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A telegraph despatch during the week gave a small part of a remarkable editorial in the New York Times of Dec. 15 on the present German case.

The entire article is reproduced herewith as a most striking summary of the case of all intelligent unbiased civilization against Germany.

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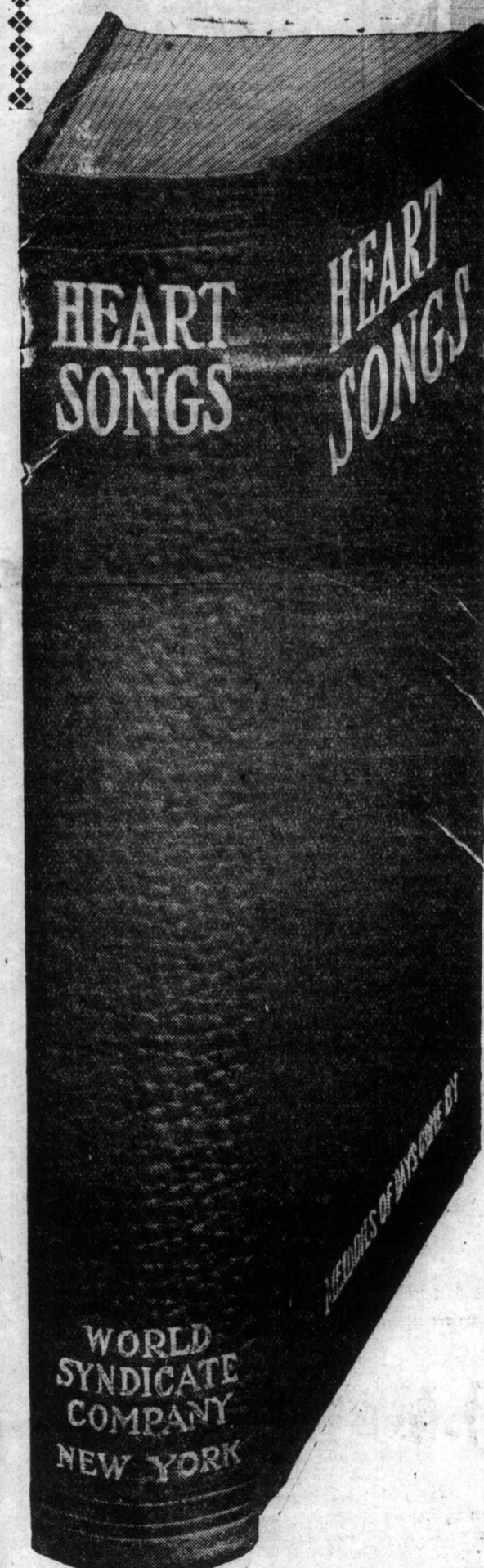
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between England and Russia, two Powers often antagonistic in the past and having no common interest here the curbing of Germany. The terrible misjudgment of the General Staff hurried Germany heading into the pit that incompetent diplomacy had prepared. The Empire went to war with three great nations able to meet her with forces more than double her own. ATTEMPTING THE IMPOSSIBLE Then the worth of that iron military discipline and the forty years of ceaseless preparation to which Germany had sacrificed so much of the productive power of her people was put to the test. Again the colossal imperial machine broke down. It was not through incompetence. The German army was magnificent in its strength, in equipment, and in valor. It was over-matched, it had attempted the impossible. That was the fatal blunder. The first rush upon Paris was intended to be irresistible; that was the plan of the General Staff. France crushed, Russia could be sent about her business. It was not through incompetence that it was repulsed. When the invaders were driven back from the Marne, to the Aisne and the Belgian frontier, Germany's ultimate defeat was registered in the book of fate and history. The world watched the first play of the battle line has been forced back to where it stood when it first encountered the French. Calais is freed from her menace, Tannenberg was but an the swarmin' of the German hordes of Russia. What boots it if she enters Lodz, if she seizes Warsaw what even if by some unlooked for turn of fortune she again approach the walls of Paris? Kitchener's new million of trained men will be in France before the snows have melted in the Vosges, and Russia is inexhaustible. GERMANY IS KNOWN NOW There is within the German view an even more sinister portent than the world cannot, will not, let Germany win in this war. With her dominating all Europe peace and security would vanish from the earth. A few months ago the world dimly comprehended Germany. Now it knows her thoroughly. So if England, France and Russia cannot prevail against her, Italy, with her two millions, the sturdy Hollanders, the Swiss, hard men in fight, the Danes, the Greeks and the men of the Balkans will come to their aid and make sure that the work is finished, once for all. For their own peace and safety the nations must demolish the towers of militarism in the centre of Europe that has become the world's danger-spot, its greatest menace. The only possible ending of the war is through the defeat of Germany. Driven back to her Rhine strongholds she will offer a stubborn resistance. Even with the Russians near or actually in Berlin she would fight on. But for what? Why? Because the German people, the very people, are resolved to get themselves all killed before the inevitable day of the enemy's triumph? Not at all. The weary man in the trenches and the distressed people merely obey the orders given by imperial and military authority. For the men in those high quarters defeat would be the end of all. Desperation with some possible admixture of blind confidence, will continue the war. But why should the German people make further sacrifice of blood to save the pride and the shoulder straps of German officialdom? It means a million more battlefield graves. It means a frightful addition to the bill of costs and to the harshness of the terms. Since the more dreadful ending is in plain view why not force the better ending now? BUT NOT LIKELY. But this is revolution. That may be so, call it what you will. Definitions are useful, they are not deterrent. Is there in all history any record of a whole people rising against their rulers in the midst of a great war? Let the historians answer the question. Is it conceivable that the loyal German people, made one by the love of the Fatherland and devoted to the accomplishment of the imperial ideals, could be stirred to revolt while still undefeated? That concerns the prophets. We are concerned neither with precedents nor with prophecy. We have aimed here to make clear the certainty of Germany's defeat, and to show that if she chooses to fight to the bitter end her ultimate and sure overthrow will leave her bled to exhaustion, drained of her resources, and under sentence to penalties of resistance which measure the severity of the light, might take time-measures to avert the calamities that await them. It may well be doubted that they will see the light. AS TO GERMAN-AMERICANS But have not the men of German blood in this country a duty to perform to their beleaguered brethren in the old home? Americans of German birth or of German descent should see and feel the truth about the present position of Germany, the probability of the near, the certainty for the remoter future. At home the Germans cannot permit them to know it. It will be ungrateful and most cruel for German-Americans further to keep the truth from them, or to fail in their plain duty to make known to the imperial and military and militaristic ideal has fallen in the

