. When we count in the Smiths in our Army we can estimate quite precisely who turned the scale against the Germans.—Liverpool Post.

"Wonderful old oak, I wonder what you would say to me if you could speak?"

"Well," said the gardener, visibly affected, "my guess is, 'I beg your pardon, miss, but I am a beech.'"

Making Bad Things Worse.

Winter, as if it were an evil spirit, seems to take delight in making bad things worse. Rheumatism twists harder, twinges sharper, catarrh becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of scrofula are developed and aggravated. These are common diseases, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of them.

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New Way to Convey to "Wifey" the Fact a Husband is Peeved.

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London, Jan. 7—If you think your wife fails in her duty to you, send her a lawyer's letter. This axiom was acted on by a London man after a year's married life, and the wife straightway took the case to the magistrate.

Her husband, she said—although he was living with her and made no personal complaint—had instructed his solicitor to write to her, alleging she was not carrying out her wifely duties in a proper manner.

She handed in this solicitors' letter, which the magistrate read:

"Dear Madam,—We are instructed by your husband that you are carrying out your duties as a wife in a very unsatisfactory manner, and we must ask for an improvement in your treatment of you husband.

"We are instructed that you took the baby out on a foggy and unsuitable day in defiance of the wishes of your husband.

"This conduct must cease forthwith, and we are to request that you show a sweeter disposition towards your husband in future. We are, Madam, yours etc. ——"

"This is a very paltry sort of letter," remarked the judge.

"Yes," said the wife, "that is just what I told my husband. He was so annoyed that he struck me."

"In that case you can take a summons for assault, and we will have him here."

Bangor, Me., Jan. 7.—The wharf plants of the Pejepscot Paper Company and the Consumers Fuel Co., were damaged by fire to the extent of $50,000 today. The paper company's plant, which was used in discharging pulp wood brought from Canada by steamers, was put out of commission.

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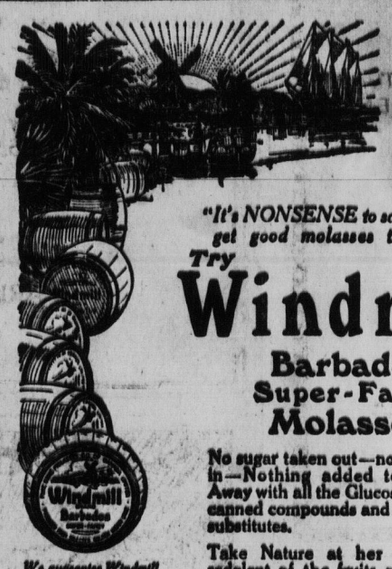

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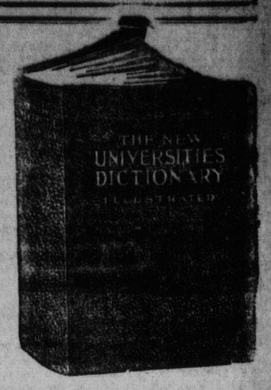

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