

**German War Debt With League of Naitons Delicate**

BERLIN, Nov. 2.—Whether or not the question of German war-guilt will play a role in Germany's immediate policy in the league of Nations will depend largely on the future composition of the cabinet. If the nationalists are included in a coalition, and attempts to bring this about are being made in various quarters, this delicate problem will become an issue.

German war-guilt is a question of prestige for the German nationalist party. Ever since 1919, when the party came into existence, one of the main planks in its platform has been the fight for the official revocation of that clause in the Versailles Treaty which affixed to Germany the sole responsibility for the outbreak of the war. The nationalists cry for the abolition of the "guilt-ite" varied in strength. Naturally, it was most vociferous at times when their party was most strongly opposed to the government. But even when its members held portfolios as cabinet ministers, this demand was not entirely abandoned. It is recalled that the nationalist members of the first Luther cabinet, as their last official act, demanded that the German delegates to Locarno make agreement conditional upon formal allied repudiation of Germany's war-guilt.

The nationalists have not altered their attitude. Their sharpest criticism of Foreign Minister Stresemann's activities at Geneva was that he had again evaded the mention of, or even allusion to German war-guilt. When Stresemann made his speech before the Geneva German colony, in which he declared that through Germany's admission to the League of Nations the charge of war-guilt had automatically been withdrawn by the allies, it was the nationalist organs that cheered him for this achievement, while the rest of the German press considered it a palpable blunder.

This fact, however, must not be interpreted as meaning that parties other than the nationalists accept the Versailles version of war-guilt.

Radicals might demand that the former Kaiser and his like were responsible for the war. But they will immediately explain that this blame must not be extended to the German nation as a whole.

The socialists hold that responsibility must be fixed, it should be shared alike by the "imperialists" of all countries. The bulk of liberal sentiment contends that Lloyd George's well-known phrase about "slithering into it" also holds good for Germany and that, therefore, nobody in particular should be blamed. There are others who will admit that Bethmann-Hollweg's "somewhat equivocal" utterances at the outset of the war might then have conveyed the impression of Germany's war-guilt. But now, they say, there can be no doubt that Poincare, Czevolski and Season-off were the guilty ones. Finally, at the extreme right, one finds those who earnestly believe the fatherland always to have been utterly innocent in the launching of the war and who insist that either Britain, France or Russia, or all together, were responsible.

One point of opinion is unanimous in this country. This is that no blame must be attached to present-day Germany or to the German people. They, at least, are said to be free from any responsibility whatever. When a German finds an American to argue this point, he will usually recall a slogan coined by an American statesman, which conveys the idea of an innocent German nation, misled by its rulers. With Teutonic stubbornness he will argue that you cannot charge a servant with his erst-while master's wrongs, leastways not with any moral justification. It is impossible for the German to perceive where and how he comes in, now that his former rulers have been deposed. Nobody in this country seems able to accept the war-guilt as affixed by the Versailles Treaty.

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