world's esteem, and to bring them to understand that the enemies they now confront are but the first line of civilization's defences against the menace of the sword that forever rattles in its scabbard. The sword must go, the scabbard too, and the shining armor. If the Germans here have at all the ear of the Germans there, can they not tell them so. They have come here to escape the everlasting din of war's trappings; they have come to find peace and quiet in a land of liberty and law, where government rests on the consent of the governed, where the people by their chosen representatives when there is a question of going into the trenches to be slain, have something to say about it. Have they ever tried to get into the heads of their friends in the Fatherland some idea of the comforts and advantages of being governed in that way. Instead of vainly trying to change the well-matured convictions of the Americans, why not labor for the conversion of their brother Germans. The State is Power, said Treitschke. He would have written Tennyson's line "The individual withers, the State is more and more checked." In the teaching of the State is everything, to the State the individual must sacrifice everything. With us the State is the special organization by which men associate themselves for the free play of individual genius, each man's right in peace and security to work out his individual purpose. If the German-Americans prize the privileges they have enjoyed under our theory of the State, ought they not to tell the Germans at home what it means for the individual to be free from quasi-vasalage. There is no people on earth more worthy to enjoy the blessings of freedom than the Germans. Germany has taken her place in the very front of civilization; freed from the double incubus of imperialism and militarism the German genius would have a marvelous development. It is not in the thought of Germany's foes to crush the German people, the world would not let them be crushed. It has for them the highest esteem. It has the day when it can resume friendly and uninterrupted relations with them. OPINION OF THE WORLD But the headstrong, misguided, and dangerous rulers of Germany are going to be called to stern account, and the reckoning will be paid by the German people in just the proportion that they make common cause with the blindly arrogant ruling class. When representative Americans and men of peace like Dr. Eliot and Andrew Carnegie insist that there can be no permanent peace until an end has been made of German militarism, sober-minded Germans, here as well as in Germany, ought not to have a deaf ear to such voices for they speak the opinion of the world. The bill of costs mount frightfully with every month's prolongation of the war, and the toll of human lives is every day ruthlessly taken. It may be a counsel of unattainable perfection to say that the German people ought now to end the war. But for their own happiness, for their own homes, for their interests and their future, it is true. The truth of the counsel is uncorroborable. THE GERMAN AWY. London News and Leader—The Germans know more about psychology and less about men than do any other people in the world. It is all due to a lamentable bookishness, a failure to see that living flesh and blood is extremely rebellious to the yoke of abstractions. In a very wise and pregnant phrase Goethe has emphasized how much easier action is than thought. That, properly understood, is very true; but his countrymen have not understood it. They have applied one particular more of thinking, perfectly appropriate to metaphysics, to all human affairs; and they have treated that kind of thought as one with life and action. So they have trodden on the corns of all the nations of the earth with entire astonishment at the taking of offence when they are irritating the neutrals whom they are working so desperately and ununderstandingly to convert into friends. DRUGS EXCITE YOUR KIDNEYS, USE SALTS If Your Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers, Drink Lots of Water When your kidneys hurt and your back feels sore, don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep your kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with a mild, harmless salts which removes the body's urinous waste and stimulates them to their normal activity. The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from it 500 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active. 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