

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR WAR IS PLACED ON BRITISH SHOULDERS**

Prof. Kuehnemann Declares Great Britain Jealous of Germany's Commerce.

**ONLY ONE VICTORY GAINED**

Capture of American Sympathy Against Teuton Declared Only Accomplishment; Belgium Denounced.

**Teuton's View of War.**  
Russia's ambition for world empire.  
France's longing to regain Alsace-Lorraine.  
England's jealousy of Germany's growing trade.  
Belgian neutrality an abandoned theory.  
Germany's backing of Austria in ultimatum upon Serbia's political necessity.

Declaring that in the analysis, England brought about the great war that now is embroiling the whole of Europe, Professor Eugene Kuehnemann of Breslau university last night discussed the conflict in an address at the Masonic temple, giving the purely German viewpoint. He declared that the prejudice that has been built up in America against the cause of Germany is part of the cleverly planned British war campaign.

"And the only real victory the allies have gained never has been on any battleground in Europe, but in the hearts of the American people," declared the German. "They have relayed all news from the front and given it their own interpretation in passing."

The professor said it is almost paradoxical for Americans, while they are praying for world peace, to send supplies and munitions to the enemies of Germany. He declared that peace would come only by a victory for the German arms that by any other outcome. It is cheap sentimentality, he said, for America to sympathize so much more keenly with the Belgian war sufferers than with the sufferers of any of the other nations.

**Belgium Is Denounced.**  
"Belgium's neutrality never was violated by Germany," he declared. "Belgium actually made war upon Germany, trusting that England and France would come to her assistance. That England and France failed her is shown by the reproaches once heaped upon English and French prisoners by the Belgian prisoners in the same camps. Belgium hoped to gain in war, Germany's reduction of Belgium was a reduction of a force that was hostile and working with her enemies. If Belgium suffered, it was through her own choice."  
Getting down to the real historical facts of the war's origin, Professor Kuehnemann said they led direct to Russia. With a dream of empire such as the Greeks achieved at Byzantium, he said they had long been inciting Serbia that Austria might be weakened. With Austria weakened, the mighty hosts of the czar could the better strike at Germany, which stands in the way of any such imperialistic Slav program.

**France Sought Revenge.**  
On the west, he said, France has long been chafing under the humiliation of having lost Alsace and Lorraine to Germany. This, he said, was the territory that was taken away from Germany by Louis XIV in 1681 in time of peace. When in 1870, therefore, Germany wrested it back history had been justified and scores were even, he declared. The professor quoted Thomas Carlyle as declaring that the justice of the German repossession of this territory, which he said had been taken by pure theft.

"When Germany's commerce increased several times as rapidly as did England's, then did England become Germany's enemy," the professor contended. "England then determined to destroy Germany, because she knew her existence as a world empire was drawing to a close. And in the last and final consideration England is the country that brought about the war."

**Compelled to Back Austria.**  
"When Russia backed Serbia in her refusal to give sufficient assurance of good faith to Austria, then Germany was compelled to back Austria. For Austria weakened meant inevitably that Germany would be destroyed."

"As a matter of fact, Austria's ultimatum in Serbia was analogous to the ultimatum of the United States to President Huerta in Mexico."  
Professor Kuehnemann declared that the proposal of Sir Edward Grey of England to have the controversy referred to the four principal powers was nothing but a clever device to throw the odium of the embroglio upon Germany, knowing that neither Germany nor Austria could possibly consent to any such adjustment. Such an arrangement would mean, he said, that all the powers would at once be precipitated into the conflict against Germany.

"A great power cannot abdicate its sovereignty and place itself in the hands of other powers in a case where its honor and existence are at stake," he said.

**Belgium Made War Herself.**  
"The Germans thought that all they needed to do was to act rightly. The English knew that it was far better to make the world think their cause just in their active part to act rightly."

"Documents seized from the allies show conclusively that England had been planning to violate the neutrality of Belgium, and of Holland also, in case of war with Germany. Other indications show that these countries actually were allies of the English and French. This was satisfactory proof that the neutrality of Belgium no longer existed, having been broken by all three powers. Belgium made war by her own will, and not by the will of Germany."

"When war was declared, conditions were such that for Germany to respect this so called neutrality of Belgium was to sign her own death warrant. Belgium was a fortress between England and France against Germany."  
Professor Kuehnemann spoke this morning at Reed college. Tonight he will discuss other war phases at the Masonic temple, and will address the Rotary club at luncheon tomorrow. Charles J. Schnabel introduced the German at last night's meeting, which was attended by 1500 people.

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