PRUSSIANISM IS FOE OF ALL WORLD

Duty and Opportunity of the American of German Birth Pointed Out at Meeting.

BANKER KAHN IS SPEAKER

German Born, Proud of His Country's History, Expresses Shame Over Revolting Deeds and Infamous Murders of Rulers.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 13.—Speaking before a mass meeting at the Auditorium tonight, Otto H. Kahn, of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of New York City, said in part:

"The world has been hurt within these past three years as it was never hurt before. In the gloomy and accusing procession of infinite sorrow and pain which was started on that thrice accursed day of July, 1914, the hurt inflicted on Americans of German descent takes its tragically rightful place. The iron has entered our souls.

Injury Suffered by German Born.

"We have been wantonly robbed of invaluable possessions which have come down to us through the centuries; we have been rendered ashamed of that in which we took pride; we have been made the enemies of those of our own blood; our very names carry the sound of a challenge to the world. Surely we have all too valid a title to rank amongst those most bitterly aggrieved by Prussianism, and to align ourselves in the very forefront of those who in word and deed are fighting to rid the world forever of that malignant growth.

"Heaven knows, I do not want, by anything I may be saying or doing, to add one ounce to the burden of the world's execrat on which rests already with crushing weight upon the rulers of Germany and their misguided people. Nor do I seek forgiveness for my German birth by demonstrative zeal in action or speech. I was and am proud of the great inheritance which came to me as a birthright, and of the illustrious contributions which the German people have made to the imperishable assets of the world.

Shame Over Germany's Record.

"I do not apologize for, nor am I ashamed of my German birth. But I am ashamed—bitterly and grievously ashamed—of the Germany which stands convicted before the high tribunal of the world's public opinion of having planned and willed war; of the revolting deeds committeed in Belgium and Northern France, of the infamy of the Lusitania murders, of innumerable violations of The Hague conventions and the law of nations; of abominable and perfidious plotting in friendly countries and shameless abuse of their hospitality; of crime heaped upon crime in hideous defiance of the laws of God and men.

"I cherish the memories of my youth, but these very memories make me cry out in pain and wrath against those who have befouled and discredited the spiritual soil of the old Germany in which they were rooted.

"Long before the war I had come to look upon Prussianism as amongst the deadliest poison growths that ever sprang from the soil of the spirit of man.

"When the war broke out in Europe, when Belgium was invaded, I searched my conscience and my judgment in sorrow and anguish, the powerful voice of blood arguing against the still, small voice of right.

Sins of Prussianism Told.

"And it became clear to me to the point of solemn and unshakable conviction that Prussianism, in mad infatuation, had committed the crowning sin of outraging and defying the conscience of the world and of challenging it to mortal combat, and that the cause which the Allies were defending was our cause, because it was the cause of peace, humanity, justice and liberty (aye, liberty, even though Russia, then under autocratic rule, happened to be arrayed on that side, and even though diplomats and rulers made that sacred cause the basis and excuse for territorial barter and trade and spoils hunting).

"In accordance with this conviction, I have acted and spoken ever since, but I did not feel that it would be either right or fitting for me publicly to state and agitate my views as long as our country was neutral.

"Now, America, the never-defeated, has thrown her sword into the scale, because to do so was indispensable for our honor and our safety, the preservation of our institutions and our very destiny. To co-operate towards the successful conclusion of the war is the one and supreme duty of every American, regardless of birth, of sympathies and of political views.

"The American of German descent who, at this time of test and trial, does not serve the land of his adoption with the utmost measure of single-minded devotion and with every ounce of his power, perjured himself when he took his oath of allegiance and proves himself guilty of treacherous duplicity. Thank heaven, the number of those lukewarm in their patriotism, or failing in loyalty, is very small, indeed, far too small to affect the record of Americans of German birth for good citizenship and service to the country in peace and war.

Majority Are Loyal.

