

GERMAN MIND HAS GONE WILD

PEOPLE AS A MASS ARE DELUDING AS TO PEACE.

Believing They Were Not Beaten Militarily, Many Even Now Are Talking of the Next War.

German mentality has always defied the rest of the world, or at least those who tried to understand why a German thought as he did. The world is due for a still worse baffling if it tries to understand what goes on in the German mind today.

Mentally, the German mind, suddenly flowered upon its own resources by the fall of the old system which fed people thoughts as well as food, has gone wild. Under the strain of the war and due to the sudden changes, the Germans have become childlike psychologically. This is taking German mentality.

Thoughtful nations Germans, when you occasionally find them, realize the temporary insanity, if it can be called that, under which the Germans as a nation are struggling.

It is the only way of understanding the lack of realization as to the real condition of things, a wave of which has swept Germany. No one looks farther than his nose, and every man and woman is invested entirely in his or her immediate self. There is little broad vision extended to papers, in speeches, or in personal opinion as you hear them to Germany.

Talk of "Next War"

To cite specific cases. The peace and why it was signed is one of the German delusions. Precisely every man, woman and child believes Germany was not defeated militarily, but simply got hungry and sick of war, and therefore accepted the entente conditions. This belief prevails in spite of the public statements of such like Erzberger, who have told the Germans their armies were defeated militarily.

Perhaps the best foreshadowing of the future is the fact that the talk regarding the next war is not only occasionally but frequently, and by all classes of people. You are asked: "Well, when is the next war coming?" "Often Germans go further than that and speak specifically of the next war with France to get revenge." There is one talk on all hands, though Germany is in a state of collapse that is almost hopeless, and is entirely dependent upon the will of the allies for her future.

How much the German believes of what he says is another matter. Probably he is out of his head, but this same delusion is to realize actual conditions as they were led the German to support the military plan, during the first four years of the war. The German apparently does not think things out any more than he did.

In his attitude regarding the entente the German mind is about the same breadth of vision. Papers are filled with scabbed articles, many of which are furnished by barons established for the purpose in Holland and Switzerland, which carry sensation rather than news.

Whether this campaign to stir up hatred is organized is not certain. But the fact remains that Germans are being inspired with a hatred of France that never existed before, and that makes being good neighbors the more difficult.

Strikes Now the Rage.

It is no uncommon thing for half a dozen or more strikes to occur between one group of people demand better pay, or because a law is not passed as quickly as a certain class wishes. No doubt the conditions are bad, but the strikes for example had made them worse. Employees find that workmen who have come from the front are only half as efficient, and because they are out of practice, but because of the abnormal psychology under which they live now. Mentally, they have become delirious, erratic and lazy.

This wave of irresponsibility is one of the greatest dangers. Calamity fears and makes the world a more of less.



Backache? Rheumatism?

Then of us who are past middle age are prone to get two such nasty and in the most distressing manner. In the arteries, veins and joints. We often suffer from pains of rheumatism or neuralgia, sometimes from gout, swollen joints or lumbago. There is no longer the slightest need of this, however, as the new preparation, "Annie," is found to give instant relief as it is many times more potent than in fact, in ridding the impoverished blood of its poisons by way of the kidneys. It can be obtained at almost any drug store, by simply asking for "Annie" for kidney or backache. Relief overcomes such conditions as rheumatism, dropsical swellings, and arteriosclerosis, swelling and lumbago, and sleeplessness due to conditions arising from bed at night.

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The Women's Land Army members of New York state have just staged a drive in greater Manhattan, the money to go toward the establishment of permanent rural community centers. Here are shown two farmerettes on a rack of hay in the streets of New York collecting funds.

new republic extremely difficult. The government claims it is due to undernourishment, which is partly true, but not entirely, since groups of men who have been well fed are subject to the same sort of loose thinking.

One of the results of the war has been the lack of respect for law and order and a carelessness with human life. It has made the Germans ready to use arms for any small issue they deem unassailable otherwise.

Former King's Grandson Leads Revolt.

A grandson of King Johannes of Abyssinia, who died in 1880, has revolted and declared himself king under the name of Theodore. The government has sent out a punitive expedition to put down the rebellion.

Japan has 80 artificial dye factories, with an annual capacity in excess of 10,000,000 pounds.

FISH WOULDN'T BE FOOLED

Danzons of the Deep Simply Refused to Be Deceived Into Any Net Made of Cotton.

Even a fish knows that when an outsider tries to monkey with American business he makes trouble.

It was decided at Washington by the powers that should be coaxed into a raging fish hunger. Pieces in the papers were written to make your mouth water for fish; posters showing beautifully colored fish, lying in beds of parsley, and cool, fresh vegetables were stuck up in your town railroad station and post office. By all the expert calculations of the propagandists you were soon shrieking for fish; you were turned into a man who would perish if he couldn't have his fish every day.

