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Two Year Ago He Predicted That in a War British Sea Power Would Bring Germany to Her Knees

EFFECT OF WAR ON THE INDUSTRIES

Would Take Hundreds of Thousands of Workmen From Shops and From Factories

THAT Germany would be brought to her knees by British sea power in time of war was the farsighted prophecy to which the Deutscher Werkverein (or Chamber of Commerce) of Berlin was treated two years ago, in an astonishingly frank address by Herr E. Posschl, a leading merchant of Lubek.

The explanation of his frankness was, perhaps, that he had warned the president of the Werkverein, General Keim, that "on no account" must his address be published in the newspapers, as it would expose some of Germany's weaknesses.

His address is worth reading now, in view of the fulfilment of part, at any rate, of his prophecy of a blockade by the British Fleet. It has been communicated to the "Journal Commercial et Maritime" of Marseilles by Consul-General Claudet.

A few minutes before, he said, the manager of a blast furnace works on the Baltic coast discussed with him the possibility of a world war.

No Ore or Charcoal

"He told me," said Herr Posschl, "that of his 600 or 700 workers 200 would be recalled to the colours, and that with the remainder he could carry on half the furnaces for four or six months. Then, in the event of a blockade by the British Fleet, there would be neither ore nor charcoal, and he would have to close down. This would leave altogether 1,600 men, women, and children without means of subsistence.

"The situation would be the same for tens of thousands, even hundreds of thousands of workshops all over Germany; trade in the interior of the country would be suspended, and the overseas trade would be clean cut off and strangled."

Herr Posschl then dealt in detail with various industries, stating that he based himself on official figures, or where they were lacking, on careful calculations.

Metal Industries.
"First of all," he said, "there is the iron and steel industry, which employs 400,000 men, not counting the 700,000 miners. To carry this trade on we now need more than twelve million tons of ore from Sweden, Spain, France, and the Mediterranean, as well as from Russia. The German mines could not supply the deficiency.

"Then the situation which I have described with reference to the blast furnaces applies equally to the great hardware industries of Rhinisch Westphalia and of Silesia: the raw materials will fail, and the works will have to shut down. The cutting off of our exports of manufactured goods, of which Rhinisch Westphalia produces half, operates in the same way, in the event of a blockade.

The Textile Industry
"Then comes the great textile industry, with 16,000 mills employing 900,000 men and women, which imports enormous quantities of cotton, wool, raw silk, and so on from overseas, and exports them as finished goods. The total imports and exports reach about £150,000,000 a year. Here no new source of raw material is possible.

"The machinery trade, which employs 900,000 workers in 20,000 shops, accounts for exports worth £25,000,000.

"The chemical industry, the iron-working trade, the supply of foods and drinks, the rubber industry, hides, paper, wood-working, and other trades employ hundreds of thousands of workers, and contribute enormously to the wealth of the German people."

Herr Posschl gave the total number of German industrial workers as six millions and a half, of whom the building trade employs three millions and a half; agriculture employs seven millions and a half, of whom 60 per cent are women.

Mean Much Destruction.

"I am persuaded," he declared, "that a long war, with a blockade of the coast, would mean that one-third of our industrial workers would be without bread; even if agriculture could temporarily employ a great number of the town workers, and various branches of industry were busier than normal on war materials, still there

Says Pessimism On The Increase Among Germans

German Censor Allows Remarkable Pronouncement of a Public Man To Pass, Him

Copenhagen, Jan. 31.—There is growing pessimism in Germany, and it is evident that the people are disappointed with the progress made by their army and the deeds of destruction perpetrated by them. A member of the Reichstag, of Belgian lineage, Konrad Hausmann, writing to the "Berliner Tageblatt," says: "Berlin is asking the opinion of the provinces, and in the provinces the people are asking what Berlin is thinking. Everywhere people in public are endeavoring to keep cool, and are simulating optimism, but in private the very same people invariably express surprise that a favourable development has not come sooner. Everyone is now seeking for a scapegoat to take the blame.