"There is abundant evidence that the overwhelming majority, indeed, all but an insignificant minority, meant what they said when they swore full and sole allegiance to America, that they will prove themselves wholly worthy of the high privilege of citizenship and of the generous trust of their native fellow citizens, and that they will not fail or falter under any test whatsoever. They will not permit the blood in their veins to drown the conscience in their breast. They will heed the call of honor beyond the call of race. They will wear as a badge of honor—as I do—the abuse and spite of those few in this country who love Germany better than they love America.

"Yet, it is not enough for us Americans of German descent to do our duty by our country and our fellow citizens, however fully and unreservedly, if we do it in resigned and oppressed silence. I believe we should speak out. We must give voice to our indefeasible loyalty and to our deep conviction of the justice of America's cause.

Loyalty Demands Speech.

"I believe that we must speak out, we Americans of German birth, because we have been misrepresented to our fellow citizens and to the world by a small minority of professional spokesmen and pernicious agitators by no means all of German birth.

"We must protect the German name, as far as it is in our keeping, in America, if, alas, we cannot protect it elsewhere. It has always, and rightly, been an honored name here, and those who bore it have ever done their full share for the common weal, in the works of peace no less than in every crisis of the Nation's history. Let us do what in us lies to preserve the names we bear in honor and good standing amongst our fellow citizens.

"I believe that we must speak out, because our voices may reach the ear and the conscience of the German people when no other voices can, and because they will reach the ear of its rulers. These, I know, counted upon the moral, if not the actual, support of the German-born in America, to the extent at least of preventing our joining in the war, and now, when we have joined, they count upon that support to agitate for an inconclusive and unrighteous peace.

"I believe that we must speak out to convince our native-born fellow citizens that our fundamental conceptions of right and wrong are like theirs, that the taint of Germany is not in the blood, but in the system of rulership, that we are with them and of them wholeheartedly, single-mindedly and unreservedly, because if we failed in conveying to them that conviction in the hour of our common country's stress and trial there would ensue the calamity of a spiritual, if not an actual, breach between them and us which it would take a generation to heal.

Cancer Lies in Germany's Vitals.

"There are some of you, probably, who will still find it hard to believe that the Germany you knew can be guilty of the crimes which have made it an outlaw amongst the nations.

"But do you know modern Germany? Unless you have been there within the last 15 years, not once or twice, but at regular intervals; unless you have looked below the glittering surface of the marvelous material progress and achievement and seen how the soul of Germany was eaten away by the virulent poison of Prussianism; unless you have watched and followed the appalling transformation of German mentality and morality under the sinister and puissant influence of the priesthood of power-worship, you do not know the Germany of this day and generation.

"It is not the Germany of old, the land of our affectionate remembrance. It is not the Germany which men now of middle age or over knew in their youth. It is not the Germany of the first Emperor William, a modest and God-fearing gentleman.

"It is not the Germany, even, of Bismarck, a man of blood and iron though he was, who had builded a structure which, whilst not founded on liberty, yet was capable and gave promise of going down into history as one of the greatest examples of enlightened and even beneficent autocracy; who, in the contemplative and mellowed wisdom of his old age, often warned the nation against the very spirit which, alas, came to sway over it, and against the very war which that spirit unchained.

"The Germany which brought upon the world the immeasurable disaster of this war, and at whose monstrous deeds and doctrines the civilized nations of the earth stand aghast, started into definite being less than 30 years ago. I can almost lay my finger upon the date and circumstances of its ill-omened advent.

America's Reasons for War Given.

"America is not waging a war of vengeance or hatred, notwithstanding all the injuries and measureless provocations we have received. The divine lesson which 2000 years ago, on the mountain, was given to the people of the earth, still holds good as the only safe lodestar for the guidance of the world. We have lighted a fire to purify, not to burn at the stake.

"If ever a nation entered a war after having maintained infinite forbearance in the face of grave menace and dangers and the most intolerable provocations, and from motives as pure and as high as the great blue dome of heaven, America is that nation. We seek no reward whatsoever of a material nature.

"We seek no place in the sun'—to use the German Chancellor's term—except the sun of liberty, and that, we do not seek selfishly, but to share with all the world.

