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PAGAN PHILOSOPHY

THE MAIL TRIBUNE is in receipt of the following unsigned letter, one of several of similar import, the writers apparently being ashamed to stand openly by their convictions. It is published in violation of the universal newspaper law of ignoring unsigned communications, merely because it is typical of a certain element and undoubtedly voices their sentiments. The communication follows:

To the Editor: If you was a fair minded person, as you ought to be in your business you would publish the article by Herman Riddle from "Sunset" as well as the one-sided affair written by Sir Gilbert Parker. I was born in this country and my mother before me, but every drop of blood in me is German and I am proud of it, and an Englishman cannot down an American or a German as they do the yellow and the black, dictating their every move. When my subscription to your lovely paper runs out I will look elsewhere for the news. I have lived here fifteen years and have a family of young people that feel the same as I do.

The Mail Tribune does not pretend to voice the German viewpoint. It aims rather to voice the American viewpoint. It does not care for war discussions, as they accomplish nothing, and believes in the soundness of President Wilson's neutrality advice.

The Mail Tribune has never refused to print any side of any argument and will cheerfully reprint any article our unknown critic sends in—provided it is not too long and not sent anonymously.

The Mail Tribune is not anti-German and not prejudiced against the German people. It is, however, an opponent of that militarism, of that kaiserism, of that Prussianism which has kept Europe an armed camp for forty years and is now drenching half the world with blood. It opposes that philosophy which substitutes the right of might preached by Nietzsche for the right of humanity, preached by Christ.

The Mail Tribune views as a return to barbarism and primitive savagery the ethics controlling the ruling caste of Germany, which seem to have tainted the entire nation—the right of the strong to plunder the weak, as exemplified in Belgium. To see the bloody trade of human butchery so exalted in the seats of the mighty indicates a nation mad with militarism—a relapse to the barbarism of the dark ages.

The philosophy of the German ruling caste is set forth by Treitschke, Nietzsche and such modern authorities as Bernhardt. Here are a few quotations from the latter's book, "Germany and the Next War," which show the viewpoint of Prussian kaiserism:

"War is in itself a good thing. It is a biological necessity of the first importance." (P. 18.)

"The inevitableness, the idealism, the blessing of war as an indispensable and stimulating law of development must be repeatedly emphasized." (P. 27.)

"War is the greatest factor in the furtherance of culture and power. Efforts to secure peace are extraordinarily detrimental as soon as they influence politics." (P. 28.)

"Fortunately these efforts can never attain their ultimate objects in a world bristling with arms, where healthy egotism still directs the policy of most countries. God will see to it, says Treitschke, that war always recurs as a drastic medicine for the human race." (P. 36.)

"Efforts directed toward the abolition of war are not only foolish, but absolutely immoral, and must be stigmatized as unworthy of the human race." (P. 34.)

"Courts of arbitration are pernicious delusions. The whole idea represents a presumptuous encroachment on natural laws of development which can only lead to the most disastrous consequences for humanity generally." (P. 34.)

"The maintenance of peace never can be or may be the goal of a policy." (P. 25.)

"Efforts for peace would, if they attained their goal, lead to general degeneration, as happens everywhere in nature where the struggle for existence is eliminated." (P. 35.)

"Huge armaments are in themselves desirable. They are the most necessary precondition of our national health." (P. 11.)

"The end all and be all of a state is power, and he who is not man enough to look this truth in the face should not meddle with politics." (Quoted from Treitschke's "Politik.")

"The state's high moral duty is to increase its power." (P. 45-6.)

"The state is justified in making conquests whenever its own advantage seems to require additional territory." (P. 46.)

"Self preservation is the state's highest ideal and justifies whatever action it may take if that action be conducive to that end. The state is the sole judge of the morality of its own action. It is in fact a boy's morality, or, in other words, whatever is necessary is moral. Recognized rights (i. e., treaty rights) are never absolute rights; they are of human origin, and, therefore, imperfect and variable. There are conditions in which they do not correspond to the actual of things. In this case infringement of the right appears morally justified." (P. 49.)

"In fact, the state is a law unto itself. Weak nations have not the same right to live as powerful and vigorous nations." (P. 34.)

"Any action in favor of collective humanity outside the limits of the state and nationality is impossible." (P. 25.)

The theories advocated by this modern Machievialism are as mischievous as they are false—utterly disproven by history. Was even pagan philosophy in the benighted early ages of the world more crude and brutal? They voice, however, the sentiments of Prussian militarism. Living up to them caused the present cataclysm. In themselves they answer the query, why Germany has not the sympathy of Americans in the present war.

There is no ill-will toward the German people. The Germany of invention, science, music, education, skill, is universally loved. But there is no love for the brutal war lord who to American minds symbolizes lust for power, the obsolete and absurd doctrine of divine rights, the medieval exploitation of the peaceful many for the bloodthirsty few.

Our Political Geyser Spouts Baby Babble

If it was all political baby talk, why use more than a column of supposedly valuable editorial space in the Tribune in an attempt to answer it? Why search and ransack the Tribune's editorial vocabulary to find epithet to hurl at this political baby talk? Why this withering and labored sarcasm, this thunderous invective, this railing and violence of language, if it was only political baby talk? But the side-splitting moment of the performance comes when the writer without stopping to take another drink, abruptly discontinues the use of such terrifying epithets as "spluttering," "splendiferous," "plutoeracy," "plunder," "spouting," "opprobrious," "emulation," "irridescent," "eruption," "Hannanism," "Cannonism," "preditory," "looters," "toryism," "reactionaryism," "stand-patiam," "robbery," "jobbery" and "giffing," and solemnly tells us that "The nation faces an unprecedented period of prosperity," and that "business in all lines is reviving" (cheers and laughter).

