

GERMAN WRITER IS HARDLY OPTIMISTIC

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—German victory in the war would mean that the Germans "as the dominant race, would have to keep in subjection by force of arms the crushed and dispossessed peoples," asserts Gothein, a leading liberal member of the German reichstag in an editorial article in the official organ of the influential German association for commercial treaties.

"Should we actually succeed in gaining a decisive victory, which only a few persons believe possible," he writes, "we should have to bear a weight of armaments for that purpose which would make it impossible for our national strength, so terribly weakened in any case by bloody losses, again to regain its economic power. And yet without this permanent political strength is impossible. One day the world would rise against the German sway, would burst its fetters, would destroy our power which would be lacking in economic support. For if we have been able to hold out this time, we have above all to thank our economic efficiency.

"There remains only one solution, peace by understanding. A peace which is permanent must remove from the world the rivalry of power.

"An economic war after the war would be unbearable for Germany."

SAME KNITTING NEEDLES USED IN CIVIL WAR

Great Falls, Mont., Dec. 15.—With the same knitting needles with which she knit 40 pairs of socks for soldiers of the civil war, 55 years ago, Mrs. R. M. Craven of Belt, Mont., has just completed two pairs of socks for American soldiers in the present war, and sent them to the local Red Cross chapter.

Neatly printed stationery at the Courier office.

ORDNANCE CHIEF IS STILL UNDER FIRE

Washington, Dec. 15.—General Crozier, continuing his testimony before the senate investigating committee today, stated that he thought the classification system being arranged for the forthcoming draft would be finished within 60 days. He predicted the complete success of the plan.

General Crozier was on the stand for four hours answering questions, which it was deemed inadvisable to discuss publicly and gave much detailed information supplementing testimony yesterday as to shortages in rifles, machine guns and light artillery. He vigorously reiterated his assertion that existing conditions will not interfere with America's fighting capacity abroad or training at home.

The machine gun question was given much attention in today's session. It was brought out that only a few hundreds of machine guns have been furnished the training camps and that for many weeks after the national army got into training some of the units were instructed with charts instead of weapons.

In the national army cantonments about half the men have not yet received rifles.

As a general policy of equipping the American forces, General Crozier informed the committee that the department's efforts were being concentrated on European operations. While training camps are being cared for, he said, the department's prime effort is to insure an adequate supply of all equipment for the American overseas forces.

Cold Reality.
"While there's life there's hope."
"Yes," replied Mr. Sawyer Wood, "but unless you put some solid work into this life hope is about all you are going to get out of it."—Washington Star.

Cards at the Courier office.

GERMAN BIRTH RATE LOWER THAN BRITISH

London, Dec. 15.—"Crudely stated the war has resulted in 200,000 people in the United Kingdom being married between August, 1914, and June 1917, who in the ordinary course would not have married," says Sir Bernard Mallet, president of the Statistical society.

The loss of potential lives to the belligerent countries by the decrease in number of children born was perhaps the most important effect upon vital statistics produced by the war, he said. In births the United Kingdom had suffered far less than Germany and Hungary, the United Kingdom having lost 10,000 per each million of the population, Germany 40,000 and Hungary 70,000 per million.

The infant mortality in the summer of 1917 appeared to have been very high in several German cities, and the German rate all through remained at some 50 per cent higher than in England.

An alteration in the sex ratio of birth appeared to be established by the figures of the United Kingdom, the proportion of males having noticeably increased.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Presbyterian Church
Morning service at 11 a. m., "Bethany's Thirtieth Anniversary." Evening service at 7:30 p. m., sermon, "The Message of the War to Labor." Sunday school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Music for the anniversary service will be given by a group of singers who have served the church for long in the choir. Old residents will find much of interest in this significant service.

A sincere welcome to all attendants.

L. Myron Boozer, minister.

Newman M. E. Church
There will be services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., preaching by the pastor at both services: morning subject, "Luther and His Work," evening subject, "The Christian and His Bible." In the morning there will be a solo by Mrs. J. G. Imel, and in the evening Mrs. H. K. Miller will be the soloist. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth and Intermediate League at 6:30 p. m. A cordial welcome to all.

Melville T. Wire, pastor.

Baptist Church
Rev. W. G. Black, of Redlands, Cal., will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church both morning and evening. Subjects, Morning, "A Better Country," evening, "Christ, the Only King." Rev. Black was the first pastor of this church, leaving here about 25 years ago.

Sunday school meets at 10 a. m., and B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

St. Luke's Church
Sunday school this morning at 9:50 a. m. An invitation is extended to you.

First Church of Christ Scientist
Christian Science services are held every Sunday in the W. O. W. hall, at 11 a. m. Wednesday evening meetings at 8 o'clock. The subject for today is, "God the Preserver of Man." The reading room is open daily from 2 to 4 p. m. except Sundays and holidays. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the reading room.

