

WHY GERMANY IS ENABLED TO OVERCOME ODDS

Charles Edward Russell Points to the Magnificent Physical Condition of Her Soldiers—Rulers Made a Strong Nation of Men by Abolishing Insufficiency Among Workers.

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LONDON, Eng., June 5.—Next to the wonder of France in this war is the wonder of Germany—next, but with an interval and in a different way.

France offers the spectacle of a nation spiritually exalted by an ideal and rising to amazing heroism and sacrifice. Germany is a spectacle of scientific precision and astute preparation.

The greatest thing in each country is the people. Germany's provision deserves all the marveling awe it has aroused, but what do you suppose it all would amount to if Germany's men in the trenches were not physically fit for the hard labors and incalculable strain put upon them?

That is the point. Germany has done all these wonderful things because, first, a generation of her best minds has been engaged in studious planning for them; and because, second, her nine million fighting men have been reared in sufficiency and the environments of health.

We have, then, for the final and greatest lesson of this war the perfect, unanswerable test of two systems of thought and government policy.

The Test of Two Systems

England has stood for one idea in government and Germany for another. England has been the world's conspicuous exponent of individualism. Germany has stood for the theory that the interests of the state transcend any individual will or preference and the state must interfere with the individual's ways and manners whenever the welfare or the interests of the state so demand.

In England the controlling idea has been every man for himself; in Germany it has been every man for the state, or something to that effect.

So now we can see exactly how the two opposing theories work out in practice.

Contra some of the absolute facts about the two nations without regard to the causes of the facts, whatever these may have been.

In England ten months of war have passed without the forming of an adequate army nor anything like it.

In Germany an army of overwhelming strength was under arms and moving to the frontiers three hours after the order for mobilization.

In England thousands of recruits sleep in parks or in the streets and were fed by private charity or not at all.

In Germany every man was from the first moment properly clad, adequately fed and comfortably housed.

In England an appalling percentage of those that offered themselves for enlistment was rejected because of physical defects, and another appalling percentage was accepted that should have been rejected.

In Germany the physical defectives among those summoned to the colors averaged less than 5 per cent.

Inevitable, Pitiless Results

In England the physically able that went to the front were of the prosperous and well-to-do classes. Of the rest, men came from the slums of manufacturing towns, where for two generations the working populations had lived in dark, insanitary and dismal dwellings, their bellies filled with unwholesome food and their lungs with poisonous air. Of these conditions the inevitable and pitiless results appeared in the dull eyes, stunted forms and listless bearing of the recruits.

In Germany the perfect physical condition of the troops excited the admiration of every person that saw anything of the mobilization. These men, obviously, came not from slums but from wholesome conditions of life.

After ten months of war the armies of England have scarcely an achievement worth speaking of, but many defeats. So far as the allies are concerned the eleventh month finds the brunt of the fighting still falling upon France. The French still hold a battle line 543 miles long, while the English have but 31.

The Germans began at once to win victories and have continued to win them ever since, except on the French front. The physical performances and physical endurance of the German army have never been equaled in the history of war. The men seemed to be endowed with super-

man strength. Today, with an overwhelming strength of numbers against Germany, its armies go on cutting to pieces the greater armies of Russia.

Tremendous Odds Against Germany

More than two to one against them in men and about five to one against them in wealth, and still Germans display tremendous strength and unbroken confidence.

You see, here is no matter of speculation nor argument nor assertion. Here is most absolute fact. No doubt the fine spun theory is a beautiful thing. So is a cobweb. But neither amounts to a rap here. Two principles of government have been brought to the test, individualism and the idea of universal physical well being to be secured by the state.

If Germany had had as much of political democracy as she has had of industrial wisdom she would have been unconquerable by the world.

For what is the origin and cause of this tremendous physical power that has been shown by these people?

In England it has been a government by and for the fortunate and these are the results. The masses of the people have been allowed to shift for themselves. God made them poor and made us of the better classes rich, and shall we interfere with the wisdom of God?

What National Care of Workers Means

But in Germany thirty-five years ago the ruling class, determined to make Germany greater in every way, perceived that the strength of the country would be in exact proportion to the physical well being of its workers, who constituted the vast majority of its population and would furnish its armies in the wars that were to come.

Therefore the rulers set forth upon a deliberate policy to abolish insufficiency among its workers, so far as it could be abolished under the existing commercial system, and to secure the best obtainable conditions of life for them and their children.

