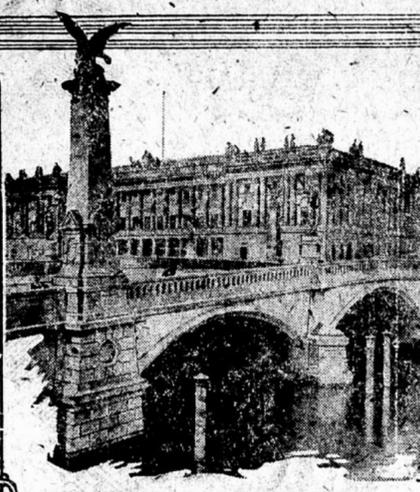


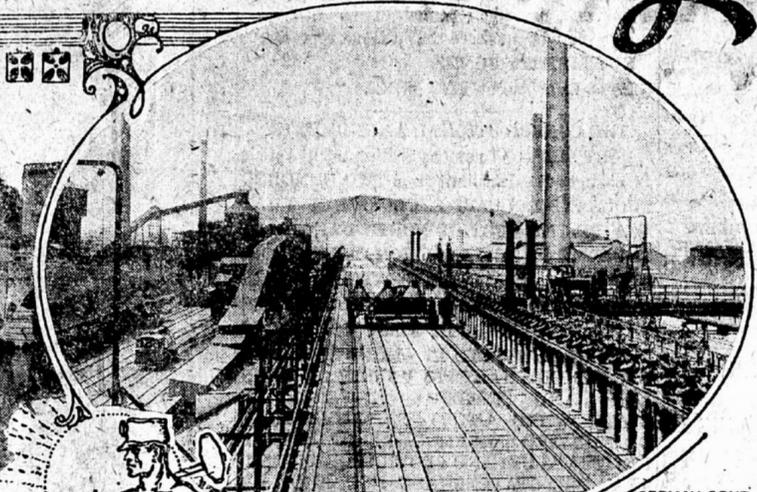
# The Life-Blood of Industry



POTASH MINE IN GERMANY—SHE CONTROLLED THIS BUSINESS ALL OVER THE WORLD, BEFORE THE WAR



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GERMAN COKE WORKS WHERE ALL THE BY-PRODUCTS ARE EXTRACTED

By FRANCIS H. STISSON, Vice President, Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

The life of the German empire, the fulfillment of what the leaders of the German people regard as their destiny, depends upon the variety and quantity of raw materials obtainable outside the boundaries of its territory as they stood at the beginning of the war.

Her leaders now see that if she retains dominion over the territory she has conquered she will be able to obtain most of the raw materials she needs and for several years will have in the countries she has devastated a market for her manufactured products, but she will be unable, for a generation at least, to adventure profitably in countries which are now her unconquered enemies, the countries which are the richest, which are the best markets by reason of the diversified wants of their inhabitants, the countries with which it is necessary to do business if Germany is to be commercially supreme.

On the other hand, if she gives up or has taken from her these conquered countries Germany must rely absolutely on the justness and vision of her present enemies, upon their appreciation of what real world-politics and world-economics are, to obtain assistance for her industrial and commercial machinery.

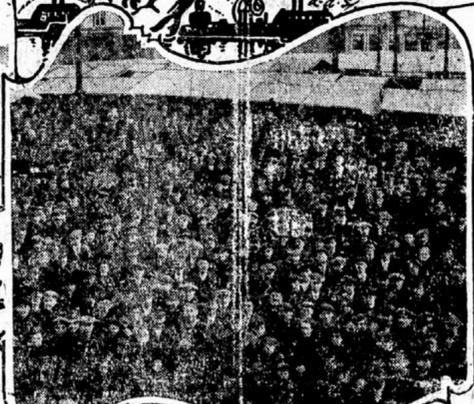
Meanwhile no scheme by which a supply of raw materials can be forced from her present enemies is being ignored.