SHEAR SHEEP FOR RED CROSS KNITTERS

Akra, N. D., Dec. 15.—The patriotic spirit of women of Pembina county was evidenced here recently when the local Red Cross chapter exhausted their yarn for knitting.

"Shear a sheep for the Red Cross," was the word which was sent out over the country side, and each farmer sheared a sheep and the wool was brought into Akra, where it was carded and spun. Now Akra has plenty of yarn at Red Cross headquarters for the winter's knitting.

Love's Blindness.
Miss Louisa says if you want to know just how blind love is all you need to do is watch an engaged girl trying to find a price mark on the box in which her fiancée sent her a birthday present. —Mason Telegraph.

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Elephants Can't Jump.
"There is one thing no one has ever seen an elephant do, either in a circus or out of it, and that is to jump," said a keeper in the zoo.

"The fact is an elephant cannot jump. Because of his great weight he cannot take all four feet off the ground at once. He can make a 100 yard dash at the rate of twenty miles an hour, which is going some, but if he was pursuing an enemy and came to a deep ditch eight feet across he would have to stop short, because it is too wide for him to step it, and he is unable to jump. An elephant is a great coward. He will have a fit if a rabbit runs between his feet. He has tremendous strength, but he doesn't know it."

WAR HAS A SOBERING EFFECT ON ENGLAND

London, Dec. 15.—England has become more sober and sane during the war according to official returns. The convictions for drunkenness last year were the lowest recorded for nearly 50 years at 84,191 against 135,828 in 1915.

The number of insane persons under care in January, in England and Wales were 134,029 a decrease of 3,159. These figures are also the lowest for 50 years.

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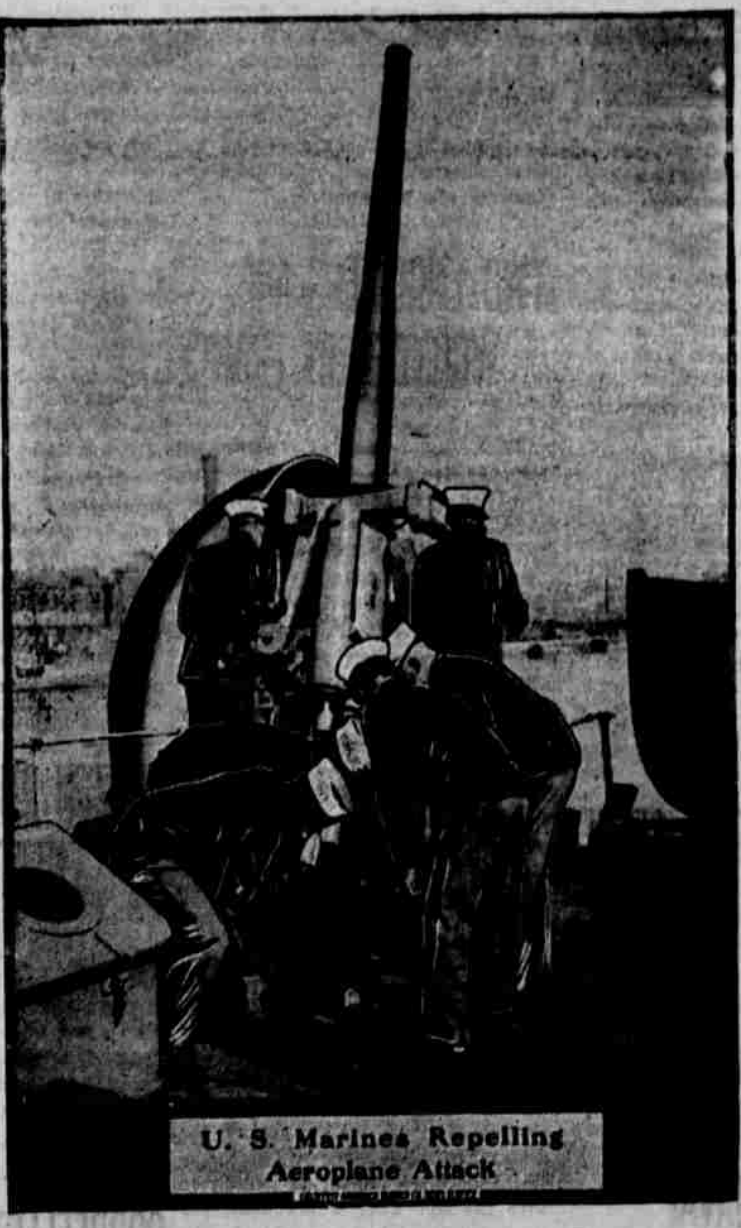
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