

WAR LETTERS FROM BERLIN TELL GRIM STORIES

NINE THOUSAND PRISONERS OF WAR SUFFER INTENSELY IN CAMP NEAR BERLIN; LITTLE OR NO HOPE FOR THEM AS LONG AS WAR LASTS

Scantily Fed and Poorly Nourished Russians, Frenchmen and Englishmen are Huddled Together in Cast-Off Tents in Freezing Weather With Nothing to Do.

FILTH ABOUNDS AND BATHS LUXURIES UNKNOWN

When Prisoner is Overcome With Vermin He is Sent to Hospital Not to Be Bathed but to Be Daubed With Disinfectant.

By Herbert Corey.
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Berlin. There are 9000 very miserable men in the camp near Döberitz. No doubt the conditions under which they live are forced by a military necessity. Nevertheless they are very miserable men. "We would treat them better if we could," said the guard who escorted me. "But we cannot. We are doing the best we can."
I am inclined to credit that statement. Certain things show for themselves. These men are sleeping—200 to 500 to the tent—in horse tents which have been cast off by the German cavalry. These tents are made of canvas. The canvas is patched and thatched with torn and discolored bits of canvas. The present camp is but a makeshift, intended to bridge over the time until the winter barracks shall be completed. By this time they may be housed in these permanent huts. Germany claims to hold 423,000 prisoners of war. A number must be a tremendous strain upon resources drained by the necessities of war.
Nevertheless—these 9000 men at Döberitz are very miserable men. The content is the monotony. They have nothing—absolutely nothing—to do. It is true that they are vermin ridden. They have no way of keeping themselves clean. Some of them are not warmly clothed. They could bear with all these things if only they had something to do.
"The stink," said the guard. "They sing 'Tipperary'."
"One wouldn't think they would feel like singing," was the comment.
"It is something to do," said he.
An International Scandal.
The plain truth is that the treatment of prisoners of war by the fighting nations is an international scandal. England holds prisoners and Russia holds prisoners, and so does Germany. For some reason no exchange has been arranged. Humanitarian ideas are no part of the program. One hears of battles in which no quarter is granted. There are stories of one side or the other refusing an armistice to permit the other to gather its wounded. Each side is desperately determined to win and neither is counting the cost. So men must rust in prison camps until the struggle is over.
About one of the long tents. A British soldier was sitting on his bed roll, carefully examining the interior of his trousers. His long white legs were bare. When he saw us he hastily covered himself up and blushed.
"He is killing lice—louses," the guard explained in his halting English. "That is the only way they can keep themselves clean."
That proved to be the case. There



A view of a French bomb-proof trench in the western theatre of war.

GERMANS, HIGH AND LOW, HATE ALL THINGS BRITISH

You Cannot Buy a Peach Melba in Berlin Because it Was Named After an English Singer; Even Names of Hotels Have Been Changed.

GERMAN WIVES OF ENGLISHMEN ARE OSTRACIZED

By Herbert Corey.
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Berlin. It is sometimes happens that one wants a Peach Melba in Germany. One cannot get a Peach Melba in Germany. There are peaches of course and ice cream, and the other ingredients. But Peach Melba is a thing not to be ordered in my restaurant. Peach Melba has been forewarned. "But I want a Peach Melba," I told the waiter.
"I can bring you," said he in his slow, precise English, "a fresh peach on vanilla ice with strawberry and cream."
"But that is a Peach Melba," I said.
"It was so ordered. The explanation is that Peach Melba is a name that has come to Germany from the East. All Germany hates England. Germany hates all England's works. She will not use an English name if she can help herself. She feels rather kindly toward Russia. One hears fairly pleasant comment upon France. But if Germany can arrange it, she will take the British empire apart to the last wheel. She is perfectly frank about it.
"We are stopping at the Bristol hotel," we said to an American friend here. He smiled.
"Bristol?" said he. "You are stopping at Conrad Uhl's hotel Bristol."
"Sure enough. That is the new name. The sign has been taken down from over the hotel door. All the stationery has been reprinted, in order that the Teutonism of Conrad Uhl's name may take the curse off the Britishness of Bristol. The Windsor and Carlton hotels have erased their names from every visible sign. They prefer an honorable anonymity to be tarred by the English attack. Every other hotel in Berlin which bore an English name has a similar alteration, with one exception. That is the Hotel Cumberland.
"Why not the Hotel Cumberland?" we asked.
The explanation was easy. The Duke of Cumberland is the father of the Kaiser's son-in-law. He is also the Hanover, and while on this account he has declined to swear allegiance to the Kaiser, it still makes him German enough to be respectable in Berlin. The fact that he is English born and bred is being overlooked on this account.
Does the Sun Shine on Poes?
Berlin watchmakers have a fondness for a sort of antique clock in their front windows. On the various dials of these clocks the differing times of the various capitals were displayed in the tiny figures. On the other dials were the time of Paris, and London, and New York, and the other world capitals. These clocks are still in the windows throughout the city. The faces of the enemy dials. Strive as one may, one may now only discover what the time is in Pekin, Constantinople and New York. No loyal German will admit that the solar processes are available to a foe.
There is an American luncheon club in Berlin which meets at regular intervals at the Hotel Adlon. One of the members of this club recently met a professor of the University of Berlin. The American talked what little Ger-