"America is incapable of hating an entire people, but we do hate, we are fighting and we shall fight with every ounce of our might, the spirit which has power over the people of Germany, and which, if it were to prevail—as, under God, it never will—would destroy liberty, justice and democracy.

"It was not the people of Great Britain which America fought in the War of the Revolution, but the spirit and the ruling caste which then held away over them. America fought then for an ideal and for liberty and independence, and sacrificed blood and treasure and suffered and endured and won. And so it will be now.

Prussianism Against Americanism.

"The spirit of Prussianism and the spirit of Americanism cannot live in the same world. One or the other must conquer. In the mad pride of its contempt for democracy, Prussianism has thrown down the gauntlet to us.

"We have taken up the challenge and now stand arrayed by the side of the other freedom-loving nations of the world, giving our fresh strength and our boundless resources to them who, heroically striving, have borne the heat and burden of a dreadfully long and exhausting struggle, yet stand unwearied, erect and resolute.

The enemy is of formidable strength. But even if he were far stronger than he is; even if we did not have the men and the means which are ours; even if our comrades in arms had not demonstrated their superb and indomitable prowess, still must our cause prevail—for there is fighting with us a force which has ever proved itself stronger than any other power on earth, and again and again has triumphed over overwhelming odds. That force, God inspired, death-defying and unconquerable, is the soul of man.

'And when—Heaven grant it may be soon!—the soul of the German people will have freed itself from the sinister powers that now keep it in ban and bondage; when it will have found again the high impulses and aims of its former self; when it will once more understand and speak the universal language of humanity and right, then, in God's own time, there will be peace.

FIGHTING YANKEE HURT

AMERICAN HERO IN FRANCE TO LOSE RIGHT ARM.

Wound Follows Gallantry on Field of Battle, Where Great Record Is Achieved.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—In the attack carried out last week by the foreign legion in the neighborhood of Flirey, in which the German positions were penetrated to a depth of half a mile along a section of a mile, Grenadier Ivan Nock, one of the few Americans remaining in the legion, was wounded severely in the right arm. Amputation of the arm probably will be necessary.

A Hollander, who is a fellow-member of the legion, writes:

"Needless to say Nock fought like a hero. All the Americans I have known in the legion are extraordinary fighters."

Grenadier Nock is a young engineer from Baltimore. He was wounded several times previously, winning the war cross and two citations. After being wounded the time before the last he attempted unsuccessfully to enter the American Army in France.

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"The Cinderella Man" Teems With Romance and Sentiment.

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.....Edward Everett Horton
Walter Nicholls..Eugene Shakespeare
Blodgett ..... Walter Siegfried
Celeste .....Betty Barnicoat
Jerry Primrose.....Walter B. Gilbert
The Great She-Bear.....Lora Rogers

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

Welcome in its simplicity, refreshing in its charm and delightful in its appeal of romance and sentiment is "The Cinderella Man," which opened a week's engagement at the Baker Theater last night.

The story concerns a very poor genius, who lives in a garret and seeks inspiration for the completion of the libretto of an opera and the "inspiration," in the person of a young, lovely girl, who comes to him over the house-top from her castle nearby, steals into his garret window and plays fairy godmother to him. The story is told forcibly and expressed simply, and one marvels at the interest sustained throughout the four acts. This is due to the fresh treatment accorded the play by its author and quite as much due to the skillful artistry offered by each player.

Interest never flags for an instant, and we watched with growing fascination the maneuvers of the poor little rich girl to help poor young poet find himself and then to find her.

Ruth Gates Charming.

Ruth Gates plays the role of a little daughter of the rich—the child of divorced parents, who comes to live in the big castle-like home of her unloving father, after her mother has died. She finds herself unwanted and in desperation seeks about for happiness. She discovers the poet next door in the attic, where he lodges and dabbles away to complete a libretto which is to earn for him fame and fortune. But he is a proud young poet and will accept help from none, not even from a wealthy uncle, who would give him a responsible position in a pickle factory.

