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GERMANY'S RECORD AS NATION

Road to Power in Trickery and Has Long Been Recognized as Thoroughly Unscrupulous.

Germany up to 70 years ago was not in existence as a nation, but was a federation of small principalities. Prussia, the nucleus of the German empire, was always quarrelsome, boastful of her military supremacy, crafty, cruel and of doubtful diplomatic integrity. The South German principalities, although more or less Prussian in blood, yet were independent, and constantly fighting with each other, jealous and striving for power one over the other. The famous federation of German states which was believed at first by the people to be a true democratic federation, was fathered by Bismarck, the Iron Chancellor. The trickery by which many of the German states were hoodwinked into this alliance was the direct cause of the German revolution, which was nipped in the bud through the already marvelous perfection of the German militaristic machine, and in 1848 some 500,000 German revolutionists emigrated to the United States with the price of Prussia's disapproval on their heads. Since that time Germany has been recognized as a formidable military power by all the world. The only war she had waged as a federated empire up to the present one was the Franco-Prussian war in 1870 in which Germany was markedly the victor. It was settled by indemnity and the annexation of Alsace-Lorraine.

"I'M NO BABY KILLER, SONNY"

Big Irish Corporal Speaks His Mind to a Young Seabee Prisoner Whom He Had Taken.

Mike, a big Irish corporal, had just captured a German in a shell hole.

"Come awn out o' that," shouted Mike. I stepped up in time to see his prisoner, a wax-pale boy who afterward said he was sixteen and who didn't look fourteen, says Hamilton M. Wright in the Forum. He was very weak, his helmet almost rested on his narrow shoulders, his tunic was so big that the sleeves were rolled back eight inches, his trousers were so long that they bagged like a souave's bloomers. The poor kid commenced to cry pitifully, like a girl.

"Niver you moind, sonny," said Mike. "I'm no baby killer. Here let me help you," and big Mike dropped his gun, slid down into the hole where the boy might have turned his own gun on unarmed Mike, and brought him up.

"Stop yer cryin', sonny. Nobody'll hurt you. There'll be cats for ye an' a good rest back there. But—" and Mike paused and glared—"if I could git me paws on th' big dirty fat slob of a Prueshun what sent a baby the likes of youse out here I'd tie him to that post an' feed him lighted hand grenades 'till there was nawthin' left of him. That's th' guy I'm after," and Mike picked up his gun and rushed on into the thick of the advance.

AFRAID OF MORE TONGUE.

Jocular Butcher—"Eard the latest, eh? Like feeds like. Eat 'art and you gets 'art. Eat brains and you gets brains. And so on. Now, what about this nice tongue to take 'ome to the wife?"

Mr. Meekus—Eh—you haven't got a frozen one, have you?—London Tit-Bits.

WHY NOT?

"The servant problem? It can be solved."

"You speak with confidence, Mr. Jibway."

"And know whereof I speak, sir. A housewife in the kitchen with her sleeves rolled up, rattling pots and pans is the logical, the ultimate solution.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

FISHY.

"Who's that nervous man with the European way ribbon who hangs around the docks all day long?"

"He spent two years in the S. O. S. watching French fishermen, and one day he saw one catch a fish. The doctors say he'll be all right after a long rest."—Paris Stars and Stripes.

NO LONGER CHILDREN.

"Any children in the family?"
Not any more. A few months ago we had three boys, but they're all full grown men and in the service of their country now."

"BEFORE AND AFTER TAKING" A LESSON IN NEAR EAST RELIEF



Amena, one of the 400,000 orphans in the Near East, was wandering in the streets of her ruined city in the latter boy's clothing of the "before taking" picture when she was picked up by a relief worker. She has been placed in one of the orphanages being put up for the thousands of fatherless, motherless, friendless children by the American Committee for Relief in the Near East.

Amena's father was tied to the tail of a horse and dragged to death and the little daughter was left to pick up her food, literally from the street, and to find some nook between buildings where she might sleep. From this life of hiding and doubtless, stealing, when over she could, there probably came the expression of profound canniness in the first picture. The influence of love and kindness with which she has come in contact have brought back the natural childish charm of the "after-taking" picture.

Do not imagine that Amena's case is a rare one or even that every such child can be taken to care and shelter as soon as discovered. Too often the relief worker must look the other way. A recent cable to the committee says: "The heroic men and women who have strained every energy to save lives have now the task of picking out those who shall perish." It is that they shall not perish that the Committee for Relief in the Near East is asking the public to give \$20,000,000 in January. A very important part of this committee's work is to establish orphanages, as many as funds permit, wherever possible.

SWORN IN BEFORE SUPERICRS

Vice Presidents Who Have Taken Oath of Office Ahead of Chief Executives Elected With Them.

More than once in our history the vice president has been sworn and inducted into office sooner than the president. This was the case of John Adams who took oath and became president of the senate and vice president of the United States nearly a month before Washington's first inauguration; it was the case with Millard Fillmore, who, it is said, took the oath on Sunday, March 4 falling on that day of the week in 1849, while Taylor, the president-elect, being a rigid Sabbatarian, did not permit himself to be sworn until Monday.

It is said that in 1877, when March 4 again fell on Sunday, Wheeler, the vice president-elect took the oath on that day, while Hayes, having religious scruples, put off the matter until Monday. Of these cases, however, the most peculiar was that of 1879, when, the government having just been put in operation, presented the curious spectacle of a vice president without a president. At the time, however, the matter seems to have attracted little attention or remark, and is now remembered only as a historical incident.

NO GREAT WHITE WAY IN ROME.

New Yorkers who were aggrieved by the darkening of their "Great White Way," as Broadway is called, because of last winter's coal shortage, might have comforted themselves by considering how much better off they were than the ancient Romans. It is a curious fact that, while the people of Rome had elaborate systems of lighting for their homes, it does not seem to have occurred to them to brighten their streets. Roman history and literature contain no mention of street lights. On the other hand there is ample evidence that the streets were exceedingly dark and dangerous as soon as the sun went down and few Romans of prominence and property stirred after nightfall without armed guards who carried torches. Rome maintained a force of 9,000 policemen, who also acted as firemen, and it is recorded that they had plenty to do.

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GETTING A SMOKE.

There is a lad in our barracks who one day ran out of cigarettes and tried to get one, but nobody wanted to donate him any. Finally in disgust he went out through the front end of the barracks without saying a word. He returned through the rear end and in a company commander's voice hollered: "Attention." At this everybody stood at attention, wondering what the order was going to be. It was only "Who has a cigarette?" He received more than one, as everybody thought he had put one over on them.—Chicago Tribune.

"YANKS" IS IT.

A recent editorial in the Stars and Stripes on nicknames for our army lads cheers us a lot in our lonely stand against "doughboys." That nickname doesn't even get a "look in" in the army's official organ. The editorial concludes: "You can't manufacture a nickname in a century, but one can be hooked to you in a day. Yanks it is."

"P. S.—We have just thought of another objection to doughboys. Culinary, doughboys and noodle are practically the same thing—and our soldiers are not 'noodles.'—Boston Transcript.

SOME REDUCTION.

Wife—Well, there's one good thing about Hooverizing.
Hubbie—What is it?
Wife—I'll soon be rid of my double chin.

COOK WILL WIN.

Parke—Yes, sir. The war will be won in the kitchen.

Lane—Good! I've had several wars in my kitchen and never won one yet.—Judge.

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