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Will Be Slow In Making Amends.

While the speech of the head of the German delegation at Versailles seems conciliatory and acknowledgment is made of the defeat of German arms, there is an undercurrent which proclaims that Germany will be slow in paying for the damage they have done. The real motive is hidden, as usual, under the convenient generalizing of the "fourteen points," although some of the delegates are quoted as openly saying that while they would sign the treaty Germany will not pay an indemnity. The speech of Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau apparently accepts responsibility for the damage done to the allied and associated governments, but intimation is made that Germany is not entirely responsible for the blame. That position will be taken as the basis for justification to avoid payment as long as possible. In this position Germany has one advantage. Germany is a bankrupt and how can a bankrupt pay? What plan can be adopted to enforce payment? "Will sign, but will not pay." This is merely an acknowledgment of the debt, but a protest of inability to cancel the obligation. That position has been taken over and over again in private affairs. It will be attempted by Germany, according to all the preliminary signs.

The Brotherhood of Significance Is Lost.

There is no national law against carrying the red flag in this country. Few states or cities have regulations against it. And yet almost every time the red banner appears in an American city there is trouble for its devotees. The public, law or no law, will not stand for it. Let it appear at the head of a procession, and almost inevitably it is snatched from the hands of its bearer and the marchers are subjected to rough treatment. Usually, to be sure, they themselves start the disturbance by their insolence or violence. But even a quiet procession of "Reds" is intolerable to most American communities. This was shown with striking force in the May Day riots.

Why has this traditional symbol of Socialism, once endured without a murmur, become to most citizens as irritating as a red rag to a bull? It

is because the significance of the flag has changed. The public used to accept, even though dubiously, the Socialist explanation that it means human brotherhood, that its color stood only for the warm blood flowing like a stream through all human hearts. It meant that we were no longer. The flag is now taken to mean bloodshed and the overturning by criminal violence of cherished institutions.

It is the Socialists themselves who have given their flag that significance, by their championship of Prussianism during the war and by their more recent support and emulation of Bolshevism with all its brutality and crime.

There is much agitation for legal enactments against the red flag. The Socialists would take that, naturally, as proof of persecution, and adopt the role of martyrs. But whether their banner is banned by law or by voluntary civic opposition, they have only themselves to blame for turning a once admirable symbol into a by-word and a hissing.

No Economy to Be Had In Cheapness.

In all this discussion of building there is one fact of which not much is said, but which nevertheless stands out clearly. It is the folly of flimsy building.

There is a natural temptation, when the cost of labor and material is high, to lower the expense by cheap construction. Any honest and intelligent building contractor can point out the futility of such an attempt.

Nearly half the cost of ordinary construction is for labor. The labor costs just as much whether it is applied to good material or poor material. Why waste five-dollar labor on two-dollar stuff?

Even when the materials alone are considered, it is a mistake. Ask any trustworthy builder or dealer whether there is real economy in poor material. He will probably tell you that the difference in price between trashy stuff and fine, durable stuff is nearly always less than the difference in quality and serviceability. Lumber that costs 20 per cent more per foot is likely to last 50 per cent longer, and give better satisfaction all the time. A copper-plate water heater for the home may cost twice as much as a cast-iron heater, and last three or four times as long and give more hot water for less fuel all the while. Shingles costing 50 per cent more will last twice as long. When it comes to paint and varnish, the best is notoriously the cheapest. It is so with almost every sort of plumbing, if one does not go in for fancy fixtures rather than real quality. It is especially wise to act on this principle if, as some experts maintain, building prices are going to go still higher hereafter. Any person who has ever done much house-hunting knows the result, in present-day values, of having put good, honest materials and workmanship into houses built in former days. Many a house erected 15 or 20 years ago will sell for more money now than a house which was built only five years ago, but on which the builder scamped his materials and labor.

Practical Test Proves the Value.

A test was made in Ohio recently to determine the saving in gasoline from running a motor truck over a good road. The greatest pains were taken to eliminate from the test every variant except the surface of the road. Five new Army Standard A trucks were used for the trial. They were sent over seven different types of road surface on practically level ground. The test results showed an average of 5.75 miles per gallon over a dirt road in good condition, 7.19 over fair gravel, 8.39 over good gravel, about

the same over fair bituminous macadam and good brick roads, 11.04 over extra smooth brick and 11.73 over good concrete.

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