

Fear of Failure to Pass Examinations Drives German Boys to Suicide

Many instances found in Berlin Schools—Three in one day—Consider failure to graduate a very serious thing, and several each year prefer death to the stigma.

Berlin, May 15.—The recent examinations at the German schools, were again, as each year, accompanied with numerous instances of boys killing themselves, either through fear that they would not pass or because of mortification at failure. On a single day three suicides of students, all less than eighteen years old, were reported, and the body of one who had drowned himself some days earlier was recovered. These instances were in Greater Berlin alone.

One of the boys threw himself in front of a train because he had not been promoted to a higher class. A suicide by drowning was that of a 17-year-old boy who was shortly afterwards charged his military duties with one year's service. According to his teachers there was no doubt that he would have passed, as he was unusually capable and intelligent.

The first bureaucratic scheme of life for the average German, while not explaining such suicides, throws some light on the youths' actions. Failure to be graduated from school is a very

serious thing. To become a "Beamer," that is, a public official, is the goal of a great percentage of young Germans, for the official enjoys many privileges not granted to the non-official German. He has a certain social advantage, and enjoys special protection under the law of insult, it being a much graver crime to insult an official than a private citizen.

But for those who have failed in their school work, there is no chance to become state officials. Even in private life they find it almost impossible to secure responsible positions with mercantile firms, and they are, of course, debarred from entering the learned professions. It is not altogether strange that the German youth is disposed to take a grave view of his failure.

It is not only students in the schools who kill themselves before or after examinations. A man of 22, who has been studying legal procedure, reached the point where he was to take his examination for advancement to court clerk. He repeatedly told his friends that he was sure he should not pass the examination. The night before the examination he threw himself from the window of his third story room and was crushed to death.

The general indignation in Germany over the Zaber affair of last fall, has finally borne fruit in the shape of a new regulation governing the conduct of military forces in case of internal disorders.

The regulation, which has already received the approval of the Emperor, does away with the famous intervention in local affairs and his imprisonment of German citizens. This ancient order provided that if the commander of troops "decides, according to duty and conscience, that the civil authorities are delaying too long their requisition for troops, in view of the fact that they are no longer able to restore order, it is his duty and his right to intervene without the requisition of the civil authorities; and to assume command, and the civil authorities must obey his orders."

The new regulation provides that the military forces may not intervene without requisition except "in cases of pressing danger for the public security, when the civil authorities, as a result of uncontrollable circumstances, are not in a position to issue the requisition."

In other words so long as the civil authorities are still in power, troops may not intervene without a direct request. The liberal press is inclined to consider the regulation a decided victory for constitutionalism. It regrets, however, that such an important regulation, affecting the rights of all citizens, can still be made in Germany without consulting the Reichstag, and is somewhat disquieted over a provision covering the cases in which a soldier may make use of his weapons. To cases where life limb or property is threatened by an unlawful attack, are added cases of "an attack on honor." This is a very elastic provision, and critics of the new order recall that Lieutenant von Forster justified his sabering of a lame shoemaker by declaring that he acted in defense of his threatened honor.

Self Mutilation By Sailors

A court martial just held on two young sailors, the result of the extraordinary lengths to which Russian recruits will sometimes go to evade service. One of the prisoners actually cut off his right arm.

The infirmity he declared that he had burned himself when lighting a cigarette at a gas flame, but the deception was of course immediately discovered by the doctors.

The second prisoner, who attempted

to injure his eyes with corrosive acid was more fortunate, and his eyesight has been saved. In this connection it may be added that there have been several cases lately of St. Petersburg workmen burning their eyes with lighted cigarettes for the purpose of obtaining insurance money on the pretext that their injuries have been caused by sparks.

The Recruit

Pat was a young recruit and was undergoing his first course of musketry. The soldiers had finished firing, and Pat was taken before the officer for his bad shooting, who told him he would have to do better at the next distance, which was seven rounds of quick firing. "Now Pat you fire at No. 5 target."

"What target did you aim at?" asked the rifle officer.

"No. 5 sir," answered Pat. "And have hit No. 4 every time," continued the officer, setting cross. "Bedad, sorr," retorted Pat, "two would be a grand thing in war. Sure I might aim at a private and hit a general!" (Argonaut.)

"Professor I know my son is rather slow but in the two years that you have had charge of his education he must have developed a tendency in some direction or other. What occupation do you suggest as a possible one for his energies, such as they are?" "Well sir I think he is admirable fitted for taking moving pictures of a glacier." (Birmingham Age Herald.)

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