

A War-Time Journal : Germany, 1914

Käthchen, and it consoles me to think how comical she will look under them!—but “flying canvas” is the order of the day.

August 10th.—The “Frankfurter Zeitung” calls England “ehrlos” (dishonourable), and the Belgian frontier question “only an excuse,” and even kind, good Dr. G—— raged against England. One is sick with longing to hear how the war gets on from the English point of view. The papers here never allude to England’s movements—only to her moral delinquencies. I am so poverty-stricken now I wash my own pocket-handkerchiefs, guimpes, and blouses!

The American part of our community have quite recovered their spirits since money has come for them. The United States is making every effort to rescue her people, and get them back in safety to America. No one seems to concern themselves about us, and we can’t get away while mobilising is going on. All Germans show the greatest deference to Americans, and call them “our honoured guests.” We, of course, are the *dis*-honoured ones, and in disgrace!

Altheim people so far are passably civil to us,