"Sympathisers with the military party criticise the diplomats for not having secured Germany more allies before the war. Outside the Reichstag there is a strong under-current running against the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. Bethmann von Hollweg, who is being accused of having made every conceivable mistake, and is even blamed for the apparent failure of military strategy."

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would remain about a million workers without a stroke of work to do."

Germany's growing merchant marine, Herr Posschl pointed out, would be the first to collapse.

"Germany's maritime trade and shipping are dead in the event of war," he said emphatically.

Of Germany's exports and imports to the total value of £900,000,000, £650,000,000 worth, he points out, come and go by sea, and "are consequently at the mercy of the sea power of England."

Imported Wheat
Wheat consumption in Germany amounted in 1910-11, he stated, to twenty-nine million tons, not counting seed-corn. Of this total, six million, or nearly 16 per cent, was imported. Population and consumption of wheat per head have increased without any proportionate increase of agricultural produce.

In order to feed the cattle raised in Germany, the import of enormous quantities of fodder has been necessary, and the supply of home-bred meat has only been possible by reason of this unobstructed importation.

Even of potatoes, added the prophet, there was a shortage in 1911, owing to persistent rain.

Urging his hearers to bear ever in mind the vital question of feeding the German nation, he reminded them that £100,000,000 worth of foods and drinks, including fruit, dried fruits, wines, and tobacco, were imported annually.

Herr Posschl left the most serious point until the end—the question of finances.

He quoted an estimate by experts of the cost of the German army (of three and a half million men) and the navy, completely mobilised, as £350,000,000 a year, and pointed out that the cost of maintaining from six to eight million necessitous men, women, and children would have to be added to that figure.

Allowing only 6d. a day per head for the starving, he invited his audience to ponder the immense sum necessary to sustain the unemployed.

He advocated the formation of an economic headquarters staff, composed of leading business men, to deal with the situation.

"These economic questions will have so enormous an influence on the destiny of our people," he added, "that they put themselves on a level with the military problems."

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MADE BROTHER A PRISONER

Story of a Serb Who Captured a Relative in a Battle With the Austrians

London, Jan. 30.—The care of prisoners taken in battle has become one of the most serious problems of the war in Serbia, which already has its hands full feeding and providing for its own people. A Serbian captain writes to one of the staff of the legation here:

"One can have too much of a good thing. We begin to understand why savages take no prisoners. But we are not savages and must feed and roof all these hostile visitors until the war is over. It is becoming a tremendous tax on our resources.

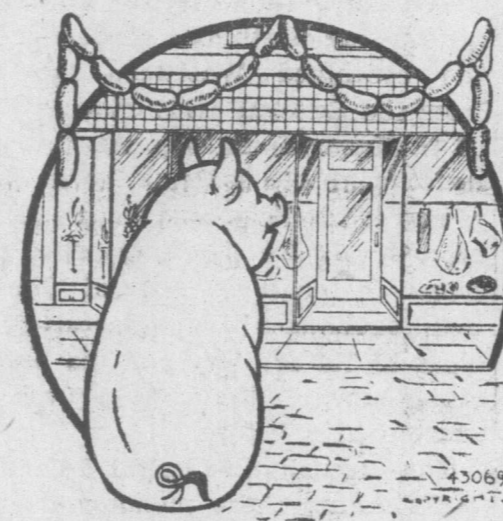
"Some of the Slav prisoners—and most of our prisoners are Slavs—are not ill-disposed toward Serbia, and a few of these we trust with the less important work of the camp and battlefield. One of my corporals who hurried across from an Austrian border town as a volunteer at the beginning of the war, came hauling an Austrian Dragoon before me today, his face wreathed in smiles. "This is my own brother, Captain," he said. "I told him before I left that he would be pressed into the Austrian Army if he remained—and sure enough, here he is."

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