WOMEN AND OLD MEN DO WORK OF GERMANY; EVEN THE BOYS ARE DRILLING FOR THE ARMY; SCHOOLS AND CLUBS TURNED INTO HOSPITALS

Wonderful Organization for Great Contest Everywhere Evidenced in German Empire; Crops Are Harvested Before Landsturm Is Called Out; Not a Cog Misses.

HORSES ARE AT A PREMIUM FOR INDUSTRIAL USES

Prisoners of War in Concentration Camps Haul Wagons Laden With Building Material Because All the Horses Are in the Army.

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Berlin, Dec. 12.—Along the railroad lines just outside of Ibbenburen is a large market garden. Next to it is an open field. As the train rolled by, my companion jogged my arm and pointed. "Look," said he. "There is a key-hole picture of a German."
On the whole field hundreds of young men and boys were drilling. They were at the manual of arms. They were going through the gymnastics which are to make them proficient in killing. They were throwing themselves on the ground when the order was given the skirmish line to take cover. Some of them seemed below the military age.
In the market garden a hundred or more young women were straightening up from their work to watch the train go by. Some of them put hands to their tired backs. Some still leaned forward with hands on knees. The more robust forgot for a moment the weeding, or the hoeing, or whatever toil it thrusting employed men in that garden, to wave a cheery hand at the passing train.
"The men are going to war," said my companion, solemnly. "The women are doing the work of the men."
That picture is presented in a score of varying phases throughout the rural sections of north Germany. The substantial farm cottages, the well tilled fields, seem the background for agricultural activity. But something is missing. There is a deadness that depresses. By and by one discovers what it is. The men and the horses have been taken for the war. Only the old men and the cripples and the women and children are left.
Haltern is one of the little towns at the western end of the coast. It is a town in order to evade the coldly accusing eye of the railroad porter we walked out into the country. By and by we came to a little farmstead. A tiny threshing machine was flailing away at a wagon load of oat sheaves. A tiny steam engine was furnishing the power. It was altogether an absurd outfit to the American eye. It was a tiny threshing machine, driven at high speed by huge engines. It, too, told the story of Germany.
Women and Old Men at Work.
Two young women, buxom and vigorous, were changing curns and were at the wagon to the feeder's platform. A boy was cutting grass. An old man, with long gray whiskers, was feeding the machine. Another old man acted as engineer. At no time saw one else. Then we discovered the owner of the farm, helping to thresh out his meager crop against the hard winter to come.
He wore the green-gray uniform of the German army. Evidently he belonged to the Landsturm, for his musk-fach was of that sweeping, upturned type favored by the German soldier. He had his left hand in a sling. No doubt he thanked God for that wound. It helped him to come back home. He was evidently not military material. "The war has set in—and his wound had so far healed that he might go back to the front."
At one of the two small town hotels in which we slept the entire work of the inn—the one starred by Baedeker—was carried on by an old man and his son, a consumptive, and his daughter, a round faced little maiden with a mother and her three daughters did all the work, except that which could be put upon a porter, who was evidently not military material. The railroad porters—when there were porters—were aging men. We saw few beef cattle. So far as possible, every horse had been taken to the war. Even the government did not spare. "We ask prisoners to volunteer in hauling the carts laden with building material," said the guard at the camp for prisoners of war at Döberitz. "Many of them like to work. It helps keep them in condition, and it breaks the monotony."
"But why do you not use horses?" "We can't get horses," said he. "Not for money. They have all been taken for the army."
It is desolate landscape one sees from the car windows—a manless, almost a womanless, landscape. The country behind the screen the country is throbbing with industry. That industry is all directed toward the one end—the making of war. Few factory chimneys are smoking. The few are apt to be engaged in furnishing food or clothes or arms for the men at the front. There are no idle men at the rear. There is too much to do in absolutely necessary lines. Germany will not consent to loafing.
Germany Saved Her Crops.
Before the Landsturm was called out the winter wheat crop had been put in. Germany made her next season's food supply secure so far as she could. Then she sent her men to fight. As they came back wounded they find on every railroad station platform a hot soup stand, with purses and packages in attendance. A surgeon is there to wait upon them. As fast as they regain their strength they go back to the trenches. The growing crop of soldiers in the home front, in spite of the loss in England would be Boy Scouts, with bare knees and cowboy hats, are drilling under some retired sergeant.
They will be ready two—three—years from now," said by informant. "Before they are called up for their first year of service, they will have learned at least the first principle of discipline and drill."
The boys like it. It gives them two afternoons a week away from school and books, and a German schoolboy does not like books at school any more. He never found anything to equal his bespectacled reputation. The girls are studying first aid and the care of wounded instead of French and English. There isn't a German town without a hospital, and such hospitals might furnish a volunteer nurse for every patient. All this is patriotism without doubt; but it is something more. It is an organized and coordinated patriotism. Every German man and woman has been taught for 40 years to believe this war must come. Each has been trained to believe that he must do his part. Now that the war has come, each is doing it, as a matter of course.
One more illustration: In Berlin the School of Fine Arts and the School of Music and the buildings of the university and the clubs, and every other building of a similar character has been taken over for hospital purposes.
"How can you do that?" we asked a staff surgeon.
"Why not?" he replied. "There is no one left to go to them!"
We rode past a public school building. The boys were pouring out of it, batting each other over the head, tripping each other up, behaving just as small boys do at such an hour the world over. He pointed to the school. "As soon as they are needed for hospital purposes," said he, "we shall take over every public school building in Germany. The plan was made years ago."
No German thinks that unusual. It is merely a part of the war machine. They are all cogs together.

