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### GERMANS FAIL GET SYMPATHY FROM AMERICANS

Appeals and "Arguments" of Their Partisans Help the Allies

U. S. FOLK REASON THE MATTER OUT

And Decide Germany is in the Wrong all Through the Case

It is pleasing to report that the German campaign to "win public opinion in America" has completely collapsed. The appeals and arguments directly addressed to the United States by professors, jurists, and public men in Germany seem rather to have consolidated support for the Allies, because they have formed the texts for convincing and effective replies, liberally circulated through the Press.

If Germany is, as Germans say, morally right, and morally justified in this struggle; if, instead of beginning the war, it was forced upon her by Russia and England, why is it that the advocates of her cause, though continually striving to that end, have so flatly failed to bring conviction to American minds?

That is the question being asked here, and answer is supplied by the New York Times, which comments as follows: "Every well-informed American knows that public opinion here has been formed, not upon the basis of any partisan misrepresentation, but from the sturdy of historical sources themselves."

"The German memorandum and the British White Paper give a perfectly clear picture of the origin of the war. It is useless to make a charge that this or that Power began the war when we have already informed ourselves authoritatively as to the manner of its beginning."

Other newspapers say sarcastically that German culture must indeed be lacking if its most eloquent exponents cannot make their pleas more convincing.

### DEMORALISATION OF AUSTRIANS

Their Troops Have Lost Their Nerve and No Longer Oppose Determined Front to Russians

An officer writing from the position before Jaroslau has given a graphic description of the demoralisation which has fallen on the enemy's army. He says: "The Austrians began the war with a full assurance of a brilliant and easy victory."

"At the opening of hostilities I witnessed an attack of Hungarian hussars. They sat erect as on parade, shoulder to shoulder, and at an even gallop charged down upon our cavalry. I saw blue rows of infantry, who, upright and rigid, stepped out into our fire as if disdain to take cover. I saw Austrian artillery driving out into open positions as if showing off at manoeuvres."

"How different that has all become now. Their mounted troops no longer accept our cavalry attacks, but hide, so that we rarely see anything of them. Their infantry conceals itself in forests and everywhere digs trench es. Their artillery chooses positions farther and farther from our line."

An Antidote for Shrapnel.

"In their first rearguard battle they distinguished themselves by great bravery and stubbornness. Now they disappear without making a fight to retard our advances."

"When we approached Lubaczow it was held by considerable forces of the enemy. We opened fire but the Austrians hardly answered. Troop trains were pouring out of the town, leaving the town to its fate. Whatever attempts they may make to keep up the fight, however many victims they may sacrifice, their fate is irrevocably sealed."

In this war bayonets are not terrible but only shrapnel, and against that there is one powerful antidote, the word 'forward.' But there is another weapon which makes for madness, and is introduced by the word 'retreat.' Bullets may slay tens and hundreds, but the psychic infection of retreat knocks tens of thousands out of the ranks."

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### FALL OF ANTWERP A FALSE VICTORY

Capture Engineered to Make Impression on People of Germany

Paris, Oct. 17.—Alfred Capus, writing in the Figaro, calls the fall of Antwerp "a false victory for the Germans, who will suffer from drunkenness in rejoicing over an insignificant military event, while the allies thereby will be made all the more determined to avenge Belgium at Berlin."

M. Capus concludes: "The (German) army forced the siege to secure a lyric outburst in the German press in the hope of dissipating the chagrin of the German public over the recent absence of victories."

The other morning papers generally refrain from comment, preferring to republish editorials from the London papers discounting the fall and siege.

The majority of the morning papers refrain likewise from making military capital out of the death of the King of Roumania, contenting themselves with vague hints that the monarch's death is big with consequences in favour of the Allies.

### SIKHS ASK TO SEE KAISER'S PHOTO

So That'll They'll be Able to Capture Him Bye and By

London, Oct. 17.—In order that the Indian troops might readily identify the enemy, photographs of German and Austrian soldiery, writes a correspondent, were recently shown to the sowars and sepoy before they left for France.

The photographs were keenly scrutinized, but somehow a party of Sikh infantry seemed to be far from satisfied. At length a stalwart naik (corporal) spoke.

"Where, Huzoor" (your honor), he asked "is the chief one with the upturned mustache?"

"You mean the German Emperor?" said the white Captain of the double company.

"Yes, Huzoor," was the reply. "A lot of us have not seen his picture for a long time, and how will we be able to capture him if we don't exactly know him when we are running after him?"

### KAISER LED THE RETREAT

Executed Strategic Move To Rear of Nancy

The Paris "Figaro" publishes details of the attitude of the Emperor William when he was present at the battle of Nancy. "The fierce attempts of the Germans to pass through Champenoux and Crenler are explained by the fact that the Emperor was at Amanee."

A French Magistrate saw him, accompanied by a force of 10,000 cavalry in parade dress, with whom the Emperor intended to make a triumphant entry into the capital of French Lorraine.

"The Kaiser had alighted, and was following the movements of his army with his glasses, when suddenly, under the pressure of the French troops, the Germans beat a retreat."

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### KEPT CLOSE TAB ON GERMAN SPIES

Admiralty and War Office Roped Large Numbers of Them in When War Broke Out

London, Oct. 12.—The Official News Bureau has issued the following:—

"Steps have been taken to deal with German espionage. It was clearly ascertained five or six years ago that the Germans were making great efforts to establish a system of espionage in this country. In order to trace and thwart these efforts a special intelligence bureau was established by the Admiralty and War Office. This department, acting in close co-operation with the Metropolitan Police Department, was able from 1911 to 1914 to discover the ramifications of the German secret service in England."

Learned Very Little.

"Despite the enemy's enormous efforts and lavish expenditure little valuable information reached them. All the agents who were known to be engaged in this traffic were marked and kept under observation."

"On August 4 twenty known spies were arrested under instructions from the Home Secretary. In addition 200 suspects were watched and a majority of them interned soon after the breaking out of the war."

Broke It Up.

"It is believed that this action broke up the spy organization that was established before the war, which has not been re-established. A rigorous search was made of the houses and clubs of Germans and Austrians, but no stores of arms, bombs or instruments of destruction were found. All Germans and Austrians who were deemed likely to be dangerous have been arrested. Nine thousand Germans and Austrians of military age are now prisoners of war."

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

### FOE'S PRESS IN DESPAIR

German Papers Point Out That Their Troops Cannot Get Rest

London, Oct. 12.—The correspondent of the Daily News at Copenhagen telegraphs the following:

"Vivid accounts of the fighting appear in the German newspapers and the writers admit that the situation is desperate. The Nord Deutsch Allgemeine Zeitung, describing the frontier fighting in the Vosges region says:

"The officers and men have been fighting day and night for thirty seven days and the Germans are facing a difficult strategic situation in the mountain districts where they are rendering superhuman services, chiefly in water-filled trenches and under almost undesirable conditions."

"The strain is said to be almost unendurable. The French are fortified in excellent positions on the Vosges and it is impossible to see their guns. No German troops have been able to retire from the fighting line for rest."

"The army chaplains accompany the troops right to the front and are holding religious services and preaching sermons in the trenches."

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