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ALL GERMANY IS GOING DEMOCRATIC

As might have been expected, the pendulum is swinging far in the opposite direction.

Germany is going democratic with a rush.

Not Democratic; democratic.

It is reported by a correspondent of the New York Evening Post in Berlin that "the demand for democratic institutions and reform in all the instrumentalities of life is a positive epidemic in Germany."

This is not at all surprising after the overdose of government control from which the German people have suffered, yet it is interesting to see how far the reaction has already gone:

"Everybody is claiming the right of self-determination or co-determination in something or other, till by now there is undoubtedly more democracy to the square inch in Germany than anywhere else."

To this nobody can object so long as Germany keeps clear of Bolshevism, and if democracy gets a good start it may prove an antiseptic against Bolshevist infection.

There is more than a little likelihood that the phenomena noted by this correspondent are symptoms of one of those great changes in the German character which have had so momentous an effect upon Europe, and which are yet constantly being forgotten because German history has been too little studied in foreign countries; the tendency has been to set up a partly true and partly imaginary concept of Germany and to cling to it long after it has ceased even remotely to represent the real Germany.

French ignorance of the real Germany had much to do with the disaster of France in 1870. Till that revelation the French had clung to the conception of the German people which Mme de Stael had made fashionable in Napoleon's day. Till she wrote "De L'Allemagne" the French had been blankly ignorant of the other side of the Rhine, vaguely remembering that there had been a king at Berlin who wrote French verses and cultivated the acquaintance of Voltaire and other French wits. Mme de Stael, after extensive travels in Germany, gave an account of the country which was true enough at the time, but which was profoundly misleading.

To her in great part was due the conception, which lingered till 1870, of a peaceful and idyllic nation of idealistic thinkers, living amid the soporific fumes of beer and tobacco, content with plain living and high thinking, and notable for good nature, simplicity, and straightforward truthfulness. As compared with the French she found the Germans lacking in tact and elegance, but she praised their freshness, naturalness, and individuality. Above all she admired German idealism with its insistence upon the power of the spirit to rise above the world of matter. In a word, she standardized the notion of Germany which prevailed in France and to some extent in other countries till Bismarck and Moltke revealed a new Germany.

Her mistake was natural enough, for she saw Germany in the depths of economic and political servitude, while the new spirit which was to accomplish the war of liberation was still confused and uncertain. Nor had she the sense of historical continuity required for interpreting Germany's present by its past. The error is obvious now, but it is not sufficiently realized that there is danger now of falling into a similar though opposite error by taking for the real Germany the kaiser's Germany which flourished for but one generation before its overthrow.

To patronize Germany as a land of dreamy idealists after it had gone in for scientific efficiency in business and war was a dangerous mistake; it would be equally harmful to allow the 1914 conception of Germany to be stereoptyped in the same fashion. History is a "movie" that never stops, and the developments to be looked for in Germany during the coming decades are likely to be both important and interesting. It would be a mistake to neglect them or the historical background needed for their comprehension.

The people of the United States have long been acquainted with the Germans who represented Germany before Bismarck and Moltke; with the immigrants of 1848 and their descendants; with the General Sigels and those of the type of Carl Schurz.

Salem and Marion county and Oregon have a large number of that kind.

Their sons fought and suffered and died in the great war to make the world safe for democracy. They are good and useful citizens in any country.

There is a movement starting in Salem to have an eugenics exhibition at the State Fair. The idea is to have the matter handled by a State-wide committee; which would be a good way. The State Fair Board will give it every encouragement. But the good mothers of Oregon are the most competent to make it a success. "Better Babies" is a nation-wide slogan, and Oregon should be in the front line. Of course, we already have the best babies in the world—but we want to increase our lead.

Salem's Rotarians will help to keep things moving.

Salem stores will close on September 1; Labor Day.

One thing certain, the home of the ultimate consumer is safe from the raids of Federal officials looking after large quantities of stored food.—Exchange.

Venustiano Carranza, President of Mexico, is now twisting the tail of the British lion by firing the charge d'affaires at the Mexican capital. Carranza has made the mistake of thinking that all ntions are as complacent as the Unitd States.

The wise individual who recently remarked, in discussing the high cost of living, that one of the troubles was the fact that, no matter what prices were, so many people would insist upon paying them, said a mouthful. A bit of self-denial would knock the stuffing out of high prices.—Exchange.

Retail price of eggs fall to 45 cents a dozen in Salem yesterday. The buying price was 42 cents. That helps some—that is, helps the ultimate consumer. But the producer of eggs will tell you that, considering the high prices of feed, etc., etc., he is not getting enough for his eggs There are two sides to all questions—even the H. C. L.

The outlook at Washington is that none of the recommendations of President Wilson in regard to legislation for the reduction of the high cost of living will be enacted into law. The southern cotton planters and the western farmers have united to oppose the fixing of prices of certain commodities. It will be recalled that, while the prices of what were fixed by the Wilson administration during the war, the southern members of Cangress were able to prevent similar action being taken in regard to cotton. Forty-cent cotton is now predicted. Three years ago there was a buy-a-bale movement throughout the country to keep the price at 10 cents a pound.—Los Angeles Times.

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Caruso has been complaining because the Italian authorities visited his castle at Signa Lastra, near Florence, and requisitioned some of his surplus provisions and wines for the public use. He was placed on rations, the same as the rest of the populace. But Caruso is still lucky.