"Right!" they said. "Cotton isn't as strong as linen, but we'll make our nets of cotton, with larger threads. We've got folks hungry for fish and now we must get the fish."

So down into the clear waters of the Great Lakes and into the cold depths of the sea on the Pacific coast where the salmon disport went the cotton nets in place of the linen nets that have been used through the centuries by all fishermen.

It was a secret in war time, as I have said, but I can tell it now:

The fish struck. It was a linen net or nothing with them. Linen meshes are almost invisible to a fish in wa-

ter, perhaps entirely so, judging by the number of fish caught in them every year. But cotton meshes—

"Why a cotton net looks like a white rail fence to a fish," said an expert in Herbert Hoover's office in Washington. "He turns around and goes right away from it."—Exchange.

BOLSHEVIK COURSE OF STUDY

Interesting to Speculate as to Just What Would Be Appropriate University Curriculum.

The former Danish minister to Petrograd is authorized for the statement that the bolsheviks have established a special revolutionary school at Moscow under the direction of Professor Radek, the revolutionary leader, whose agitators from all parts of the world are receiving instruction and fitting themselves for missionary work.

It would be interesting to receive a prospectus of Dr. Radek's university and an outline of its course of study. Presumably little attention will be paid to bomb-throwing, the handling of explosives, and the like, these being purely elementary branches. One would look rather for special emphasis to be laid upon the Theory and Art of Bolshevizing and Approved Methods of Denial. With the Bourgeoisie and securing their possessions without using physical force. Advanced students might take up the problems, how to collect taxes without taking money away from anybody and the counter-revolution and how to counter it.

To Make Statues of Silver.

Charles E. Sweet has discovered a preparation of silver which may be made in a plastic form like wax or clay, and also thinned down to the consistency of paint, according to the Little Journal, Cambridge, Mass. Copper, copper alloys and bronzes may be worked in the same manner. By simple technology the preparation may be reduced to the pure metal without any change in its form or shape.

A sculptor may work it in the round or in the relief, just as he does his usual materials, or in allusion it may be applied to a metallic surface with a brush. It greatly simplifies the problem of artistic work of a high order, although, of course, it is more expensive than stamped ware. Medallions and figures may thus be presented in the original without the need of casting and such articles as silver sets may be made of which every member is original and unique. It provides a new medium for artists. The invention has been patented.

Butter Wrappers printed at the Observer office.

State News

Lane county paid out \$721.50 in bounties for destructive animal animals killed during 1918, according to figures computed by R. S. Bryson, county clerk.

A movement toward securing a 600-acre automobile park for the use of tourists journeying over the Columbia River highway, has been started by the citizens of Hood River.

A short time ago a auto team belonging to David Graham of Brownsville, became frightened at a passing automobile and threw him from his wagon. Two wheels passed over him and several ribs were broken as a result of the accident. Now pneumonia has developed and Mr. Graham is not expected to live.

Two thousand students of the University of Oregon served in the war, according to a service record just completed by Emma Wootton Hall, secretary of military affairs on the campus. Thirteen ranks are represented in the list, headed by two colonels and five lieutenant colonels.

P. A. Hunt of Baker was elected grand patriarch of the grand encampment, I. O. O. F., of Oregon, succeeding A. H. Knight, of Canby, who by virtue of having served as grand patriarch, was elected grand representative to the sovereign grand lodge which will meet at Balmora later in the year.

One hundred and twenty prominent Jersey breeders from all sections of the Northwest were guests of Salem at a big reception in the Commercial club rooms Wednesday night as a grand finale to the first Oregon Jersey jubilee, including a tour of the Willamette valley in which all of the big Jersey farms were visited.

County agricultural agents will

From the Heart. Our favorite books are those that only what flows from the heart reaches us. It being caught and carried to the souls of men, it is never over and letters, poetry, Alcott.

Unsettled Proof. An eminent pianist was about to give a recital in a large hall. As the audience was filing in a man staggered up to the door and presented a ticket. "You cannot go in," said the official in charge; "you are not in a fit condition." "Didn't I pay for my ticket?" asked the man. "Isn't it in order?" "It's all right," was the reply, "but you—you are all wrong—you are intoxicated!" "Intoxicated? Of course I'm intoxicated! If I wasn't do you think I would come to a piano recital?"

Equal to the Occasion. "Speaking of accommodating hotel managers," said a traveler, "the best I ever met was in a provincial town. Just before I retired I heard a scamp peruse under the bed, and saw a couple of large rats just escaping. I at once complained at the office. The manager was as serene as a summer breeze. 'Oh fix that all right, sir,' he said. 'Boots! Take a cat to room 12 at once!'"

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