

DREAM OF CONQUEST FILLS GERMAN SOUL

Gerard Notes Psychological Development of Teutons During Progress of War.

GREAT REJOICING AT FIRST

Period of Intense Exaltation Ended by Battle of Marne, When Temper of People Changes to Attitude of Depression.

GERMAN SOUL GLOOMY.

German soul turns not toward light and gay and graceful things, but toward bloodshed and gruesomeness, ghosts and mystery.—Gerard.

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IT WAS interesting to note the psychological development of the Germans during the war. For the very short time while war hung in the balance there was a period almost of rejoicing among the singing crowds in the streets...

Next came the busy period of mobilization, and then, as the German armies swept through Belgium and France, strongholds and fortresses falling before them, there came a period of intense exaltation and exultation, a period when the most reasonable Germans, in light of success and conquest in their eyes, declared German Kultur would now be imposed on the whole world.

The business of the Marne ended this period of rejoicing, and through the winter of 1914-1915, when it became apparent that Germany would not win by a sudden assault, the temper of the people began to change to an attitude of depression.

It has been at all times the policy of the German autocracy to keep the people of Germany from amusing themselves. I know of no class in Germany which really enjoys life.

Subtract the German Jews and in the lines of real culture there would be little of the real thing left in Germany. Friedman, Bleichroeder, Von Swabach, Friedlander-Fuld, Rathenau, Simon Warburg, in finance; Barchard and others, in surgery, and almost the whole medical profession; the Meyers, the Ehrlichs, Bambergers, Hugo Schatz, Newburg, in literature; Paul Jacobson, in chemistry and research; Mendelssohn, Wagner, etc., in music; Harden, Theodor Wolf, George Bernhard and Professor Waber, in journalism.

But why continue? About the only men not Jews prominent in the intellectual, artistic and scientific life of Germany are the pastors of the Lutheran churches. And the Jews have won their way to the front in almost all the other professions and callings.

Jews could not own houses and lands. They were not permitted to engage in agriculture and could not become members of the guilds or unions of handicraftsmen.

Religion in Failure. I saw no signs of any great religious revival or of any great attendance at the churches. Perhaps this was because I was in the Protestant part of Germany, where the church is under the direct control of the government, and where the people feel that in attending an extra church they are only attending an extra drill, a drill where they will be told of the atrocities of the autocracy and the necessity of obedience.

Always fond of the drama and opera, I was a constant attendant at theaters in Berlin. The best-known manager in Berlin is Reinhardt, who has under his control the Deutsches Theater with its annex, the Kammeroper, and also the People's Theater on the Boulevard Platz.

Tragic Plays Popular. As the war continued the taste of the Germans turned to somber, tragical and almost sinister plays. Only a death on the stage seemed to bring a ray of animation to the stolid, bovine faces of the audience.

AIRPLANE STOCK TO BE FINISHED HERE

Oregon Planing Mill Owners Take Contract for Manufacturing 25 Carloads.

INDUSTRY SURE TO EXPAND

Satisfaction of Requirements of Colonel Disque and His Experts Will Result in Work Being Increased at Least Tenfold.

Colonel Bruce P. Disque, representing the Government, yesterday closed a contract with the Oregon Planing Mill Owners' Association for the manufacture of 25 carloads of airplane stock into wing beams for the use of the Government in building training machines.

This contract is in the nature of an experiment, and was obtained only as a result of weeks' of effort by the Chamber of Commerce co-operating with the planing mill owners. If the work can be done satisfactorily, which the millmen declare will unquestionably be the case, it is to be followed by a rapid expansion of the manufacturing, locally of the wood parts for aeroplane construction until all the product of the large resaw plant at Vancouver, which is destined for use by the American Government, is made into finished parts here.

Another Step Forward Taken. Consideration of this contract is considered another forward step by Colonel Disque in his efforts to meet the demands of the Government for spruce. It not only insures delivering the lumber where needed, but effects a saving in the maximum number of railway cars now required for its shipment to more distant manufacturing plants.

At the outset, 100 workmen will be employed by the mills receiving the contract in manufacturing the 600,000 feet of lumber assigned for the first experimental order. If this order meets the requirements of Colonel Disque and his experts, the work will be expanded until more than 1000 men will be employed before the close of the war in local wood-working plants manufacturing the wood parts of aeroplanes.

It promises to prove a most important industry, growing out of spruce production and war operations, which is regarded as a business properly belonging to Portland, situated in the heart of the great spruce-producing section of the United States.

"This final success has come after months of effort with the Aircraft Board at Washington, in the Chamber of Commerce, the Mill Owners' Association, Senators Chamberlain and McNary, Congressman McIntire, Colonel Disque, Major Leadbetter, Captain Russell Hawkins, ex-Governor West, C. C. McCulloch and others all have taken a part," said W. D. B. Dodson, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday. "It was a struggle with many variations. At all times actual, constructive and advisory help from having one so well informed in immediate control of the Government forces."

"In administering the work, the Government will direct the same through Captain O. P. M. Goss, of the Vancouver resaw mill, who is a woodworking engineer of years' experience, and who for a long time was the engineer of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association. He has shown keen interest in the problem since Colonel Disque was given authority to proceed, and mill owners expect much valuable help from having one so well informed in immediate control of the Government forces."

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decided here, the industry rightfully should be developed to the maximum here, the same as the metal trade is given greatest encouragement in the region where mined and manufactured. Those who have visited eastern mills and have seen the Chamber and Planing Mill Owners' Association, but did not take the process to completion. He recognized that it would be very beneficial to take the final step, and as authority was granted him, he closed the contract with the mills that constitutes the initial work in the finishing stage. Local men, who have studied the situation declare this another evidence that Colonel Disque rises to the situation along, thoroughly practical and most economical lines as soon as he gets the power for action.

Spruce Will Be Saved. "One of the important features of the work as it will be conducted in local finishing plants will be a much-improved saving in clear spruce itself. Those who have visited eastern aeroplane factories declare that the waste of the precious wood is appalling. Workmen do not seem to appreciate its scarcity and cost, are unfamiliar with handling about 100,000 feet of lumber in 1000 feet of stock nearly as much as northwestern manufacturers will. Just how much saving will be accomplished cannot be foretold, but the forecast is made that it will be considerable.

"In order to handle the initial order and others to follow, according to Government requirements, dry kiln processes are being adapted to Government requirements in some of the local mills, and dry kilns capable of handling about 100,000 feet of lumber at one time have practically been converted. Colonel Disque is building one big unit of a dry kiln at Vancouver, having 40 kilns each of 80 feet length and having a monthly capacity of about 600,000 feet and, when this unit is operating, will probably build a second unit of the same size with the Government dry kiln plant running at capacity, the kilns of the local mills will merely be used as auxiliary institutions where needed to handle the lumber sent to them."

"In executing the initial order, only a few mills will be chosen by the Government for the work, selecting those with the most complete equipment. After this initial order proves the certainty of the work being done properly here, it is estimated that all Portland mills and perhaps some outside, will be kept running at capacity. In spreading the work out, it will be the purpose to take those nearest the Vancouver resaw plant to save time in transit, transportation facilities and costs. As the nearest mills are occupied, those next nearest will be taken, where properly equipped and organized.

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