If he would take his troubles to New York and sing them he could get a thousand dollars a night, where the average man would get only a deaf ear.

AMERICA'S GENIUS

There are indications that American women have begun to resent the slavery to styles in which Paris, largely through American buyers, has so long enthralled them. This is a good sign, being one more proof that America has really begun to emerge from her worship of ancient and foreign institutions. During the short period of the war the people of the United States proved that they can run their own country militarily, politically, scientifically and artistically, without dictation, and now that peace has been returned, there is no reason why they should not continue to display their originality and intitative. America is, comparatively, a new country, rich and beautiful beyond compare.

Within her borders are all the climate of the world.

In the veins of her people runs the blood of all nations, yet her inhabitants possess one quality found nowhere else on the globe—and that is the spirit of Americanism, which includes the spirit of freedom, ambition and power of execution.

There is no need for America to either mock or bow before any nation either of the present of the past.

All the traditions, history, science, philosophy and art of the dead centuries are ours, plus the genius of youth for improving upon old systems and time-worn standards.

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If there is any more aping to be done, let the older nations discard their fogyism and follow the lead of America.

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IN THE BUSY STREET

The busiest street traffic point in the world is at Columbus Circle in New York, where the rush exceeds anything on Piccadilly in London.

At one point on Columbus Circle an average of forty thousand vehicles pass in a ten-hour day—which is better than a rate of one a second. Imagine what a few minutes of congestion does at such a point. The traffic crowds into what seems an almost inextricable mass. Instead of a thing to be pointed to with pride it becomes a serious problem.

The handling of street traffic and the parking of automobiles are going to be grave questions in many municipalities in the immediate future. The city like Salem whose founders were wise enough to establish wide streets at the outset is fortunate.

TAFT'S WONDERFUL WORK

When the senate finally ratifies the peace treaty a thankful nation and a greatful world will not forget the part played by the League to Enforce Peace, or by its president, William Howard Taft, whose untiring endeavors and clear logic have confounded the petty politicians who in the words of George W. Wickersham, would "deprive the world of the great hope and radiant promise of a world allied for the preservation of peace." Next to President Wilson, it is doubtful if any American has had as much influence as has Mr. Taft in bringing the sente to terms—and certainly no man, not even the president, has stated the issues so clearly to both the national congress and the people at large.

AS THE SUN GOES DOWN

It is not until toward the end of life that many of us begin to see that we have worried ourselves into old age by bothering our heads over a million apparently important issues and events which really amounted to nothing or that might have been attended to much better without our interference.

Isaac Newton said: "I seem to have been as a child, feverishly engaged in picking up pink-lipped shells upon the sands, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me."

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BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Punitive expedition still going.

Little news is given out about it.

And there is half an intimation that it will just keep right on going. And in that case it will soon become corrective rather than punitive. And that is the important thing: the thing that must come sooner or later, and the sooner the better.

The American Legion boys down at Astoria are a two-fisted bunch. The editor who was licked, no matter how thorough a trouncing he got, he not get half as much as he deserved.

The American Legion is on the scene in the United States just at the crucial time. The conscientious objectors and yellow-streaked yaps of all degrees will have to sing low.

Down at Austin, Texas, a white man (white skinned) was "worked over' and put on a train and sent out of town by some prominent citizens, yesterday, because he was inciting the negroes against the whites. No arrests. And there will not be any. The black white man ought to be thankful that he got off as well as he did. Race prejudice is the worst prejudice in the world, and the man who incites it is worse than a murderer.

Getting married in an airplane is the latest—but the happy couple will come down.

Let the triumph of the reds in this country be confined to the winning of the national league championship by the Cincinnati Reds.

Ex-Senator Charles Frederick William Dick of Ohio has purchased the old Cochrane hotel in Washington for $165,000. Indicating how a man may prosper in business by attending to his business. There was a time when Dicky—but why indulge in reminiscences?

DON'T KEEP POISON IN YOUR BLOOD
When the kidneys are properly doing their work they eliminate from the circulation waste products that poison the blood if permitted to remain in the system. Foley Kidney Pills help the kidneys, remove the poisons that cause aches and pains, stiff joints, sore muscles, lame back, rheumatic pains.—J. C. Perry.

"MAZEPPA!"

Reid in The Forum

Treasurer of the National Social Unit Organization

Charles Edison

In order to find, through scientific investigation, a solution for the problems of American democracy Charles Edison, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Edison Company and son of Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, has resigned all other social, civic, and philanthropic connections to become treasurer of the National Social Unit Organization, which is conducting an experiment in community organization in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Social Unit plan aims to organize the entire community around public health, recreation, education, unemployment and kindred problems. Public needs are discovered by block committees elected for every suit of a hundred families and represented in a central community council. Programmes to meet these needs are formulated by an "occupational council," consisting of elected representatives of such skilled groups as physicians, nurses, social workers, teachers, and business men. The object is to secure the most active participation in and control of community affairs by all the people, at the same time utilizing the highest skill.

The demonstration in Cincinnati, it is claimed, has established a remarkable record in health work, improved housing, begun a new system for the collection and continuous recording of community statistics and promoted Americanization.

Extension of the Social Unit plan to a wider area is being contemplated for the near future after the results of the three-year experiment period which expires in 1920, have been passed upon by a corps of national experts.

"And what is this place?"

"This is Reno. The limited stops here 20 minutes."

"Oh, I've heard of Reno."

"Of curse you have."

"Is 20 minutes long enough to get a divorce?"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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