To that end the government instituted:

Old age pensions. Ample compensation for injured workmen and their families. Insurance against invalidity. Free employment bureaus. Sanitary dwellings for workingmen.

Careful supervision of the public health in all its details. Education and thorough physical training for children.

State enterprises to prevent private monopoly and keep down the cost of living.

Extensive schemes for healthful public amusements and recreation.

The shadow of the fear of penury and want was lifted from the lives of the German workers. The curse and blight of the slum came not near them. Put now side by side in your mind the fearful purities of an English manufacturing town and the clean, light, airy, sanitary workingmen's dwellings in Berlin. What should come from the one but weakness and disease and from the other but health?

In Germany was a government planning always to build up the physical stamina of the nation, and here are the results.

We can very easily say that these things were done for the ends of militarism. What difference does it make now what they were done for? They were done, and do but look at the men that go forth to do Germany's battles.

In Germany the government was not obliged to take over at a ruinous cost the railroads of the nation that it might have highways on which to move the nation's troops. It already owned the railroads and had its war plans ready for them. The instant the war clock struck those plans went into effect and a thousand trains were bearing the soldiers to the front.

All the time that the privately owned railroads of England were increasing their capital account, thereby increasing to the community the charges for transportation, thereby increasing the cost of living to the workers and thereby lowering the workers' standards of existence and strength, the government-owned railroads of Germany were decreasing their capital account and decreasing the transportation charges.

All the time unrestricted greed and individualism were preying upon the workers of England, the government of Germany was trying to protect the German workers from poverty and its results.

And that is why Germany can face such tremendous numerical odds; that is why on these streets of Berlin today the crowds go undismayed and unaffected, no matter how much the enemies of Germany may be augmented.

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Chief Wolf Plume

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 29.—Fancy addressing a six-foot Indian chief clad in beaded buckskin, feathered headdress and red blanket is "your honor."

Yet Chief Wolf Plume, head of the 300 Blackfoot Indians on the reservation at Glacier national park, can insist upon that salutation and produce a federal judge's appointment to support his claim.

For the last twelve years Wolf Plume has dispensed justice to the members of his tribe as a United States judge.

He has never been known to grant a divorce, although many have been brought before him. His formula is to jail the offending husband until he promises to mend his way, or order the husband to forgive his wife and continue to live with her, should he be the plaintiff. Affinities figure in many of the cases, said the judge, through an interpreter.

Horse thieves and peddlers of "firewater" constitute the majority of prisoners haled before him. Judge Wolf Plume requires the thief to restore the horse in the one character of cases, and in the other confiscates the liquor and sends the offender to Fort Leavenworth for four or six months.

FAVORS COUNTY OPENING TOURISTS CAMPING GROUND

To the Editor:

I notice action is being taken by Medford and Ashland in creating auto camping grounds, a move that I heartily approve. I wish to suggest that Jackson county as a whole take similar action and create not only an auto camp but a camp for all kinds of travel on the Pacific highway. The grounds I would suggest for such a camp or more properly park, is the natural grove on the west side of the highway one mile north of Phoenix, and four miles south of Medford. These grounds contain 6 or 7 acres of natural grove and are very nearly equidistant from Ashland and Central Point, and are on that portion of the highway where the speed laws are most abused an evil that must be abated. This park could be made the station for the offices of the supervisor of travel of the highway, and the same officers could supervise the proper use of the camp ground.

There have already been more fatal and serious injury accidents on the Pacific highway in the few months it has been traveled than there has been on the S. P. railroad in the more than 30 years of travel on the portion of the S. P. line parallel to the highway. Everyone of these accidents on the highway are traceable to the abuse of the speed laws. Locally so far the accidents have been to the speeders but sooner or later some innocent persons will be injured, then some radical action will be demanded to abate the speed nuisance on the highway. The highway is our greatest asset and must be protected so as to properly be used to the greatest benefit of all.

WELBORN BEESON, Talent, June 28.

BRITISH PAY FOR WILHELMINA CARGO

LONDON, June 29.—The British government today announced that it was its intention to pay \$100,000 as the first installment in settlement of claims of the owners of the American steamship *Wilhelmina*, which was seized by the British authorities while carrying a cargo of foodstuffs from New York to Germany.

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The California Golf association, it was announced, will send Harry B. Davis, winner of the Panama-Pacific exposition tournament; Jack Neville, who has held the California and Northwest titles; E. S. Armstrong, champion of Southern California, and Robert Y. Hayne, Northern California champion.

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