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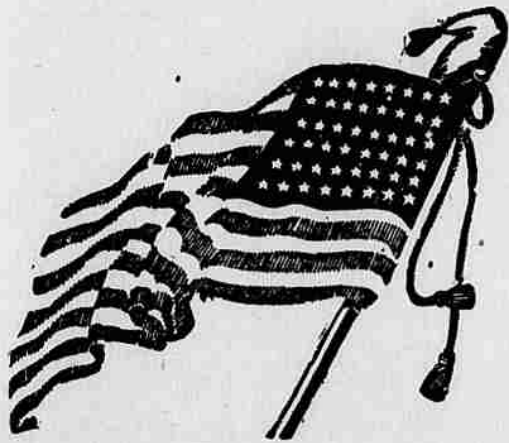
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CHANCE FOR TEUTON REVOLT

HERE is no doubt that serious internal troubles confront the Central Powers. The situation in Berlin is alarming. The Prussian military leaders. The junkers are fearful that the Kaiser and Hertling will surrender to the demands of the people and the Socialists are becoming more insistent on their program. In Vienna the situation is apparently much worse, with the peoples of many races on the verge of revolt. Some prominent writers, familiar with conditions in these countries, however, see little chance of peace, so long as Teuton arms are undefeated.

The situation in Austria is especially interesting. The peoples of Austria-Hungary as shown by the 1910 census are divided by races as follows: Slavs, 24,500,000; Germans, 12,000,000; Magyars, 10,000; Latins (Rumans and Italians), 4,000,000. The Slavs are divided as follows: Czechoslovaks, 8,500,000; Jugoslavs, 7,000,000; Poles, 5,000,000; Ruthenes, 4,000,000.

How has so unharmonious a bunch of nations as Austria-Hungary held together so long? There are two chief reasons—fear of a common foe and internal antagonism. Austria-Hungary came into being in the sixteenth century, when the conquering Turks were a menace to Europe. All Christians united against the common foe. The Hapsburg dynasty, for the purpose of centralizing all leadership, then managed to divide and excite agitation against each other the various groups.

Petty struggles and local antagonisms were long substituted for the normal evolution of the political parties. Some time before the war it was evident that the patched-up feudal empire was rapidly drifting toward decomposition. Germany, with her dreams of eastern empire, viewed the growing desire for emancipation with alarm. Practical control or ownership of Austria-Hungary was essential to the great scheme. Pierre de Lanux reminds us, in the Outlook, that the Serbian victories in the Balkan wars of 1912 and 1913 had stimulated the spirit of independence among the southern Slavs, who all speak the Serbian language and are of the Serbian race. Austria sent her ultimatum to Serbia in July, 1914, because she could no more resist the separatist tendencies of her own people, and she needed to crush their hopes by crushing the little independent nation with which they wanted to unite. No doubt this is one of the direct causes of the war, some writers maintain.

Alone, Austria was beaten shamefully and invaded by the Serbians, Russians, Italians and Rumanians, but with timely German help defeat was often followed by victory. Though the peoples of Austria-Hungary cordially dislike the Germans and positively hate the controlling Prussians, they have been forced to rely on their aid. In victory this dependence was not so bitter, but with other fortunes the Prussian controlling hand and ash are galling indeed.

Austria-Hungary, like every other ally of Germany, has been reduced to the state of a vassal. It is clear that the longer she is fettered to Germany the more abject her position grows, and the deeper must her suffering and loss be. No wonder there is a clamor for peace. A revolution may possibly force an abrupt end to the war, but of a revolution in Germany there is little hope.

H. G. Wells, the most widely read English writer in the world, answers the doubt of republican feeling in Germany by asserting "that objection is always made to any reasonable discussion of the war—and as most of us are denied access to German papers, it is difficult to produce quotations; and even when there does there are plenty of fools to suggest and believe that the entire German press is an elaborate camouflage. Yet in the German press there is far more criticism of militant imperialism than those who have no access to it can imagine. There is far more frank criticism of militarism in Germany than there is of reactionary Toryism in England, and it is more free to speak its mind."

Frederick William Wile, late Berlin correspondent of the London Daily Mail, believes that Mr. Wells' encouragement of the hope that the German people may overthrow kaiserism by revolution, a most dangerous and vain hope.

He bows to Mr. Wells' perspicacity in foreshadowing various engines of the war, but in the realm of political probabilities Germany prefers the counsel of former Ambassador Gerard.

"The German nation is not one which makes revolutions."

There will be scattered riots in Germany, but no simultaneous rising of the whole people. The officers of the army are all of one class, and a class devoted to the ideals of autocracy. A revolution of the army is impossible, and at home there are only the boys and old men, easily kept in subjection by the police.

"Let us, for heaven's sake," pleads Mr. Wells, "relegate revolution to the scrap heap to which we should long ago have banished 'starvation.' Both of the hopes were, are and always will be indecent dreams."

"Mr. Wells states that 'access to German papers' would show that the Germans are ripe for revolutionary sentiment. He declares that 'in the German press there is far more criticism of militant imperialism than those who have no access to it can imagine,' and that 'there is a far franker criticism in Germany than there is of reactionary Toryism in this country, and it is more free to speak its mind.'"

"I have unrestricted 'access to German papers.' I read 25 to 30 every day. I have done so, with brief interruptions, ever since the beginning of the war. My eyes are growing positively dim from looking for reliable evidence of revolutionary sentiment in Germany. I cannot find it. I have never found anything a tithe as revolutionary as Mr. Wells' own proposal that 'republican circles' should forthwith be organized in Great Britain. I never see articles one-half as 'up-heavish' as those published every week in a certain class organ in this country. The price of printing 'criticism' of that sort in Germany is suppression and hard labor, as Harden and Liebknecht know."