ISLAND OF HELGOLAND—AN IMPORTANT PAWN IN GERMANY'S PLAY FOR SUPREMACY AT SEA

In August, 1914, a War Raw-Materials Section was organized under the auspices of the Prussian War Office. Administrative corporations of various agencies providing the raw materials were attached to this body, and a War Office Commissary was assigned to each as a managing director and supervisor. Closely associated with these agencies were distribution officers, whose orders for allotments of materials were carried out by companies made up of representatives of the raw materials section and the carriers. In addition, war committees were formed to maintain an equilibrium between demand for and supply of raw materials. These committees increased production by opening new mines and reopening old ones. They supervised a more intensive cultivation of the soil. They encouraged the invention of substitutes, such as paper yarns, nettle-fibre cloth, synthetic rubber, cotton and wool made from old rags, and nitrate extracted from the air. They commanded the cultivation of hemp and flax. They increased the production of aluminum. Finally, they requisitioned household utensils containing necessary metals and reduced the demand for raw materials by forbidding their use by the civilian population and their export to adjacent neutral countries. It was as a part of this program that the systematic looting of conquered territory was carried out.

Much consideration was also given to the question of raw materials by the Imperial Commissary for Transition Germany before its functions were merged with the present Imperial Department of Economic Affairs. A feature of the Commission's investigation was the conclusion that a combination of State Socialism and individual enterprise would be necessary to insure proper distribution of raw materials during the transition period. It was insisted on the part of small manufacturers that raw materials should be distributed fairly, a collection of the suspicion that the larger manufacturers, who have been especially favored throughout the war, might insist on a supply of raw materials after the war which would be out of all proportion to their normal needs.



BELGIAN MINE WORKERS COMPELLED TO TOIL FOR GERMANY

It was also proposed that the importation of necessary raw materials be the determining factor in alloting raw materials. Proposals were made that supplies of raw materials be provided for in all peace treaties and from such proposals it was an easy step to the declaration that, having provided for them in treaties, the Government must throughout the transition period maintain supervision of the importation and distribution of raw materials as

well as supervision of the exports which were to be exchanged for them.

The character of the raw materials needed has been set forth in "Welt-handel," a Bremen Journal, as comprising material for spinning, hides and skins, high grade ores, rubber, timber for ships and furniture, oil, pro-cessors, coffee, cotton, tea, tobacco and precious metals, and it was pointed out that the staple supplies ordinarily come from countries now hostile, as cotton and tobacco from the United States, coffee and tobacco from Brazil, wool from Australia and British South Africa, oil kernels from British and French West African colonies.

The present Imperial Department of Economics continues to discuss ways of obtaining raw materials. Of the nine separate sections into which this department is divided six are concerned with the study of them, each section being assisted by committees of experts, for the various groups of materials.

Data have been collected for nearly all commodities in order to determine exactly the amount of raw materials required for their production. Records are being kept as to cargo space and freight agreements made by the shipping companies. The various sections know now the character and amount of raw materials held for their account or contracted for in foreign countries and to what extent they will be immediately available after peace is proclaimed.

These plans for obtaining raw materials through an exhaustive inventory of her needs, governmental control of cargo space, and autocratic super-

vision of their distribution will work effectively, according to the German view, whether Mittel-Europa remains as much of a fact as it is today, or whether by bargaining bar-combats and her own raw materials Germany obtains equal privileges with her competitors in the markets for raw materials. Unless she can both hold her conquests and obtain the desired privilege—an unlikely situation now—Germany would prefer equality of privilege, trusting to her business ability and "the world-hunger for goods" to overcome prejudices and hatreds stimulated in the outside world by the war, and to her superior organization and the needs of her neighbors to work her way into actual domination of adjacent territory.

It is interesting to compare Mittel-Europa and the outside world as producers of raw materials for Germany. The imports of raw materials in 1913 aggregated \$1,150,000,000 in value. More than one-half of this value was represented by cotton, hides and skins, wool, copper, wood, iron ore and coal. Other raw materials imported were fur skins, Chilean saltpeter, silk, India rubber, tobacco, flaxseed, copra, mineral oils, palm nuts, jute, brown coal, tin, flax and phosphate of lime. Among the countries which furnished materials valued at \$20,000,000 or more were: United States, \$170,000,000; British India, \$96,000,000; Argentina, \$75,000,000; United Kingdom, \$65,000,000; Australia, \$50,000,000; Chile, \$48,000,000; Italy, \$44,000,000; France, \$44,000,000; British Africa, \$42,000,000; Dutch East Indies, \$41,000,000; Sweden, \$28,000,000; Egypt, \$27,000,000; Spain, \$26,000,000; China, \$24,000,000; and Brazil, \$23,000,000. These are now enemy or neutral sources of raw materials which are outside Mittel-Europa as at present constituted.