The poet loves his art and clings to it hopefully. So the little rich girl climbs across her roof, on Christmas day, carrying gifts to her "Cinderella Man," as she has picturesquely named him, and decks his garret in Christmas greens and sets a feast for him while he is absent. Because she has forgotten to remove her little apron, badge of service, he thinks she is the companion to "Miss Millionairess," as he calls his wealthy neighbor's daughter.

She wants to help him and so lets him fancy her the companion, and so they set up a splendid friendship.

Players Individually Good.

She takes the libretto home and has her father's secretary type it, and each day the "Cinderella man" and she have tea together in the attic. Then a virago landlady, whom the poet appropriately has labeled the "Great She-Bear," misunderstands conditions and the pleasant friendship and drives the little fairy godmother away and the Cinderella man leaves his garret home. Then, of course, there's sad days to follow.

But no playwright could let such a nice pair stay separated and unhappy, so the libretto gets accepted, the Cinderella man discovers his poor little companion is a great heiress, and that her father won't disinherit her. So, if he wants her, he must take her money and all, which he does.

The players individually are excellent and the production a noteworthy one. Miss Gates plays with a delightful, whimsical charm and Mr. Horton is engaging as the poet. Walter B. Gilbert has a gem-like character bit as down-and-out English servant.

BRITISH ACCEPT LITVINOFF

Informal Recognition to Be Accorded Bolshevik Ambassador.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The British government has decided to establish informal relations with Maxim Litvinoff, who was appointed by the Bolsheviki government as Russian Ambassador at London, according to the Daily Mail. This step, adds the newspaper, has been taken with a view to obtaining useful information in regard to conditions in Russia.

The position is, the Mail says, that so long as Lenine and Trotzky retain the de facto power in greater Russia it will be unwise to adopt an attitude designed to shut off Great Britain from receiving communications of possible value and from supplying information if, for example, Lenine and Trotzky should eventualy be inclined to give heed to the counsel tendered them by the allied governments through the recent speeches of Mr. Lloyd George and President Wilson.

3 MURDERERS MUST DIE

Governor Stewart Declines to Interfere to Stop Executions.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 13.—Governor Stewart has declined to interfere, and the execution of Frank Fisher, John O'Neill and Sherman Powell will take place in the county jail yard between the hours of 3 and 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Governor Stewart telegraphed to Sheriff John K. O'Rourke late tonight, in answer to numerous requests from citizens, that he could not go beyond the verdict of the jury in each case.

The Sheriff has refused to divulge the exact time when the triple executions will take place.

TRIAL OF EX-CZAR URGED

Nicholas of Russia May Be Imprisoned at Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 12.—The executive committee of the peasants' deputies has adopted a resolution urging the council of workmen and soldiers' deputies to order the removal of former Emperor Nicholas and his family from Tobolsk to Petrograd or Kronstadt. The council is asked to place the former imperial family on trial before a revolutionary tribunal at either of these cities.

FINN MONEY IN GERMANY

Recognition of Independence Would Release 52,000,000 Marks.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 13.—Recognition of the independence of Finland by Germany will have important consequences financially for Finland, the Frankfurter Zeitung says. In German banks 52,000,000 marks stand to Finland's credit.

This sum, which was seized at the beginning of the war, now will be released.

GIRLS SHOW THRIFT

Graduation Dresses in Portland Will Be Simple.

NO FRILLS TO BE FOISTED

Money Usually Expended for Fine Feathers and Bouquets Will Be Devoted to Nation's War Needs. Girls Far Outnumber Boys.

War styles will prevail at graduation exercises in Portland high schools this term. On January 25, the date set for the exercises in the high schools, the ceremonies will be noted for the absence of the usual shimmering graduation dress and the be-ribboned bouquet.

Washington High School's departing class has a number of events scheduled for its last week. On Sunday, January 20, the class will hear a baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Joshua B. Stansfield at the First Methodist Church. Next Wednesday is dress-up day, a school custom which is observed by the wearing of outlandish clothes by both boys and girls.

The money usually diverted into the florists' cash registers and dressmakers' money bags will go to war this year. The Washington girls will wear simple wash dresses.

There are only 19 boys to graduate this term, and 42 girls. There are three boys of the class in the service.

