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THE "MUTILATED" SPEECH

It was accepted as a matter of course that a diplomatic document so important to Germany as President Wilson's peace terms address to congress would not receive full and accurate publication in Germany. The Koelnische Zeitung furnishes corroboration of that view, explaining that the German newspapers "do not think it worth while to publish the complete text" of the president's speech.

This is a familiar device of dishonest partisanship, whether in politics or war. Even American readers might look upon many of the president's war views as "illogical and unheard of" if they were printed only in the form of short extracts, outside of their natural setting, without the accompanying facts and comment that render them logical and convincing.

Such newspapers as the Berlin Tageblatt, the Vossische Zeitung and the Deutsche Tageszeitung print what they declare to be the "full text" of the president's "impertinent" speech, with the explanation that it was received in a "rather mutilated form." Casual inspection of that "full text" shows that the president's references to the "partnership of peoples," "German intrigues," the "falsehoods that have kept the German people in the dark," etc., are entirely omitted.

The omissions are easily understood, in the light of the facts in possession of our state department in Washington. Those facts provide detailed proof of what we have long known in a general way—the iron control of the German press by the German government. It consists of a set of instructions issued to the German newspapers by the censor at Berlin, telling the editors precisely how they are expected to suppress and distort the truth, to magnify or minimize facts, to ignore domestic troubles, to belittle the importance of the United States, etc.

The "mutilation" referred to by the papers mentioned, was done in this case by the helpful hand of the German government. In so vital a matter, it doesn't do to let the biggest editors in Germany use their own slavish discretion.

So it happens once more that the only way to get into Germany a statement of incalculable value to the German nation is to smuggle it across the trenches or drop it over the border from airplanes. That is being done. But it is a slow process. And because of its slowness, it is still necessary to continue the crude and distasteful alternative of shooting truth into Germany from gun muzzles.

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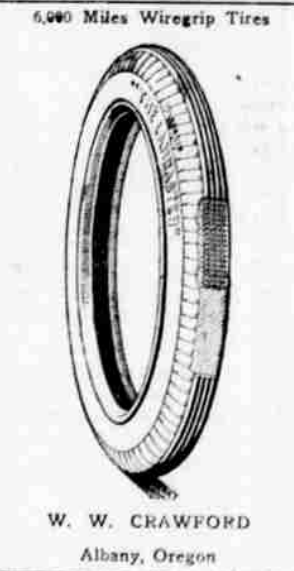
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