

who are so ethically insensible as not to have been profoundly stirred by Germany's unprovoked assault of 1914 followed by four years of outrage so monstrous as to surpass the enormities of Napoleon and to run an easy second to those of Genghis Khan; so incapable of profound moral repulsion as to be able to deal with what is monstrously iniquitous and devilish with easy and untroubled familiarity.

The third class includes such as have had so little experience with camouflage as to be incompetent to discriminate between the true and the false, between sincerity and hypocrisy, and who, because

the superlative butcher of our era—*facile princeps* in his art—speaks pathetically of the horrors of slaughter, believe that his word is to be taken at its face value.

There would be some excuse for such credulity had the olive branch been waved prior to the large accession of American troops and before flood tide had been replaced by ebb tide in the flow of German successes. Germany's conversion from diabolism of the most abandoned type to a state of almost pathetic altruism has been too sudden to warrant acceptance of its genuineness. It would be wise to put so abrupt a convert on probation and let him bring forth fruits meet for repentance be-

fore leading him to the front and dousing him with baptismal water.

The proposition which has been declined by Mr. Wilson in the American people's behalf will doubtless be followed by others of a more and more suppliant nature as the pressure upon the Central Powers becomes increasingly severe. It will be the duty of the press, the pulpit and of all citizens appreciative of the critical nature of the situation to keep the public mind steadily toned up to the righteous validity of the fourteen conditions of peace announced by the President, so that any subsequent overtures that fall short of absolute surrender may receive the same prompt, brief and lucid denial.

Liberty Loan Due to Kaiser's Dream

Ambassador Gerard Points Out Basic Cause of Germany Precipitating the World War

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NO German republic would have plunged the world into a war with the motives of this one. No free Germany would have sent its sons to death for the sake of enlarged boundaries or with the vain dream of a world conquest. The merchants of Germany, facts developed during the course of the war show, had sent their trade into all quarters of the world in a way little realized. Free citizens would not have cut off abruptly this commerce and endangered its resumption for years after the war.

In a German republic there might have been, it is true, a party for war, but this party would never have had the backing of a forced and created public opinion, made by the newspapers, the professors, the teachers and the pastors at the orders of the Government.

In a German republic it is to be believed that the Krupps and the six great iron and steel companies would not have been permitted to own and control newspapers with a view to promoting their own interests.

But in the Germany of to-day?

These are the written and published words of the Kaiser in person:

"From childhood I have been influenced by five men, Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Theodor II, Frederick the Great and Napoleon. Each of these men dreamed a dream of world empire. They failed. I have dreamed a dream of German world empire and my mailed fist shall succeed."

Here in a nutshell is the real reason for the war. For if the Kaiser has dreamed a dream of German world empire he has also imparted that dream to ruling Germany, and it has been passed in turn to ruled Germany, through the medium of the State directed newspapers, professors, teachers and pastors of the German Lutheran Church.

The Kaiser tells the truth. He has dreamed such a dream. He must have dreamed it very early in life, for he has fitted himself to pose as a most versatile man at the same time that he has prepared his country and its Government to further his dream. The Kaiser at varying times has presented himself to the public as a writer and public speaker. He has appeared, too, in the roles of composer of music, painter of pictures and director of a ballet. Once, wearing a surplice, he preached in Jerusalem. So much for the talents and graces he has affected.

At the same time he and his creatures

have steadily centralized their power so that the institutions of Germany to-day are not those even their founders in Germany intended. Power does not lie in the Reichstag, the elective assembly, for that is controlled by the Bundesrat, the assembly appointed by the twenty-five princes of the empire. The Chancellor, who is at the head of the ministry, is not responsible to either of them but to the Kaiser alone.

But the supreme power of decision in Germany does not rest with the Ministry or the legislative bodies. That the Kaiser's dream may be furthered it lies with the Great General Staff, which the Kaiser controls in part and which in part controls him, although he creates it.

The relations of the Kaiser and the Great General Staff are involved. The Kaiser would dismiss the head of that staff if the chief had failed in carrying out some designated great objective. But when the head of the Great General Staff is at the flood tide of success he could make a decision which the Kaiser would have the greatest difficulty in averting.

The Great General Staff possesses and utilizes to the utmost separate establishments of spies, secret service and newspaper censors. Upon the Great General Staff are the picked officers of the German army, added to from time to time as young officers of special aptitudes are selected for association with and training by the staff.

The staff exercises the highest power in Germany—and it is a military power whose thinking for years has been in the direction of a "dream of German world empire." Its decision is final, and when it decrees a matter of foreign policy or even a domestic measure there is no appeal.

In furthering his personal designs upon the world the Kaiser has not stopped with preparing his Government for his ruthless policies. He is also possessed of a considerable fortune, being estimated to be worth from \$60,000,000 to \$65,000,000.