"Does Mr. Wells know that President Wilson's eloquent appeal to the Germans to throw off the tyrannous yoke of militarism produced a universal guffaw throughout the Fatherland? I do not mean a journalistic guffaw, for, with few exceptions, newspaper opinion in Germany, like munition factories, is Government controlled. I mean a wave of popular resentment, bitter and nation-wide, which welled up in countless public meetings—meetings of town councils, chambers of commerce, universities, public schools, trade bodies of all sorts, churches and in practically every form of organized life in the country."

"But possibly Mr. Wells relies on German 'Liberalism' and Socialism to light the revolutionary fires. He is building on sands. Every 'Liberal' or Socialistic utterance in Germany, almost without noteworthy exception, has pleaded for peace on the terms of acknowledged German victory. I refer to utterances on which there is no restraint—in the Reichstag and the Prussian diet. The speakers who deliver them 'grouse' in the traditional manner about the iniquities of Junker rule. But they never indicate any intention of smash it by force. They make what the Germans call 'a fist in their pocket.' Revolutions are not born in that region."

"Political revolutions spring from a people's intelligence as well as their woe. Mr. Wells pays small tribute to the intelligence of Germans if he imagines they are going to accept an allied victory—he contemplates nothing else—while their own arms are undefeated."

"There is just one way to help the German people to shake off the oppressing coils. That is to make them see that militarism is a bad investment. We shall accomplish that end by defeating militarism in the field. That is the 'point,' it seems to me, that we shall do best to 'stick to.'"

A Story of Married Life REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

By Adele Garrison

What Happened When Dicky Met Madge With Dr. Pettit.

My first emotion upon seeing Dicky standing by the gate guard at the Long Island station was one of stark fright. I knew his uncontrollable temper so well that I was afraid he was still raging because I was in Dr. Pettit's company.

Of course I knew that it was only a matter of time when he would come to himself and realize how unreasonable he was. For he, himself, no other, was to blame for my being with Dr. Pettit. If he had not gone to the rescue of the girl artists whom he had seen struggling in the crowd around Madison Square Garden on the night of the president's speech there he would not have become separated from me, and I would not have been cast upon the tender mercies of the young physician.

My feeling of fear, however, soon gave way to righteous anger against Dicky. I felt that I could not soon forgive him for the childish exhibition of temper he had given, when, after losing me in the crush outside the Garden, through his own negligence, he had seen so fiercely resentful at finding me seated safely beside Dr. Pettit inside the big auditorium.

But underneath the fear and the anger which gripped me lay another feeling which startled me, so strong, and, in a measure, unexpected it was. It was a feeling of relief. After all, I was not to go home without my husband, and with the fear of village gossip before my eyes. Angry or not, Dicky, my "man," was waiting for me. An unaccountable little glow warmed my heart even through my anger.

Dicky is Light-Hearted.

One glance at Dicky's face, however, told me that he had had time to repent of his childishness, that he was not angry any longer, but, on the contrary, was bitterly ashamed of his actions in the Garden.

But, Dicky-like, my husband gave no indication in his speech of either embarrassment or remorse. On the contrary, when he caught sight of me he allowed just the right expression of relief to appear on his face and hailed me joyfully.

"Hello, there!" he called out, advancing toward me and stretching out a cordial hand to Dr. Pettit. "I was beginning to think I had the original 'boy on the burning deck' beaten four blocks."

"Gee, I'm relieved about you, Madge! I had visions of you in every morgue in the city. I thought I would stand here until the last train went, for I knew you would make your way here if you could. How lucky it was you met the doctor. Where did you ever run on to him?"

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your invitation. And now that I have delivered Mrs. Graham safely into your care I will bid you good-evening." He lifted his hat with a formal bow which included both of us, and turning walked swiftly away.

"As You Please."

I guessed that he was putting a restraint upon himself, and cast a swift glance at Dicky to ascertain whether or not he also detected the young physician's hidden emotion.

"Your sawbones friend didn't seem over and above pleased to see me," Dicky said, unpleasantly, as he walked by my side down the steps toward the train.

"What was the matter; did he feel himself cheated out of a pleasant journey down to Marvin?"

The covert sneer in his voice set me wild. It was the spark needed to fire the powder magazine of my resentment.

I drew Dicky behind a pillar on the platform runway, which partly shielded us from the hurrying commuters.

"Are you going to make another speech like that to me tonight?" I demanded in a low but determined voice. "Because if you are I'm going to go up in the station, late as it is, telephone Mrs. Stewart at the old boarding house where I used to live before I married you, and stay there until you come to your senses."

Dicky stared at me a moment, then lifted his hat with a mocking smile. "As you please," he said airily.

WANT ADAMS RETAINED.

The matter of the appointment of a member of the state highway commission is being discussed about the state, the term of E. J. Adams, of Eugene, expiring March 1. At a dinner given in Eugene last Tuesday at which Governor Withycombe was a guest of honor, the people of Eugene unitedly asked the governor to reappoint Mr. Adams. Rumor has it that Mr. Adams is not slated for further favors at the hand of the governor but that his successor has not been fully determined upon. Coos county people as well as hundreds of others all over the state dialike to learn that the governor even entertains the thought of a change and truly hopes Mr. Adams will be retained.—Coos Bay Harbor.

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