

Kaiser and His Militarism Blamed For War by Carnegie Institute's Head

S. H. Church, Replying to German Scholars' Plea, Quotes Official Papers.



Samuel Harden Church.

Ninety-three of the most prominent men of Germany, distinguished in various branches of science, art, education and literature, recently circulated a broadcast throughout America a letter entitled "An Appeal to the Civilized World" in which they attempt to change public opinion in the United States on the subject of the war.

In this letter they state that Germany was not responsible for the outbreak of the war. That she did not violate the neutrality of Belgium; that she did not destroy Louvain; that her soldiers have not oppressed the Belgian people nor committed any atrocities; that militarism is the only safeguard of German civilization.

My Dear Doctor Schaper, Berlin, Germany: My Dear Doctor Schaper, I have received with interest and pleasure a photograph a printed letter addressed "To the Civilized World," and signed by ninety-three of the most distinguished names in German art, science and literature, your own among them, and I assure you that my communication so honored will receive my most respectful consideration.

It gives me a feeling of pity to note the impetuosity with which the people of Germany are seeking the good opinion of America. It is not their duty to stand right in the judgment of this nation. But Germany need have no fear that American public opinion will be swayed by lies and calumnies of her enemies. We are all going deeper than the surface in our search for the truth.

I believe, dear Dr. Schaper, that the judgment on this paramount question has been formed. The judgment is not based upon the lies and calumnies of the enemies of Germany, nor upon the careless publications contained in the newspapers, but upon a profound study of the official correspondence in the case.

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Secretary of State says that conference you suggest would practically amount to a court of arbitration and could not, in his opinion, be called together except at the request of Austria and Russia. He could not, therefore, fall in with your suggestion, desirous though he was to cooperate for the maintenance of peace. I said I was sure that your idea had nothing to do with arbitration, but meant that representatives of the four nations not directly interested should discuss and suggest means for avoiding a dangerous situation. He maintained, however, that such a conference as you proposed was not practicable.

Returning to the German White Book we read that after Austria had attacked Serbia, Russia began to mobilize her army, and for action against Austria it became necessary. We then come upon one of the most extraordinary communications which has ever been written. It is a telegram from the German Emperor to the Czar, and says: "The unscrupulous agitation which has gone on for years in Serbia has led to the revolting crime of which Archduke Francis Ferdinand was the victim."

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Guiltless, Why Are Germans in Belgium and France, He Asks.

can people he had, on August 4, uttered this guilty statement in the Netherlands: "Our troops have occupied Luxembourg and perhaps are already on Belgian soil."

People sometimes ask us, "Would you rather have the slave than the German?" And the reply is always to the same effect: "Yes, since we have seen the German at war, we would rather have the slave, rather the Turk, rather the Hottentot."

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The author has been guided by many letters from mothers and teachers asking how she succeeded in training her daughter so she could speak several languages and write articles at the age of five years, and yet retain all the characteristics of a healthy, playful child.

MODERN TROUBADOUR SINGS AT THE FRONT

Theodore Botrel, Breton Bard, Inspires Gallie Spirit of French Armies.

FILLS A USEFUL ROLE

Special Correspondence to THE SUN. PARIS, Oct. 27.—The role that the minstrel Taillefer played at Hastings, that Roland took at Roncevaux and Blondel filled when he found the imprisoned Richard and finally of Belgium, so long as his opponent respects it, France could wait, but we could not.

The soldiers are gathered together in a big hall, an impromptu and generally insecure platform is rigged up and Botrel stands forth to recite his songs, some in the Breton dialect, others in French, but all touched with the lyric flame that carries simple words and simple thoughts straight to "the hearts of the hearers."

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Lord Kitchener Insisted on Spy's Death, Is Reported. LONDON, Nov. 13.—There was some doubt in the minds of many Londoners whether Carl Hans Lody, the German naval lieutenant and spy, could be executed in spite of the fact that this is the usual fate of spies in war time.

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for all the world like the painted figure on a piece of Breton pottery, has been travelling, staff in hand, from camp to camp, entreating the fighting men of France with stirring ballads. Botrel's work smacks of ancient warfare and its customs more even than the breastplates, hard greaves and mail of Belgium, so long as his opponent respects it, France could wait, but we could not.

The war bard is filling a useful role; he helps to promote cheerfulness and optimism, and does much to relieve the monotony of life in a fort. He cannot complain of monotony. Since August 30, when he set forth on this novel mission to inspire the fighting men, he has seldom slept in a bed and perhaps never twice in the same place.

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There are many poets serving with the colors, of course; poetry does not create a Frenchman from his military service, and some of them find time occasionally to send a sonnet or a strophe home from the trenches.

WOULD CUT OFF M. P.'S PAY

Cambridge Member Proposes Also to Reduce Ministers' Salaries. LONDON, Nov. 21.—J. F. P. Rawlinson, member of Parliament for Cambridge University, gave notice in the House of Commons yesterday that he will move a resolution providing for the discontinuance of the £400 (£2,000) salaries of members of Parliament, which have obtained since 1911, and for the reduction of the salaries of Ministers to the amounts paid prior to 1908.

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