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Salandra's Speech Stirs Up All Italy

Premier's Talk in Parliament Thrills Entire Country, Leading Newspapers Approving His Foreign Policies.
Rome, December 12.—Premier Salandra's warlike speech in parliament has thrilled the whole country. The leading newspapers unanimously approve his position, all political parties are cool and enthusiastic, prevalent in every section of society. It brings to mind the fact that before the war between Italy and Turkey there was no the slightest doubt that the country was on the threshold of momentous events.
Financial sacrifices will be demanded, and it is certain that they will be made cheerfully, for concord and unity are manifested on every hand. Premier Salandra's most significant phrase was not that Italy must defend its interests, but that Italy will affirm its aspirations. It is widely believed that this can only mean that Italy intends by force of arms to bring its own people within the shelter of Italian rule.

Discolored, Wrinkled Skin Easily Removed

Since brown or yellow, over-red or blotchy complexion are decidedly not the fashion, I cannot understand why so many continue to wear them. Surely every woman has heard of the "discolored skin" formula. It is a Japanese merchant some years ago married an American woman. They have a 6-year-old daughter. One day the three were seated at the table. "But this girl is but 6 years old," an American protested. "It is not human to look her up."
"In war," was the reply of the official to whom the appeal had been taken, "there is no such thing as humanity."
Nevertheless, the mother and daughter were some time later released. German officials do make concessions. But the national attitude is unrelenting. It may perhaps be typified by the Friedrichstrasse restaurant keeper who has eliminated steak from his menu. "Now, if one wishes steak, one orders as follows:
"A piece of meat cut from between the ribs."
Mrs. George Paul is dead at 87 in Boston. First illness in over 50 years.

Holland Quits Work on Coast Defenses

Minister of War Stops Appropriation for Finishing Because Experts Agree on Lesson of Antwerp.
The Hague, Dec. 12.—The minister of war has rescinded the appropriation made for the completion of the coast defense, principally the conversion of Flushing into a fortress, and also for the completion of the line of fortifications that would have made Amster-

