

Sightseers Should Stay at Home.

Two or three years ago there was much discussion in this country as to whether or not the people of the United States were justified in traveling on the high seas, thereby increasing the possibility of a break between this country and Germany, because of the latter's submarine warfare.

The situation is different now. There is no fear of Germany. She is not trying to bully the world today. Instead, she is begging for food to save many millions of her unfortunate people from starvation.

Don't Forget the Road Question.

While the problems of war and of the first stages of reconstruction have been absorbing our interest, it has been wise and patriotic to forget some of the problems of normal times in our own communities.

Legislative Reforms.

The people are demanding a higher standard of service in the state legislature if that branch of the government is to enjoy respect. By the system known as direct legislation the people showed that they distrusted legislatures as such, but that system has not worked well.

causes of the war, and millions of powerless mothers who had no voice whatever in the council that hurled Germany's monstrous military machine upon inoffensive Belgium and the peace-loving people of France.

Humanity demands, now that Germany is a defeated and suffering applicant for peace and food, that the allied nations yield to the better dictates of their nature and send food to their former enemies.

Beneficial results of their generosity are already visible. Encouraged by their promise of success, the German people are taking up the large tasks of reconstruction and the prospect that they will build an orderly government on enlightened and progressive lines have brightened noticeable within the week.

Anarchy and bolshevism feed upon hunger, cold and disease, as the tragic experience of Russia too well attest. They will vanish from Russia when the Russian people are succored. They would run riot in Germany if the new government there could not hold out expectations of approaching relief.

Put Germany Under an Allied Receivership.

Government officials at Washington are warning the public against a new manifestation of German propaganda—a plea for easy-going treatment in the peace settlements.

Against the insidious propaganda the American people should keep constantly in mind the frank and fearless judgment of Dr. William Auehion, former managing director of the great Krupp gun factory.

"The peril of the hour is that the allies may become kind and human and extend the hand of sympathy before Germany is ready to confess the wrongs she has done and make restitution. The greatest possible disaster that could come to Germany is to escape responsibility.

And the greatest possible disaster that could come to civilization would be for the allies to permit Germany to escape its responsibility.

The world's heart should be soft and generous toward the hunger and destitution of the German masses, but adamant in compelling Germany to pay in full for the gigantic wreckage it has made in Belgium, in France, and all other countries that suffered from this wantonly wicked war.

Germany should be put under a receivership and the receivers should make Germany's debts to civilization a prior lien. If the Kaiser had won and German had kept Belgium, Belgian bonds would have been obliterated. There would have been no Belgian government to pay them. Now that the allies have conquered Germany why should they make themselves responsible for the payment of its internal war debts?

They should say to the German people: "We own you. We can march our armies wherever we please upon your territory. Still we do not want to treat you as you would have treated Belgium, France, Serbia, Rumanian and Russia. We are willing to treat you as a bankrupt. Instead of taking your territory we

will issue receiver's certificates against it, these certificates to be a first claim against your economic resources. After you have paid off these certificates to the last penny you can do as you please among yourselves of your own war bonds. You can take another country, establish your government and resume business under our receivership. But you must pay the receivers' certificates, and with the payment thus made we will do what we can toward compensating the countries that have suffered from your crimes."

The allies have made only an armistice with Germany. Its terms are not the peace terms. They are only conditions laid down to insure Germany's acceptance of the peace terms that are yet to be framed. Justice, restitution, reparation are a task of many years. Germany cannot pay its debts in one year or in five years. It can pay them in annuity over a term of 40 or 50 years, and justice and the future safety of the world require that she shall pay the debt to the last dollar that her industries can bear.

A Room With Bath.

Taking up the Netherlands adventures of the former crown prince of Germany where we left off a week or so ago, we find that the holiday air has worn off to some extent. The excellency of Dutch beer and the cheerful willingness of the Dutch soldierly to oblige with a cigarette are not so prominent in recent dispatches concerning the young man's movements. Instead we find disquieting mention of unfriendly crowds at the railway stations, greeting the not-so-apparent heir with that inharmonious, throaty sound that angry mobs so often affect.

There is a likewise a falling off in the quality of the accommodations offered Prussia's retiring royalty. The chief villain of the piece, first to arrive in Dutch soil, is nicely housed in a nobleman's chateau, where daily he indulges his taste for privacy, peace and prayer. But his eldest son gets rooms in the residence of a village clergyman on a small island inhabited by fishermen. Is there any significance in the separation of father and son, and in the diversity of their style of entertainment?

The Dutch are naturally alarmed at the prospects of having to be hosts to an indefinite assortment of German royalty. Like Macbeth, they inquire rhetorically if the line will stretch out to the crack of doom. There are entirely too many kings and princelings and what not endeavoring to make all speed out of Germany. So it is likely that Holland is adopting a policy of gentle discouragement, by making the quarters of the aristocratic visitors not too attractive.

There may be other reasons for the rustication of the crown prince. But in any event we are sorry for the pastor of the village of Bosterland—Spokesman Review.

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