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CRUELTY AND LUST WEAPONS OF HUNS

Conquered Peoples Shamefully Treated for Advantage of the German State.

Prussian Officers Callously Tell How Starvation and Abuse Are Made to Serve Their Purpose--Captives Women Made Slaves.

This I have seen. I could not believe it unless I had seen it through and through. For several weeks I lived with it; I went all about it and back of it; inside and out of it was shown to me--until finally I came to realize that the incredible was true. It is monstrous, it is unthinkable, but it exists. It is the Prussian system.--F. C. Walcott.

No more graphic description of the ravages of the German soldiery upon the civilian population of invaded countries has been given than is contained in the brief and simple statements of F. C. Walcott, now connected with the United States food administration, who was assistant to Mr. Hoover while America was feeding Belgium, Poland and northern France. In one of these statements Mr. Walcott says:

Even now I find it hard to describe in comprehensible terms the mind of official Germany, which dominates and shapes all German thought and action. Yet it is as hard, as clear-cut, as real as any material thing. I saw it in Poland, I saw the same thing in Belgium, I heard of it in Serbia and Roumania. For weeks it was always before me, always the same. Officers talked freely, frankly, directly. All the staff officers have the same view.

Let me try to tell it, as General von Kries told me, in Poland, in the midst of a dying nation. Germany is destined to rule the world, or at least a great part of it. The German people are so much human material for building the German state, other people do not count. All is for the glory and might of the German state. The lives of human beings are to be conserved only if it makes for the state's advancement, their lives are to be sacrificed if it is to the state's advantage. The state is all, the people are nothing.

Conquered people signify little in the German account. Life, liberty, happiness, human sentiment, family ties, grace and generous impulse, these have no place beside the one concern, the greatness of the German state.

Starvation must excite no pity; sympathy must not be allowed, if it hampers the main design of promoting Germany's ends.

"Starvation is here," said General von Kries. "Candidly, we would like to see it relieved; we fear our soldiers may be unfavorably affected by the things that they see. But since it is here, starvation must serve our purpose. So we set it to work for Germany. By starvation we can accomplish in two or three years in East Poland more than we have in West Poland, which is East Prussia, in the last hundred years. With that in view, we propose to turn this force to our advantage.

"This country is meant for Germany," continued the keeper of starving Poland. "It is a rich alluvial country which Germany has needed for some generations. We propose to remove the able-bodied working Poles from this country. It leaves it open for the inflow of German working people as fast as we can spare them. They will occupy it and work it."

Then with a cunning smile, "Can't you see how it works out? By and by we shall give back freedom to Poland. When that happens Poland will appear automatically as a German province."

In Belgium, General von Blasing told me exactly the same thing. "If the relief of Belgium breaks down we can force the industrial population into Germany through starvation and colonize other Belgians in Mesopotamia where we have planned large irrigation works; Germans will then overrun Belgium. Then when the war is over and freedom is given back to Belgium, it will be a German Belgium that is restored. Belgium will be a German province and we have Antwerp--which is what we are after."

That is not all. Removing the men, that the land may be vacant for German occupation, that German stock may replace Belgians, Poles, Serbians, Armenians, and now Roumanians, Germany does more. Women left captive are enslaved. Germany makes all manner of lust its instrumentality. The other day a friend of mine told me of a man just returned from northern France. "I cannot tell you the details," he said, "man to man, I don't want to repeat what I heard." Some of the things he did tell--shocking mutilation and moral murder. He told of women, by the score, in occupied territory of northern France, imprisoned in underground dungeons, tethered for the use of their bodies by officers and men.

If this is not a piece of the Prussian system, it is the logical product of disregard of the rights of others.

Germany has limited the amount that prisoners may spend to \$15 a week for officers and \$12.50 for privates.

GOOD-BY TO THE CRUTCHES

Artificial Limbs So Cleverly Devised That Legless Men Have No Difficulty in Walking.

There need be no legless soldiers to hobble pitifully along the streets after this war. An American army surgeon has devised a new type of artificial leg which can be manufactured by Uncle Sam for about \$25 and which will almost perfectly reproduce the action of a natural leg, even if the soldier has only a stump left. It means good-bye to crutches, declares the New York Evening Post.

This remarkable triumph of American inventive genius was described at the New York Academy of Medicine by Maj. P. B. Magnuson, medical reserve corps, a member of the surgeon general's staff.

The artificial leg described by the surgeon is the invention of Maj. David Silver, another medical reserve officer, formerly a practicing physician in Pittsburgh.

"This artificial leg is of a type far ahead of anything that has been developed abroad as a result of the war," Major Magnuson said. "It is a better substitute for a natural leg than the government has ever been able to obtain heretofore for \$100 each, and it can be made for a quarter of that price. In this one thing alone Doctor Silver has earned his salary as major."

The invention has been successfully used by a man with both legs amputated. Crutches are unnecessary. The foot has a jointed instep and a rubber base which reproduces the natural movements with astonishing success. Major Magnuson asserted that it would be hard to guess that a man was wearing the support after he was practiced in its use.

Artificial hands and wrists were also described.

Little Fat Makes Them Swell.