Treat Tuberculosis With Lime

THE MEDICAL RECORD (New York) of December 18, 1909, contains an exhaustive discussion of "The Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis Based on the Assumption That the Dietetic Cause of the Disease is Lime Starvation," written by Dr. John F. Russell.
In the course of this article Dr. Russell says: "The condition which is recognized as preceding the active development of tuberculosis in the adult may be considered as due to lime starvation. * * * Among inorganic substances, lime salts appear to be of special physiological importance * * * but if the salts are not in organic combination, it is difficult to suppose that the cells can appropriate them for food."
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Doubtless this method of compounding a vital element with other valuable agents has had much to do with the results obtained in many cases of these affections, which appear to have yielded to Eckman's Alternative. In any event, its administration has seemed to secure the desired result—and without causing digestive disturbance or discomfort.
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dram an impregnable fortress like Antwerp.
Military experts here agree that this war has shown that even the most modern fortifications are as much out of date as the castles of the middle ages. Modern artillery renders them useless, even dangerous, for their position is known to the enemy, who can make sure of the range beforehand, and who in some way or other always finds out their weak points. In this war the hastily dug trenches have proved a far more availing means of defense—farther, their position can be altered as occasion requires; and secondly, the enemy must find out the actual position of the artillery and the proper range.
When Holland has learned another, an equally important lesson, from this war will come to light when the armament question again comes up for discussion in parliament. Holland, like Belgium, hitherto has bought artillery and other armaments from Krupp.
M. Coburn, the archeologist, at the World's Bible conference.
Doctor Coburn, who, with a party of archeologists, recently discovered and made the first successful passage through Kadish-Barna, described graphically the details of his journey. Kadish-Barna, the oasis, near which, it is said, the Israelites encamped for 27 years and where Moses delivered the law, has been for many years a matter of dispute for believers and skeptics. Much difficulty and adventure attended Doctor Coburn's discovery, he said, especially obstacles put in his way by Mohammedans, who considered his investigations sacrilegious.
Doctor Coburn found not only the spot where the Bible says the Israelites camped, but the rock from which water sprang when Moses struck it with his rod.

Soldiers in Field To Get Pure Water

Washington, Dec. 12.—Army surgeons have developed a new method of purifying drinking water for troops in the field which has experimentally given excellent results and may be adopted. Canvas bags of closely woven as to be water proof will be used to carry the water, and into each bag is dropped a glass tube containing 15 grains of chloride of lime. This renders the water potable and destroys all disease within five minutes. The bag weighs only eight pounds.

Turkey Bars Way To Bible Truths

Archaeologist Who Discovered Israelites' Refuge in Desert—Says War May Help Biblical History.

Baltimore, Dec. 12.—"If the Turkish government ever falls into the hands of the Christians, all Biblical history will be authenticated," was the statement made today by Dr. C.

The Doctor's Advice
by Dr. Lewis Baker
The questions answered below are gotten in character, the symptoms of diseases are given and the answers will apply in any case of similar nature.
Those wishing further advice, free, may address Dr. Lewis Baker, College Ridge, College Park, Pa. Do not enclose self-addressed stamped envelope for reply. Full name and address must be given. Only initials or fictitious name will be used in my answers. The prescriptions can be filled at any drug store. No charge. Any druggist can order if wholesale.
Miss Bertie L. asks: "What remedy can you recommend to reduce obesity? I want to reduce about thirty pounds."
Answer: I rely on five-grain antipneumonic tablets as being the most effective and convenient treatment to reduce obesity in sealed tubes with complete directions. After the first few days a pound a day is not too much.
Mrs. M. D. D. asks: "Do you think it is possible for me to increase my weight from 97 pounds to about 125 pounds?"
Answer: Yes, I believe that the regular use of a special tonic tablet will do this for you as it has for thousands of others. Ask your druggist for three-grain hypno-nucleate tablets in sealed package with full directions. Take them for several months to get the full benefit.
"Sister" asks: "I have a younger sister who is affected with what is termed green sickness, also catarrh very bad. She is losing strength and her health is quite poor. What do you advise?"
Answer: Such cases should adopt both tonic and local treatment. For a tonic and flesh builder have her take three-grain hypno-nucleate tablets. For local treatment get either a two- or eight-ounce package of antipneumonic Powder and follow carefully the directions for catarrh of the head and pelvic catarrh. Great relief and recovery should soon be manifested if this splendid treatment is followed.
"Ray" writes: "Can a sufferer from bronchial trouble be relieved? Doctor do not seem to help me, what would you suggest?"
Answer: To cure chronic cold, sore throat and bronchitis, I would advise the use of concentrated essence mentho-laxene. Purchase this in any drug store in 2-1/2 oz. packages and mix according to directions given on bottle and you will very shortly be relieved of all bronchial trouble. It will not only relieve, but will correct, and is very pleasant to take. (Adv.)

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