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GERMAN SUBSTITUTES FOR RUBBER TIRES

Rubber being scarce in Germany nowadays, a number of bicycle tires made of substitutes for rubber are reported to have appeared on the German market, says the June Popular Mechanics Magazine. First came a tire made of steel wire 3-16 in. thick, closely coiled, with ends welded together. This was high-priced, damaged pavements, and rattled in use. Then came three different types of wooden tires, the cheapest being made of a single piece of wood, while others are made of wooden sections. Another type of wood tire has the outer surface covered with a leather strip. Steel springs are used with all the wooden tires, either in forks or between tire and rim, which adds considerably to their cost. Tires covered with leather or with canvas, instead of rubber, are also on the market. But the best substitute for the rubber tire has an outer tube of prepared canvas, and a cloth-wound inner tube filled with a solid preparation resembling rubber, that is said to be quite elastic.

Calls For The Bonusing of Wooden Ships

Trenchant Arrangement by H. H. Blanchet for Government Inactivity in Meeting Demand for Merchant Marine—Steel Plate Cannot Now Be Secured

(Ottawa Citizen)

A trenchant arraignment of the government for its inactivity in providing merchant marine is made by H. H. Blanchet, of Toronto, who is in Ottawa on business today.

Mr. Blanchet is the man who started the International Steel Ship Building Corporation of Montreal, which now finds that it cannot secure the steel necessary. What Mr. Blanchet advocates is that the government should give a bonus for the building of wooden ships and says this alone will be a practical solution of the trouble. He has been trying, without success, for over a year, to get the government to make a move.

In conversation with The Citizen, Mr. Blanchet produced a newspaper report of Lloyd George's speech on May 8, in which he stated:

"The road to victory, the guarantee of victory, the absolute assurance of victory, is to be found in one word, ships in a second word, ships, and a third word, ships. (Cheers.) I see America fully realizes that, and today I observe that they have already made an arrangement to build one thousand 5,000-tonners for the Atlantic." (Cheers.)

Steel Ship Building

On May 8th, said Mr. Blanchet, Hon. Thomas White, according to the newspaper reports, was then in Washington to take up the question of steel shipbuilding in which big business was in prospect. The report stated that steel plate

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A Lecture on German Liberty

Herr Professors Abuse President Wilson and Vaunt Ideals of Their Fatherland

Berlin, May 23.—Last night the first of a series of lectures on "Germany and America" was given in the grand hall of the Prussian Diet building. "German Liberty" was the subject expounded by Dr. Friedrich Meinecke, but Professor Doctor von Harnack preceded it with some very sarcastic remarks on "Wilson's American ideal of liberty."

This pacifistic, democratic and plutocratic ideal in a universal uniform, in which they wanted Germany to masquerade, said Harnack, represented the sharpest contrast to the nature of Germany's interior and exterior liberty.

The hostility of the United States beginning in the Entente from the loss of the enormous capital she had invested in the Entente from the latter would remain victorious. Now America is witnessing the chances of victory gradually disappearing, and dashes in to save what is possible. America conducted a silent war against us long before the declaration of war, and never was particular in choosing her means. Wilson and many Americans with him have undergone an ugly development from honest democratic-republicanism to belated imperialism. In addition, Wilson distinguishes himself by his amazing ignorance about Germany. He is an intellectual moralist, but without any depth whatever.

Harnack then quoted extensively from Woodrow Wilson's book to show "what startling political, judicial, ethical metamorphosis the president had passed through in changing his convictions like his trousers. Germany must decidedly decline this many-colored uniform of liberty which we can easily picture from Wilson's words and deeds. We don't want liberty, except of our own make and in accord with our history."

