

Whitewashing Hunland

Theodore Wolff, Noted Editor of the "Berliner Tageblatt," Becomes Sarcastic—Tells Hunland's Former Minister of Foreign Affairs His Explanations Do Not Explain.

Berlin—Herr von Jagow was still on his honeymoon when Graf Hohenberg, who appeared in Berlin with the letter from Kaiser Franz Josef, which announced great deeds. He returned the next day and it cannot be over a week since he has participated in the answer to the letter. Obviously the answer with no limiting clauses, was that we stood "faithfully by Austria," and there were no quarrels mentioned for a moderate use of this understanding, no conditions laid down for our assistance. In all that happened after July 6, after Germany's policy had been determined, Herr von Jagow, in so far as these things do not take place in backgrounds invisible even to him, cooperated very actively. Unfortunately in his book he once more passes rather swiftly over several particularly important points. He reports that he declared to the Austro-Hungarian ambassador who brought him the ultimatum to Serbia, that he found it "very sharp" and that it seemed to him to go "beyond its purpose." He also says that he expressed his astonishment that the decisions of Vienna were transmitted so late to the German government. Count Hohenberg is dead, and it is impossible to find out whether he detected so sharp a tone in the words of Herr von Jagow.

After one has read Herr von Jagow's story one understands still less why the German government then absolutely rejected Grey's proposal to submit the two conditions not accepted by Serbia to an ambassadorial conference.

Herr von Jagow says that such a conference would have resembled a "court of arbitration whose auspices from the beginning would have been but little favorable for our allies," and he points to Bethmann's telegram which declared "it would be impossible for us to summon our allies before a European court."

Therefore, although the ultimatum itself was considered "very sharp" and the demands as going further than their purpose, the court of arbitration was rejected for reasons of prestige. Then only was "localization of the conflict" talked of when a "localization" was long out of the question. Thus the impression was created that definite proposals and questions were being avoided.

One of the accusations which have been made against Herr von Jagow is concerned with a conversation which he had on July 21 with Jules Cambon, the French ambassador, and of which there is a report in the French Yellow Book.

When M. Cambon asked whether Germany must follow the Austrians everywhere with closed eyes, and whether the secretary of state had taken cognizance of the Serbian reply handed in two days ago, in which most of the demands had been complied with, Herr von Jagow is said to have answered: "I have not yet had time for it." In his book Herr von Jagow does not treat of these details. It is just these he should

have treated if he was determined to write.

He once more explains how Russia, who was urged and coached by France, mobilized, and how Germany had been forced to declare war.

France, as is known, was asked to say within 18 hours whether she would remain neutral and refrained from a clear answer. Happily, Herr von Jagow does express his regret that in the German declaration of war on France, French hostilities were mentioned which were stated to have occurred already in German territory and in reality were only figments of imagination. He declares that the general staff had received this information from subordinate departments and had brought it to the notice of the political chiefs in perfect good faith.

Herr von Jagow repeatedly remarks that we did not seek any quarrel with France, and did not want to fall out of bed, and that it was precisely in her case that the "will to war and aggression was not on our side."

As a fact everyone knows how much Herr von Jagow was in the front line, in spite of the undoubtedly reasonable feelings of the French people.

von Jagow is of the opinion that the message sent by the Kaiser to the King of England on August 1, promising to cancel the order of attack on France if England guaranteed French neutrality, was not a neutral proposal, but in the first place France could not leave the Russians in the lurch if Germany remained loyal to Austria, and secondly, the contents would have had to know whether the German government was inclined on the reception of an affirmative reply from Paris and London, to withdraw their instructions of July 31.

In these instructions forwarded to the German ambassador in Paris, Germany demanded the fortress of Toul and Verdun from France as pledges of neutrality. If there had been any intention of adhering to these demands, France and England, even after a first agreement would, of course, have sent a refusal.

Herr von Jagow, without mentioning the two objectionable fortresses, calls it "natural" to demand "a pledge, and that a strong pledge for the neutrality of France."

He does not, therefore, seem to think that the German general staff would have been ready to abate much of its first demands.

In Herr von Jagow's book the invasion of Belgium is called a "formal act of injustice." It is regrettable that Herr von Jagow lays stress on the word formal.

Herr von Jagow declares that it is monstrous to assert "that the Imperial government was thirsting for blood and anxious to bring about war" and adds that only hypocrisy, ill-will and ignorance can venture to make such assertions. There is

also no doubt whatever that the question of guilt cannot be settled fully without a searching investigation in all directions and not by a simple formula.

However, quite apart from the many justifications of the guilt one always comes back again to an "either-or."

Either the German political military leaders considered the warlike action of Russia in July, 1914, and the world war as possible, and, in that case, one does not need to go any closer into the policy which was introduced with the unconditional promise to Austria, or they did not expect either Russia's action or the thoroughly logical and perfectly natural intervention of England, and in that case they made an enormous mistake.

As we say, no rain will wash that away.

It cannot be got rid of by the most elaborate literary camouflage in the most terrible of all wars America was then challenged by the unexpected madness of the eternal sea conquerors and all imaginable mistakes were then made—this time against the will of Herr von Jagow, who had wisely retired.

Thus we come to Versailles.

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FORD TOURING CAR OF H. W. PALMER STOLEN

The Ford touring car of H. W. Palmer of 1423 South Floral street was taken from in front of the Palace building last night between the hours of 9 to 11 while Mr. Palmer was in a theater.

The engine number is 30197 and the Oklahoma license tag number 26571. Police were immediately notified but had found no trace of the car at an early hour this morning. A reward for the apprehension of the thief and the return of the car is offered by Mr. Palmer.

Forgotten Kindly Act of Two Years Ago Wins Woman Valuable Farm

DALLAS, Texas, June 27.—When invalid chair, with an elderly woman occupant, plunged uncontrolled down a hillside, a young woman darted forward, overtook the chair, and saved the occupant from injury.

The incident occurred two years ago at Hot Springs, Ark., and the young rescuer was Miss Elizabeth Marie Talski, a school teacher of Dallas. She was spending her vacation there, and after the incident she devoted much time to wheeling the invalid around and reading to her.

A few days ago Miss Talski received notice that an Illinois farm, valued at \$14,500, had been bequeathed her by the invalid, who died recently. Her name was withheld. Miss Talski had forgotten the Hot Springs incident, and had not corresponded with the woman.

Phyllis: "Mother was rather angry with you last night."

Jack: "Why, I didn't kiss you."

Phyllis: "Just so. And she waited all evening at the keyhole for nothing."

Turning China Upside Down

PEKING, May 30. (By mail)—China is being turned upside down. The dust of centuries is being removed. The heritage of dead civilizations is being discarded. Men are raising their eyes to the dawn of new things. Women are stripping deep from the unconscious of equally old gods are being confounded. Old superstitions are falling away. The face is fading into oblivion before the new.

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Mexican Asked to Explain.
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