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## THROUGH GERMAN SPECTACLES

The revolt of China has greatly perturbed the Germans. Who could have believed, asks the "Vossische Zeitung" gloomily, that a country "steeped in such unparalleled decay" could be "so impetuous to the German Empire?" But, it continues:—

The case of China is symptomatic. It shows us that our political credit has not yet reached the lofty heights to which our military might should have entitled it.

It proves even more—namely, that real military might and political prestige do not always depend on one another. Were it otherwise, how could the British Empire, with a military system that has hitherto produced merely paragon soldiers, have backed so long in the now fast-fading glamour of prestige that once caused the average Oriental to talk with bated breath of the "Ingleses"?

Snails and a Dagger  
The Berlin "Post" offers its readers a charming little idyll of German meanness:—

"Do you think I have come to Dortmund to eat up your vermin for you?" Uttering these words, Hermann Koller, a furrier, made a furious attack with a dagger on George, the grey-haired old waiter at the Dortmund Hof.

Koller, who was on a visit to the town, had, it appears, asked to be served with "a dainty repast," something that was no longer obtainable in his native town of Elberfeld. Thereupon the waiter, remarking that dainties other than these could not be procured, set before him a dish filled with snails, frogs' legs, and pickled grasshoppers.

At this Herr Koller, unable to contain his wrath, vented it on the partly disabled old waiter.

He was yesterday sentenced by the Assessor's Court to imprisonment for three months, and to the payment of medical and surgical fees on behalf of George, who is still in hospital and in imminent danger of death.

The Perils of Percy  
Are there two "Karl Wichmanns"? For Birmingham's sake it may be hoped that there are, but there is certainly a "Karl Wichmann" who is writing in the "Tagliche Rundschau," of Berlin. Here are some extracts from one of his latest and windiest effusions:—

The grey-haired Percy W., a very active adherent of the English peace movement, was quietly passing through the dismal east-end swamps of London on his way home when he felt himself swept off his feet as by a sudden vortex, and dragged along in the wake of an enormous million-headed procession towards Trafalgar-square.

It was a procession of be-winged City grandees of red-faced, greasening alderman and mayors, with the Lord Mayor of London at their head, followed by an endless tail of male and female riff-raff gathered together from the slums of White-chapel and the Borough.

Percy's breath was clean taken away by this strange, uncouth pageant, and when suddenly there broke on his astonished ears the strains of military bands blared forth from the queerest collection of tin instruments, and he beheld flags and banners fluttering from every housetop, the poor soul for the moment felt convinced that the war had ended at last.

Do not blame Percy for his rash conclusions. What would any of you dear Berliners think were your streets suddenly to become alive with cheering and shouting, with the blare of trumpets, with the color riot of flags and banners, with the blare of brass bands, and the blare of military bands blared forth from the queerest collection of tin instruments, and he beheld flags and banners fluttering from every housetop, the poor soul for the moment felt convinced that the war had ended at last.

A Paralyzing Pall  
Why, of course, the "dear Berliners" would think so, but then, as "Karl Wichmann" goes on to explain, they do not know the English character:— You do not know how susceptible this people, in matters of business so rapacious and grasping, to superficial impressions which cause them for the time to efface from their shallow minds all thought of anything except that folk are cheering, and that they must cheer too.

Percy discovered to his dismay that all these festive displays had been beautifully engineered to rush the people into parting with their hard-earned money in order to place it in the very speculative investment of the new War Loan.

The whole thing gave one the impression of a formidably demonstration born out of the universal "U-bost" terror that lies like a hideous paralysis

ing pall over English life.

Smile the Face of the Tiger

A rhapsody on the mission of the Zeppelin to "scatter a frightful death, an immeasurable destruction," which occupies a prominent place in the Berlin "Lokalanzeiger," may appropriately be read in conjunction with the story of L-39 and the abortive raid on the green fields of Kent:—

When in the blue sky of summer we beheld a small white cloud sailing near the sun our breathing is suspended by the joy that fills our whole being, because we are aware that it is a Zeppelin that is passing on its way to scatter a frightful death, an immeasurable destruction, among our enemies on the other side of the channel.

A smile of infinite happiness will hover on our lips at the thought of the terror and boundless panic that the arrival of this most glorious product of German skill and science will create among that godless population of the monstrous Babylon of the Thames.

Our armies swarm over the land, our ships again shall swarm over the seas, but in the meantime the Zeppelin, soaring majestically in the heavens, will continue to provide the blood-thirsting English with all the blood their nature craved for, but it will be the tiger blood of their own false-hearted compatriots.

Well, L-39 is the forthright of these "glorious products of German skill and science" to be brought down in flames or otherwise tragically destroyed, with their ill-starred crews. The "Lokalanzeiger" rhapsodist may smile, but it is the tiger that smiles last.

Admiral von Gropow, to whose modest proposals for the domination by Germany of the whole of the world's waterways reference was made in this column last week, was a frequent visitor to Eastbourne and London under the unassuming title of Admiral Crapow. A correspondent in the former town who met him several times writes as follows:—

He came to England for the ostensible purpose of studying English, but was no doubt acquiring information for naval purposes about this section of the south coast. During the course of a conversation he informed me that the Germans would, if military or naval necessity demanded, seize the Danish islands and fortify them to prevent the entrance of the British Fleet into the Baltic.

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Admiral "Crapow" visited the Territorial camp here and also the aerodrome. His son, as well as the admiral himself, took lessons in English from me, and I had no suspicion at the time of their real motive.

Other pupils I have received here included Major von Dommes. He was sent by Major von Osterlag, Military Attache at the German Embassy, who has since proved to be the head of the German "spy system" in England. Von Dommes was an official at the War Office in Berlin. Another interesting pupil was a German officer calling himself "Hasenjaeger," whose real name was von Wensler, who afterwards admitted he was a member of the German Secret Service.

He made several attempts to get a commission in the British Regular Army. The last I heard of him was of

that he was wounded in a duel and went to the Pyrenees to recuperate. He had made marking the landing places of a German army of invasion with the route marked to London. The intention of the Germans was not to land at one place, but at four or five places on the east coast and two or three on the south coast simultaneously. The armies were to unite on their way to London, and one rendezvous was at Walton-on-Thames.

The moral leprosy of the German people does not seem to render them any the less fearful of the suspicion of a disease-taint in others. Physicians have found that at rare intervals such a phenomenon arises as a human sperm-carrier, a person who is apparently in a normal state of health and suffers from no infirmity, but who nevertheless perpetually spreads disease among others.

Such a person or rather an unfortunate German woman suspected on wholly inadequate grounds of being a germ-carrier, has just been the victim of some experiences at the hands of her countrymen which are only comparable to the tortures inflicted in olden times on a woman suspected of witchcraft.

The public works department, on Tuesday, May 1, will open a new dump at the east end of St. James St. The likely dump on the Marsh road will be available for some time yet for those living in that section of the city and those in the North End will continue to use the Victoria Square.

Here After Boys who Escaped.

Mr. Johns, superintendent of the Boys' Industrial Home at Halifax, arrived in the city yesterday and will leave this morning for home with two boys who escaped from that institution and were captured here.

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