

WAR WE COMED BY VIRTUE OF GERMANY

Dull Record of Servility of Race Gives Small Hope of Revolution.

HISTORY LITTLE TO OFFER

Victory in 90 Days Universally Believed, but All Prussian Plans Go Wrong and People Begin to Question and Ask Answers.

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History furnishes many illustrations of the long-suffering character of the German people. The dull record of their servility is relieved only here and there by a flash of that spirit of independence and love of freedom which has ever been the glory and distinguishing trait of the Anglo-Saxon race.

We get a glimpse of this spirit in the uprising of the peasants of Germany in the 17th century, when their private and public life was known as "The Peasants' War." With pitchforks and scythes, they warred on the military and nobility, and their desperation and sense of injustice so augmented the power of their crude weapons that it was only after the bloodiest fighting that they were vanquished in the unequal conflict.

Very little was accomplished in the way of social progress throughout the 17th century because the long and fruitless struggle which was known as the "Peasants' War" had so completely exhausted the energy of the people.

Uprising in 1832 Remarkable. The principles of republicanism, brought to the fore by the French revolution, took root in Germany and bore fruit in 1832 in the shape of a rather formidable uprising. No less than 30,000 men gathered at Hambach in the Palatinate to demand emancipation, but Bavarian troops quelled the rebellion and similar uprisings in Frankfurt, Bremen, Cassel and Saxony were likewise suppressed.

Perhaps the most ambitious revolution in the annals of Germany was that of 1848, when the spirit of democracy was rife throughout Europe. Berlin and Vienna fell to the populace, but the triumph was short-lived. General Wrangel's army, after a long and fruitless struggle, had driven the Prussian troops soon disposed of other rebellions throughout the empire.

One of the effects of the demonstration was to secure a constitutional government, but no sooner was the menace of the revolution allayed than the constitution was withdrawn—which, of course, was typical of Prussian statesmanship.

But even this comparatively recent indication of a spirit of independence in the German people is of little significance in connection with a consideration of present probabilities because of the fact that such ideas have not gained ground since.

German People United in 1914. When the war broke out in 1914, the Kaiser had behind him a united people who gloried in his power and were prepared to follow him to the very gates of hell. I do not mean for a moment to intimate that there were not many in Germany who were and are as keen for democracy as any individuals in the world, but I am talking now of the people as a whole—royalty, nobility, aristocracy, junkers, middle-classes, workers and farmers.

The population of the country reverend their Kaiser and were proud to regard themselves as his people. I shall never forget the scene in Berlin when it was announced in the papers that Austria had handed her ultimatum to Serbia. That evening I walked up Unter den Linden and saw thousands of young men from 18 to 20 marching along with their hats off clamoring for war. Mounted police were on hand but made no efforts to disperse the gathering, although no such demonstration is ever allowed in Germany unless it is in keeping with the policy of the government to permit it.

I turned to a gray-haired porter standing in front of a building and asked him what it all meant. "They want war!" he answered. "There's 10,000 of them and they're on their way to the Russian Embassy. Poor fools! They've been through two wars—against Austria in 1866 and against France in 1870—and I know what it means. These young men will learn too, to their sorrow, before it's over. There was a time when the hand of Germany was extended to the world downward as a sign of friendship, but now it is stretched out upward to grab all it can get."

This old porter was wise enough to realize the dangers which those higher up ignored. On every hand there was evidence of elation among the people at the early prospect of going to war, and their enthusiasm continued long after hostilities began.

The Germans had been told by the newspapers that the war upon which they were embarking was for their own benefit and that the rest of the world had jumped upon Germany's neck and was seeking to dismember the empire because it was jealous of German commercial supremacy. They were likewise promised that the outcome of the war would secure the peace which Germany and give Germany an opportunity to meet England in the markets of the world on an equal commercial basis.

Better Informed Not Fooled. To what extent the people believed the official explanation of the purpose of the war, I am not in a position to say. Many undoubtedly accepted it at its face value, and gloried in the prospect of Germany's triumph. The better informed, knowing that every port in the world was open to German boats and that, in fact, 80 per cent of the German foreign trade was with Anglo-Saxon nations, must have been at a loss to understand what was meant by the "freedom of the seas" which Germany was so anxious to secure.

But whether they saw through their government's pretenses or not, practically every German in the country went into the war with a will, determined to uphold Germany might and establish the national principle of "Deutschland über alles."

It was confidently expected by all that the war would be over within 90 days at the outside, and there can be no doubt that if the German programme had been carried out to a successful conclusion the position of the Hohenzollerns would have been secure for many generations to come. Victory would have so reinforced the foundations of the empire that it would have been proof against political agitators, I believe, for hundreds of years. Democracy would be crushed the world over and all that has been accomplished in the past 2000 years would go for naught.

But the German plan did not succeed. It went wrong right from the start. Belgium proved an unexpected obstacle, the English came in, Paris refused to fall, the French held their own, the Russian hordes proved a real menace, and after the great lumbering German machine had traveled a certain distance on its original impetus it was brought to an unforeseen halt. It was very awkward for the government, because it was all so different from what the people had been promised, and it wouldn't do to shake their confidence.

To correct the facts from the public, the press was put under rigorous supervision, and none of the reverses which the Germans encountered, none of the political mistakes which they were constantly making, none of the unforeseen difficulties which were developing, were permitted to reach the public eye. They were gradually and skillfully prepared to receive the bad news, while general information concerning some of the reverses was suppressed entirely.

In this way the second year of the war found the German people with their faith in their leaders comparatively unshaken. Disasters had been skillfully concealed or minimized and victories had been so widely circulated as to lead the people to believe, if possible, more ardently behind the war and keener for its vigorous prosecution in 1916 than they were when it started two years before.

Socialists Not United. On May day, 1916, the Socialist Liebknecht addressed a crowd in the Potsdamer Platz, and his diatribes against the Kaiser and the government even to his own supporters that they unanimously turned against him when he was arrested. The criticism was made that as he is a member of the Reichstag it was undignified for him to speak openly against the government from a barrel on the public square, and many Socialists who were with him at the time talked said his arrest served him right.

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BY LEONE CASS BAER.

Some of us are born with pasts, a few of us achieve pasts, and Polly, a minister's daughter from East Gilead, Ohio, which isn't on the map, had her past thrust upon her.

Left stranded, Polly had no past. She had a rather humdrum present, acting as a maid-of-all-work in the apartment of a bachelor, as a means toward the end of cultivating her voice in Europe. This was before Europe ceased to be the Mecca of voice trainers. It was in the good old days.

Polly could not stay in the aforementioned village in Ohio and sung soprano in the choir all the rest of her life, but Polly was ambitious. She yearned for a father her jealous mother made her a father her jealous mother.

Humorous Situations Score. Then the interior decorator and another chap and Polly and Rex hatched up a scheme to goad Myrtle into caring for Rex. It swung upon that old Ovidian pivot about the art of love.

Ina Claire Is "Charming." From here on I shall tell you no more of the story. It didn't end the way we thought it would. Sometimes people do not know what they are in for until they are in it.

Tracy May Go to France. Tommy Tracy, former welterweight champion of the world and for a number of years boxing instructor at the nomah Amateur Athletic Club, is growing weary of watching the youngsters go by daily on their way "over there."

GROSS WASTE DISCOVERED

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MRS. EDWIN ARNOLD PREACHES UNIFIED AMERICA. Preaching Need of Study of English Language by Immigrants Shown in Census Figures.

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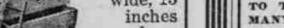
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