Unlike the former Czar of Russia, the Kaiser does not possess the largest fortune in his own realm. That belongs to Frau Krupp-Bohlen, heiress to the cannon factories of Essen. Second rank as to fortunes is held by the Kaiser and Prince Henckel-Donnersmark, who are estimated to have equal fortunes. Even the discharge of the cannon made in the Krupp factories at Essen is not without profit to the Kaiser, who is credited with being a stockholder in Krupps as well as in the Hamburg-American line. The earnings of the Krupp factories were always heavy; since the beginning of the war they have increased vastly.

Ownership by the Kaiser of stock in Krupps and the Hamburg-American line is only another illustration of how far away German thought is from that of a republic. Ownership of such stock by the Chief Executive of a republic would undoubtedly constitute in most republics a grave scandal.

The dream of the Kaiser—his lifelong ambition—and the attempts by him and his system to make it a reality would enslave the free peoples of the earth in greater measure even than they have enslaved Germany itself. The world has united to resist this dark and dangerous force that has first poisoned the sources of information and then resorted to the sword.

There has always been for a time a strong cohesive force in evil. Unworthy human motives, being of a lower order, are more in use than the best of motives. And so the forces of darkness in the present war have herded themselves to an in-



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INTERNATIONAL FREE EXCHANGE

A Liberty Loan "Mother Goose"

By PORTER EMERSON BROWNE.

JACK and Jill
Went up the hill
To buy a Liberty bond
To help their dad
Make Kaisers sad
Over across the pond.

Little Miss Muffet
She leaped from her tuffet
Upsetting her ice cream cone,
A good chance she saw
To help win the war
By Selling the Liberty Loan.

Old King Cole was a merry old soul,
And a merry old soul was he.
He mortgaged his house and he went in
the hole
To buy for Liberty.

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;
Humpty was a German, his head was of
bone,
And he fell: He was pushed by the Lib-
erty Loan.

Simple Simon
Met a pie man
Going to the fair,
But Simple Si
Would buy no pie,
He had no cash to spare.

He was saving all his money to buy
Liberty bonds.

Higgledy, piggledy, my black hen,
She lays eggs for gentlemen.
She'll lay no eggs for a stingy guy,
Who says that he no bonds will buy.

High diddle diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon;
They're acting so snappy
Because they are happy
The Loan will be all subscribed soon!

Diddle, diddle dumpling, my son John
Went to bed with his breeches on.
He wouldn't take time to dress again;
He's working all night in the Loan Cam-
paign.

Old Mother Hubbard
She went to her cupboard
And took out her very last bone,
And went to the bank,
All cheerful and frank,
To invest in the Liberty Loan.

A diller, a dollar, a 10 o'clock scholar,
What makes you come so late?
Why, I've been selling Liberty bonds,
And school will have to wait.

Jack Sprat could eat no fat,
His wife no lean, I'm told,
And so they gave up eating
Till all the bonds were sold.

Ride a cock horse to Banbury Cross
To see an old lady upon a white horse,
In Liberty bonds her money all lies,
So she will be happy and proud till she
dies.

There was a crooked man
Who began a crooked war,
And he had a crooked army,
The worst you ever saw!
And he had a crooked son
And a lot of crooked friends,
But they'll all get theirs
When the campaign ends!

Little Jack Horner
Sat in the corner,
Which he knew was the wrong thing to do,
So he leaped to his feet
And he tore down the street
To work till the campaign was through.

tensity. They have been aided by the material resources of a people devoted to this destructive spirit for years.

But they cannot endure. The Kaiser will not carry out his purposes because the civilized world is arrayed against the modern barbarian.

But the struggle is one that will tax the resources of all the nations engaged. America, entering late and not war worn, will send shipload on shipload of soldiers. They must be supported loyally by the material wealth of America, devoted to the cause of a holy war through the medium of Liberty bonds. No man or woman can escape his duty. He must fight with his hands, his brains or his dollars, and perhaps with all three.

The Kaiser's dream shall prove only a nightmare.

Some Curious Facts About Cold

COLD presents many odd facts. In the first place, water made by melting snow is very unwholesome and causes painful inflammation of the throat, palate and tongue.

Intense cold causes a dulling of the senses, taste and smell becoming almost nil. The lack of these two senses seems, however, to be a very kind and wise provision of nature to enable the traveller in the cold Arctic regions to eat all kinds of oily, disagreeable foods like blubber and fat, which are necessary as heat producers. The effect of cold on the eyes is very dangerous. It causes them first gradually to close and then to freeze tight.

Beards do not freeze except where the moisture from the breath is converted into snow; but the color glands are rendered somewhat torpid by the cold, and dark beards gradually become lighter, until after a while they seem entirely changed in color.

Another curious fact about the cold of the Arctic regions is that when a person stops walking or working in any way whereby the feet get exercise, the sole of the foot loses all sense of feeling.

In all extremely cold lands, the moisture exhaled from the body condenses into small, hard crystals which make quite a bit of noise as one walks about.