Lincoln High School has the smallest graduating class of the last 20 years, with only about 40 enrolled. This is in decided contrast to the class of last year, which numbered about 140. In contrast to proportions at other schools, there are more boys than girls at Lincoln, in spite of the fact that a number of boys are in service.

Exercises at Lincoln will be also on a war basis.

On Class day, January 11, the Lincoln class revived the old custom, known to students of the school when it was the Portland High School, of planting a class tree. This custom had not been followed by classes after the school name was changed.

Jefferson High has the largest class to graduate. It has six more than Washington, with 24 boys and 43 girls. A Spartan spirit is shown by the Jefferson girls, who will appear on the Jefferson stage attired in their ordinary school dresses.

Franklin High will have a class of 15, seven boys and eight girls. Exercises will be in the school gymnasium and simplicity will predominate, as in the other schools.

The graduating classes in all the schools have worked hard as units in the different drives of the last half-year. Class play proceeds, savings on graduation dresses and flowers and in some cases funds ordinarily used for class papers, have gone to swell the war chest of the Nation.

A large percentage of the members of the different classes will attend college.

STATE POWERS TO STAND

Federal Director of Railroads Not to Interfere.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 13.—It is not the purpose of the Federal Director of Railroads at this time in any way to interfere with state railroad commissions or public service commissions in the regulation and control of interstate railroads and rail rates.

Senator McNary, at the request of the Oregon commission, Saturday conferred with Interstate Commerce Commissioner Aitchison on these matters and received the foregoing assurance. State commissions, said Commissioner Aitchion, should, for the time being at least, proceed as though the Federal Governmnt had not stepped in to direct the operations of railroads.

Mr. Aitchison has been designated by Secretary McAdoo to act as mediator between the National director of railroads and the state commissions, and therefore speaks with authority. He explains, however, that the powers of Director McAdoo are not yet clearly defined and it probably will remain for the courts to determine how far, if at all, the authority of state commissions is to be interfered with by the new Federal direction. Until the courts act it will be the policy of the Federal Director to interfere in no way with state commissions so long as those bodies do not interfere with or impede the carrying out of orders coming from Mr. McAdoo.

Most state commissions, like that in Oregon, have offered their hearty co-operation, and Mr. Aitchison believes there will be no serious conflict.

Zinc Producers to Meet.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—A call to representatives of the zinc industry to assemble here next Thursday for a conference with Government officials was issued last night by the war industries board. The purpose of the conference was not announced.

The Rockefeller Foundation has contributed $100,000 to the fund for welfare work among Jewish soldiers.

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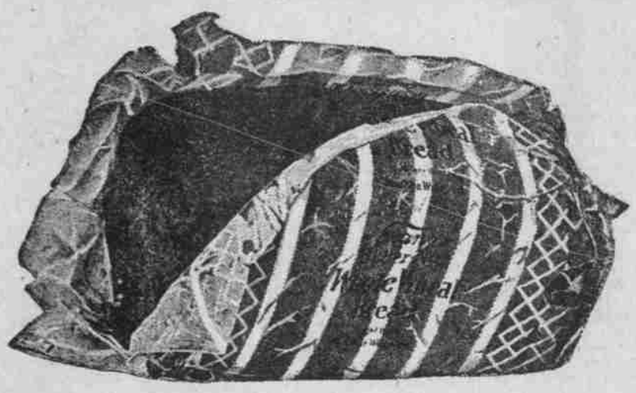

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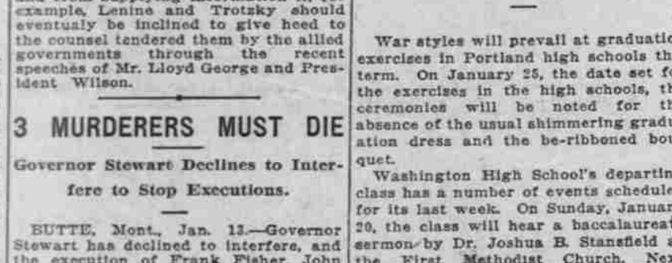

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