Ideals High Over All

Meinecke philosophized on the nature of liberty and finally came down to German liberty. "It has been said," he said, "that the German is not so much a lover of liberty as he is a lover of order. The German was too impressionable, too accessible to foreign influence, to become a really free man." Meinecke contradicted this contention, but he admitted that a super-sufficiency of political independence, which resulted in forming dozens of small states, robbed Germany of her unity, which was followed by loss of political liberty. "Our loved by powerful neighbors, did the rest. The Prussian military state grew as an antidote against destruction. The Napoleonic era five particularism, and powerlessness in foreign affairs. The Napoleonic era was more difficult for us to recover our national independence and unity than all other western European nations. In recompense we may rejoice in the fact that our political ideals tower higher than all others, and span heaven and earth."

There was more philosophy, Meinecke quoting Kant, Fichte, Nietzsche, Luther and Goethe. He finally came down to the demands of the hour and said that while Junkerism had undoubtedly done great things in the service of Germany, and had given her Bismarck, it had, on the other hand, done great harm, too. "It's no use to conceal that Prussia no longer wishes to be governed by Junkers and Jurists. Every remnant of Junkerism is an evil that must be rooted out. No one must be barred from rising from the ranks. But we must not follow slave-like in the footsteps of western European parliamentarism. Still, reform of the Upper House of the Diet is just as badly required as ballot reform. The Upper House should be made up of representatives of all elements of the people. What we want is social monarchy freed from all the reminders of the old police-ridden form of state, conciliatory, but strong in foreign affairs."

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SEES GAIN FOR ZIONISM

Chief Rabbi of London Says it Can Only Benefit by World War

In answer to an inquiry by the University Zionist Society as to the effect of the changed international situation following the granting of freedom to the Jews of Russia and the entrance of the United States into the war, Dr. Moses Gaster, Chief Rabbi in London, sent a reply to New York, in which he said:

"I have not the slightest doubt that whatever the issue may be Zionism can only profit by the changed international situation. The fact that Zionism has now been envisaged by political leaders

among the nations is an immense step forward. It has now become an object of interest to earnest men of science and to thinkers, and this again is a valuable asset in the progress of Zionism. But one point must be kept steadily in view, that Zionism serves only and solely a Jewish purpose, and Zionism must not be allowed to become a pawn in the political game of any power. The Jewish interest is paramount, and it is for this alone that Zionists have to work."

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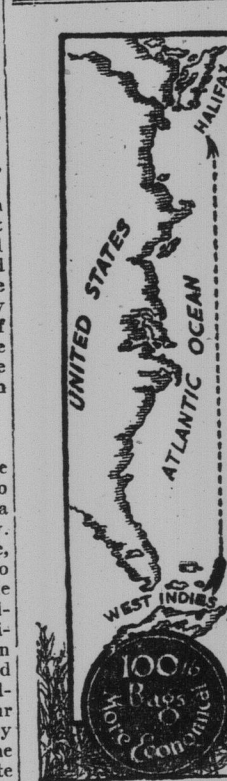
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How rapidly German women are taking men's places in industry and adapting themselves to the hardest kind of work as a result of the world war is brought out by data in an article on the Krupp works at Essen by Adolf Koster, printed in a recent issue of the Frankfurter Zeitung. The number of workers in the great arms plant is put at a minimum of 50,000, and of these one-fourth are women. In an article based on statements in the German press and printed in The New York Times on June 24, 1916, it was pointed out that the total number of employees in the Krupp works at Essen on April 1, 1916, was 68,775, of whom 18,023 were women. Consequently, while the number of male workers there has increased about 4,000 during the last year the number of their women comrades has risen some 7,000. When the war began there were only 1,214 women employed at Essen, compared with 36,880 men.

After having described the Krupp concern as "a kingdom of work" in time of peace which had become in time of war "the greatest private undertaking of the country which renders the most important service to Germany," Herr Koster, as translated by the London Times, continued:

"This private undertaking represents today a labor army of at least two corps—picked troops from Germany's home army, and a reserve of half-nation to many armies of our enemies, and well provided in many victories on water and land. Unusually, like every large private undertaking, under the standardizing pressure which weighs upon our economic life much that is individual has been lost, but much that is universal has been gained, and this tendency will not cease after the war."

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