A strange new disease has broken out in Germany, according to articles in German medical weeklies, summarized in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The physicians call it war edema. It manifests itself by a swelling of the lower extremities, less often of the upper, the face, and the serous cavities. Unless permanent relief is obtained it may last for months.

Apparently all the German writers attribute it to the poor diet that now prevails; excess of carbohydrates and deficiency of fats, together with large quantities of water, as the food is taken mostly in the form of soup.

The cure is rest in bed and the addition of at least 100 grams of fat to the daily ration.

RETURN TO WAGER OF BATTLE

Warfare of the Future Likely to Be Restricted to Comparatively Few Combatants.

A day, not far removed, may come when the embattled hosts of rival nations will give place to a wager of battle to decide the conflict. The battle will then be confined to the combatants alone without violent interference with the peaceful pursuits of noncombatants or destruction of their property.

First, however, we must evolve great engines of destruction, so perfect that a few skilled heroes will direct each one of them. These war machines will be so costly that only a few great powers will have the resources to construct and maintain them. Wise legislation and skillful systems of taxation will be necessary to organize the whole people for their support. A chosen few, picked from the whole nation, will man them, men in the full vigor of their strength, physically perfect to endure the terrible strain, and powerful of brain to meet and surmount every intricacy of mechanics and every difficulty of strategy.

Above all, these hero supermen must be of such unswerving character that they will, day in and day out, without surcease, devote their unflinching zeal to the great task of defending the civilization for which they contend. The evolution and the increasing economic burden of maintenance of this machinery will make war the luxury of the most powerful states and will cause the area of war constantly to recede. Small nations will no longer be able to maintain military establishments, and eventually the millions of men who now battle upon the field of honor will have been replaced by a contest among a few men in control of stupendous machinery.--Ellery C. Stowell in the Century Magazine.

Bayonet Work Brings in Body Armor.

Civil war veterans who tell stories of bayonet thrusts stopped by prayer-books in their pockets will be interested in the discovery of a protection for our soldiers to wear in France which will turn a bayonet's point, says the Boston Post. The shields were invented by Everett Dunbar of Lynn, a patriotic citizen, who has turned his invention over to the war department without making an attempt to patent it. Incidentally this opens a new field for volunteer woman workers, who can sew the cloth parts for the thin steel plates which are flexible and fit the body.

Chloroforming to Some Old Sayings.

The Arctic explorer Stefansson—who ought to know—has knocked the foundation out of several old sayings which had come to be regarded as solid facts. Among other things he says authoritatively that frost bites cannot be remedied by rubbing snow on them; that there is no harm in eating snow when you are thirsty; that Eskimo houses are well ventilated and are not generally ill-smelling.

Self Education.

Some of the best educated men never went to college. One of the most eminent geologists never went to school. Many college and university graduates think they have acquired the sum of human knowledge and rest on their oars for the rest of their lives, while others with inferior advantages pass them in the pursuit of knowledge. One of the best-informed men in the country, who became prominent in business and diplomacy, left school when sixteen years of age to enter the services of a firm of East India merchants in the old days of sailing vessels. He made many voyages round the Cape of Good Hope and devoted his time on shipboard to study. He read every word in one of the encyclopedias of that day and learned seven or eight languages. In this way he became the best-posted man whom the federal government could find in the United States for special diplomatic work. Whenever a subject arose in conversation with which he was unfamiliar he looked it up in some book of reference and he said he never forgot what he read about a matter that interested him at the time. His was a perfect system of self-education.--New York Commercial.

A Raise in Wages.

Everybody likes to have his wages raised, and everybody feels a little thrill of pride when he is told he is going to be paid more for his work. Did you ever figure it out that you were being paid wages when you go to school, and can have them raised every month if you want to? Sure, you study, and that's work. You get paid for your work in knowledge. Suppose this month you bring home a report card which shows you have been only fair in arithmetic. That's not bad. But you want your wages raised. So you work a little harder and next month the report is good instead of fair. You've had a salary increase. That's the only way to look at it.--From the American Boy.

How Finns Keep Warm.

In many ways the Finns are a very queer people, as is illustrated by the Christian Herald.

It is during the terribly cold months that the Finns revel in the mighty ovens that fill one corner of every kitchen and often loom up large and vastly impressive in the other rooms of a Finn home as well. The tops of these monster stoves are perfectly flat, and steps lead up on one side.

When the weather becomes bitterly cold and bleak, the entire family will take quilts and pillows and, mounting to the top of the big heater, spread down their bedding and sleep very comfortably and contentedly on the hard, hot bricks until morning.

DOLLARS AND DOU

There are optimists. And there are dreamers. And there are clairvoyants whose rosy look like the phantoms of a holic trance.

Some of us believe that war food prices will go back to what they were in 1916 and earlier. They say that the farmer gets too profit now but they do not know that until lately he never got a profit.

There is only one class of country in which most of the work is entirely unpaid. A farmer and children constitute the bulk of his working staff, but they are on the payroll—a condition existing no other trade between the farmer and the city.

Yet a farmer is as much a specialist as an electrician. He needs much scientific training as do his employees must be skilled men, and they must be paid workmen's wages.

If when the war is over, we will all know that the American farmer is coming into his own.

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