Of the countries dominated by Germany now only Russia and Austria-Hungary furnished raw materials valued at \$20,000,000 or more in 1913. The value of Russian raw materials imported was \$123,000,000 and that of raw materials from Austria-Hungary \$70,000,000. Imports from other countries were negligible. The following group were nevertheless considerable figures in round numbers are: Belgium, \$17,000,000; Bulgaria, \$700,000; Finland, \$800,000; Rumania, \$7,000,000; Serbia, \$800,000; Turkey, \$8,000,000. These figures do not include foodstuffs, large quantities of which are imported by Germany to peace times. The imports of raw materials into Germany in 1913 were valued as follows, according to continents: Europe, \$480,000,000; America, \$354,000,000; Asia, \$182,000,000; Africa, \$101,000,000; and Oceania, \$93,000,000.

These figures make it appear that there is not much comparison between the amounts of raw materials which Germany can obtain through her conquests or affiliations and those which would be obtainable from her present enemies or neutral countries if the blockade were lifted and equality of privilege restored. But it must be remembered that what her immediate neighbors supplied to Germany in 1913 is hardly a criterion by which to measure what they can be made to supply if organized and developed solely for the purpose of serving Germany.

## MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AT M'CLUSKY OFF

Because of the influenza epidemic, Rev. C. F. Strutz of the Bismarck Evangelical church, acting for Presiding Elder Bremer, who is out of the city, today announced that the Bismarck district ministerial conference of the Evangelical association which was to have opened in McClusky next Wednesday has been indefinitely postponed.

## CZECHO-SLOVAKS STILL RATED AS ALIEN ENEMIES

Although they are at heart with the allies, Czecho-Slovaks, Poles and kindred peoples, if born within the territorial limits of Germans of Austria-Hungary, must still be classed as alien enemies in the matter of classification for select service, advises Ad-

miral General Fraser in instructions mailed local draft boards today. On this subject, General Crowder says in a recent wire: "Persons such as those to whom you refer must for the present be placed in Class V. Arrangements can possibly be made for the enlistment of persons of this character in the Slavic force, the organization of which was authorized in provisions contained in the army appropriations act approved July 9, 1918."

**Use Furs as Money.**  
The Loyalty Islands, which lie in the Pacific to the east of Australia, are famous for their fur money. The fur, which is taken from behind the ears of the so-called "flying fox" in reality a large fruit-eating bat is woven into cords of various lengths, and these constitute the ordinary currency of the islanders.

**Complete Your Air Castles.**  
If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.—H. D. Thoreau.

## WILSON HAS CONFIDENCE OF BULGARIA

Minister to United States Expresses Faith in Justice at Peace Table.

NATION NOW A REPUBLIC

Envoy Declares Democracy is in the Saddle—Want Only Native Territory.

BY A. E. GELDPHOF (War Editor of the Newshoop-Enterprise Association)

Washington, D. C.—"Bulgaria willingly places its fate in the hands of President Wilson, with full confidence that at the peace table he will demand complete justice for its people," declares Stephan Panaretoff, minister from Bulgaria, who has just granted me an interview. Panaretoff was professor of the English language at Roberts College

in Constantinople for years. He has not been able to communicate with his government since Bulgaria entered the war. "I know, however, that my people will stand solidly behind their new king," he said, "because he stands for peace. It was King Ferdinand, assisted by the diplomatic errors of the entente allies, who drove Bulgaria into the war on the side of Germany."

**Won by 11 Terms.**  
"When President Wilson enunciated his fourteen peace terms last January declaring that the Balkan problem must be settled on the basis of nationality, the Bulgarian people, led by Premier Malinoff, made their attitude clear to the king and forced him to abdicate in favor of his son, King Boris immediately carried out the people's wishes and arranged for an armistice."

"I know very little about him, having seen him only once. But he is not a German. His mother is French—the daughter of Louis Philippe. There will be no republic in Bulgaria. There is no necessity for one. My country is democratic now. There is no aristocracy in Bulgaria; there is no Bulgarian royal family. Had there been we should not have had a Saxe-Coburger for king. "Even our army is democratic. The officers, even the generals, are sons of grocers and tradesmen. It is nothing to see a Bulgarian general seated at a cafe with a private."

"Bulgaria asks nothing that cannot be granted her on the principle of self-determination of peoples. We want the Dobruja; its population is Bulgarian and it belongs to us. We want a large share of Macedonia; we have no fear that if a popular vote were taken the people would vote in unison with Bulgaria. The same is true of southern Serbia."

