

THE GERMAN'S DIRGE.

By Bernard Rose.

Why did you not let us finish our work? What availed our preparation for more than forty years when taking advantage of what we deemed the psychological moment we engineered the massacre of Sarajevo in order that we might have good cause to permit Austria to declare war? Don't you think that since we have been chosen to teach the world how valuable and humanitarian is the kultur of the Teuton, that in carrying out our self-appointed task, you, of the Allied nations, hurling armies upon us, have interfered with our divine mission?

Do you think for a moment that if our devout Kaiser was not in partnership with the Almighty that we would have attempted to fulfill what was our destiny? You knew well that we were the world's super nation. Our professors told us so. Our pastors preached from their pulpits that we were to take the place that was once occupied by the people of Israel as the chosen of the Lord.

We cannot understand why you should have so maliciously and unjustly upset our cherished plans. We knew what we were about. We intended crushing France beyond hope of redemption and in six weeks taking up our abode in Paris. While we are not perhaps as refined and polite as degenerate British men, we do things in a more manly way. We haven't as much sympathy with the failings of men and women as the French and the English, but, you must not forget that we are a strong nation. We are Prussians. We were born to rule. Our Kaiser held his kingship by divine certificate. It was a veritable flying in the face of Providence to interfere with him in what he sought to do for his subjects. They were very glad to serve him. He and his ministers, teachers, and professors, taught them how to be servile and servicable in the efforts of the great cause.

Our mission was to spread our beneficent teaching and do away with the possibility of war as a result of a Hohenzollern ruling a world at peace. Our army was the best equipped and trained that any nation ever possessed. Our navy was the second in point of tonnage and personnel. Our diplomats and diplomacy was as far superior to anything suggested by Machivelli as the highly educated German is when compared with an African pigmy.

It may be true that the pigmy may be more of a gentleman than the world is ready to admit the German is, but you must not forget that our kultur is so superior to everything else that such a comparison should not be made.

You know that our navy could have easily beaten the British if it was only given the opportunity. But if it was not, it is because in the kindness of our hearts we did not want to kill so many poor British sailors. Yet, they say that we are not sympathetic and we are brutal Huns. What a libel on the gentle Prussian!

I am sure the world will repent because we were defeated. We are still fully convinced that we were entitled to impose our will upon the nations of the earth. When we broke the Belgian treaty did we not admit that it was wrong? What is a scrap of paper when it is a question of a great nation like the German, seeking to reach its objective in the shortest possible time? The Belgian people have only themselves to blame if we killed and tortured a few hundred thousand. Why should we be blamed for sticking little Belgian children on our bayonets when they were in our way and impeded our march to victory?

If certain of us were responsible for violation of moral law that affected the virtue of some of the women, surely, no exception will be taken to this. We may not conform to the foolish Englishman's code of being a gentleman. We know better than that. It was never expected for a moment that a German should act like an Englishman. It would be a reflection upon his good sense and humanity.

We had striven all these years peacefully to penetrate every country in the world and secure control of its governments by means of our political propaganda and crooked diplomacy. So great and rapid was our progress that we were highly thought of on this ground. Even our enemies were prepared to concede that we were a great people and in spite of the preparations we were making, refused to believe for a moment that we had any intention to start a world war.

If Belgium, France and Russia, would have immediately surrendered when the great German legions marched into their respective countries, all this bloodshed would have been saved and the German flag would have been waving in such countries and German soldiers would see that peace was maintained.

We were not afraid of the Bolsheviks. We would have quickly shot them down or else put them into German uniforms and compelled them to recognize the Kaiser as the All Highest. The atrocities that were committed were not our fault. The barbarities charged against us were simply in accordance with what we were taught Germany can do when it went to war with inferior and decadent nations. If we ill-treated the prisoners we took there is no ground of complaint. They ought to have been very glad indeed that they were permitted to breathe the pure German air in the camps that were specially set apart for them.

If some of our nurses when wounded prisoners asked for water offered it to them and then spat in it, it was in order when drinking this water they might be able to appreciate its Teutonic flavour and find how palatable the saliva of a German she-cat is, when mixed with water or some other beverage.

As a good German, I cannot help wondering why the Allies should have been making all this fuss. One would think that we committed a horrible crime when one of our brave sub commanders sank the Lusitania. Was it our fault if the American people refused to listen and pay attention to the advertisements in the New York papers telling them not to sail? Are we to blame if a lot of little children were drowned in the sinking of the Lusitania? Their parents should have known better and it ill becomes a strong nation to even show sympathy for innocent children.

Why did you not let Graf Von Tirpitz do all that he promised? He with his submarines and Zepelin with his air balloons could have easily destroyed Great Britain in a very short time if it was not for the obstinacy of these people. Our kaiser was right when he said the stubborn British were so hard to get along with and would not give way as quickly as we anticipated.

Some of the people in the Allied countries took offence because we bombed hospital ships. Is there anything wrong in drowning wounded soldiers and noble nurses when they belong to the enemy? We did not recognize any human code or law and therefore we could do as we pleased. Our people were quite satisfied; in fact, they celebrated our victories in this respect.

You know that when the Lusitania was sunk that a special medal was the commander's reward and the church bells were rung throughout Germany. Still, the foolish Yankees would not profit

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