In the meantime this committee wishes to take issue with Lord Kitchener when he says that the war will last for three years. We know that it can only last two years longer or until November, 1916, when the allies under the glorious and hope inspiring banner of the republican party will win another historic victory for good government. JACKSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

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O'Gara's Smoke Crop Display

A recent issue of the Deseret News of Salt Lake contains the following regarding "Smoke Zone" crops display at the Utah state fair:

"In the annex the exhibit of the American Smelting & Refining company stands out prominently. Through the work of its experimental farm of fifty-five acres situated at Fourteenth South and Sixth West streets, conducted under the supervision of Professor P. J. O'Gara, the smelting company has not only endeavored to assist the farmer in land cultivation, but has demonstrated that unexcelled crops may be obtained in what is termed the smoke zone of the Salt Lake valley. The exhibit includes wheat, barley, oats, rye, Kaffir corn, Milo maize, Indian corn, clover, alfalfa, mangels, sugar beets, squash, pumpkins, potatoes, etc.

"A feature of the exhibit is the demonstration of the effect of various fungus pests, bacterial diseases and insects upon the plant life."

In this connection, the following letter from J. D. Samuels, formerly of the Modoc orchard, to Fred H. Hauptman, telling of Professor O'Gara's work, is interesting. It is dated Calder, Utah, and reads: "We have been getting an exhibit ready for the Utah state fair, and I tell you it is a good one. I never got acquainted with Mr. O'Gara until I came to Salt Lake. I tell you he is O. K. and knows his business. The people of Jackson county surely missed it when they let him leave, and it won't be a very long time until they find it out. I wish some of the people out there could see the work he is doing here. They would be ashamed of the way they treated him in Rogue River valley. But you know they are always a bunch who are willing to knock a man when he is doing right, and as a rule these are men who have no property interests, but who are trying to injure a competent man to cover their own ignorance."

AUSTRIANS ADMIT GALICIA EVACUATION AND SLAV ADVANCE

BERLIN, Nov. 13, by wireless.—The only news reaching Berlin of the Russian operations comes from Vienna whence it is reported that the Austrian advance in the north-east are developing without hindrance from the enemy. The Russians have advanced through the region of Central Galicia, voluntarily evacuated by the Austrians, and have crossed the Lower Vistula, occupying Rzeszow and the Liscz district. The fortress of Przemysl again is invested by the Russians, but Russian forces in the Stry valley were forced to retreat with heavy losses by a surprise attack from an Austrian armored train and Austrian cavalry. The situation in north western Serbia is proceeding satisfactorily, the reports declare. The heights of Misa

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FOUR UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS FALL IN GERMAN LINES

BERLIN, Nov. 13, via The Hague and London, 9:18 a. m.—The newspapers printed yesterday and today the obituary of four university professors who have just fallen in battle, showing how largely university people are participating in the active fighting.

The fallen men are Heinrich Hermeink, professor of church history at Kiel; Ernest Heidrich, professor of art and history at Strassburg; Ernst Stadler, professor of German philology at Strassburg, and Professor Fricke, the head of the Hanover-Muenden forestry academy.

Frau Delbrueck, wife of the minister of the Interior and Vice Chancellor Clemens Delbrueck, is dead.

Count Matthias Brudzewo Mielzynski, the ex-member of the Reichstag, who shot his wife and nephew in his castle near Graetz, in February, has received the decoration of the iron cross of the first class for valor in the battle of Augustow.

The Mielzynski tragedy, the result of a love affair, caused a sensation at the time of its occurrence. The count was tried on a charge of manslaughter, but was acquitted.

GRAVES EXPLAINS LUMBER PROBE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Henry Graves, United States forester, explained in a statement today that the inquiry into the lumber industry recently inaugurated by the departments of agriculture and commerce had not been undertaken with any "inquisitorial attitude." Extension of foreign trade was one of the points aimed at, he said.

"I wish to point out particularly," said Mr. Graves' statement, "that the present inquiry by the government is not undertaken with any inquisitorial attitude, but in a constructive spirit to find out and to bring forward for the benefit of the public and of the industry just what the present conditions are and what the causes of the depression.

"The three principals to be covered are: "First, the economic problems from the point of view of the producer; second, the distribution with a view to finding out ways to benefit both the producer and the consumer; and third the extension of foreign trade."

TRIMS HER ROSES IN NOVEMBER

To the Editor: For the past six years I have pruned up roses every year in November. At my home on 222 South Holly I have forty varieties of roses, and none of them have suffered from this treatment. On the contrary, they bear great quantities of beautiful blooms from early spring until late fall. MRS. J. A. THOMAS.

DE LA BARRA QUILTS AS ENVOY TO FRANCE

PARIS, Nov. 13, 9 a. m.—Francisco Leon De La Barra, Mexican minister to France, who resigned his post when General Carranza assumed the provisional presidency of Mexico, has handed over the archives of the Mexican legation to Louis Quintanilla, who has been appointed to succeed him by the acting government of Mexico.