"The Greeks have maintained that Macedonia is populated by Greeks, but they have never consented to a plebiscite. Only a few of the cities are preponderantly Greek. The rural population is entirely Albanian. "We want none of Albania, none of Serbia where the Bulgarian population is small; none of Greece where it is inhabited by Greeks. "It was a great stroke of diplomacy on President Wilson's part to refrain from declaring war on Bulgaria. It has convinced the Bulgarians that he will obtain justice for them after the war."

**Will Give Thoroughfare.**  
"Bulgaria is through with the war. It will, however, give the allies thoroughfare through Bulgaria to attack Constantinople."

"The Bulgarian minister indicated his belief that a Balkan league will be re-established after the war between Serbia, Greece and Bulgaria, with common customs duties, etc., and intimated that Serbia must look to Austria for compensation for territory to be taken from her and given to Bulgaria."

**Can't Read Their Own Fortunes.**  
"San Francisco Police Raid Fortune Tellers."—Headline. One of the things we have never been able to understand is why fortune tellers, seers, prophets and necromancers are never able to forecast activity on the part of the police.—Rochester Post Express.

**Ash Hopper.**  
A man the other day brought back memories of olden times when, in reply to a remark that spring was coming on fast, he said: "Yes, it's about time I was building the old woman an ash hopper." How many of you kids know to what he referred?—Eldorado Springs (Mo.) News.

**PROPOSALS.**  
The board of directors of Hay Creek school district No. 31 of Burleigh county, N. D., will receive sealed proposals, until 8 o'clock p. m., October 16, 1918, for erecting a two one-class room frame or tile buildings within the said school district, in accordance with plans and specifications by A. Van Horn, architect. Separate proposals will be received on the heating system. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Plans are on file with County Superintendent of schools, A. Van Horn and P. J. Heltenberg, at Bismarck, N. D. A certified check for \$100 must accompany each proposal. Dated at Bismarck, N. D., Sept. 14, 1918. P. J. Heltenberg, Clerk, Hector McLean, President. Bismarck, N. D. 9 16; 10 16

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CITY OF BISMARCK FOR FISCAL YEAR OF 1917.			
FINANCE	On hand 9-1-17	Collections	Disbursements
Judgment	\$ 304.16	\$ 2,191.04	\$ 2,011.16
General	11,370.53	56,233.54	57,769.55
Sewer	2,704.89	21,918.04	23,920.11
Interest on Bonds	1,726.83	1,080.00	1,212.27
Sinking on Bonds	3,212.00	2,959.33	6,171.32
Contingent	3,641.21	6,021.01	8,836.62
Sidewalk	3,717.24	2,374.01	2,599.77
Interest on Crossings	23.89	6.12	40.00
Sinking on Crossings	102.03	358.14	621.07
Fire Hall Sinking	602.25	1,915.55	2,098.26
Fire Hall Interest	240.26	329.60	360.00
Auditorium Sinking	1,497.54	2,678.79	3,578.23
Auditorium Interest	1,296.00	1,200.00	1,217.25
Improvement	10,484.64	10,707.70	11,100.84
Poor	918.06	7,712.53	7,315.12
Street Lighting	1,914.09	1,341.42	1,239.92
Paving No. 1	687.85	50,175.57	50,344.26
Paving No. 2	38,580.32	168,940.27	207,265.29
Special K. M. & W. V.	1,000.00	659.75	659.75
Special Assessment		923.22	853.04
	\$ 72,212.51	\$ 241,290.30	\$ 381,400.43

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## "Y" DUGOUT FAIR TURK TARGET



'Mid the rocks and sand of Palestine Y. M. C. A. huts are but shatched holes and offer the most conspicuous mark for Turkish shells.

## READE SELECTED FOR IMPORTANT COMMITTEE JOB

H. L. Reade, state fire marshal of North Dakota, has been honored with an appointment to be a member of a special committee of eight, representing the Fire Marshals' Association of North America, which will go to Washington to confer with the department of commerce on steps which must be taken to insure the protection of America's food supply. Fire Marshal Reade, nominated by the chief of the Ohio fire protection department, is the only executive from the northwest selected to serve on this important committee.

## INFLUENZA CAUSES FRATERNITY DEATH RATE TO INCREASE

The epidemic of Spanish flu has increased deaths among the membership of the Ancient Order of United Workmen in North Dakota from an average of five per month to six within the last three days, four of these being directly due to influenza, advises Bradley C. Marks, a member of the state board of trustees. The fraternity has 9,000 members in this jurisdiction.

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