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The Real Difference Between the U. S. and Germany

PRESIDENT WILSON'S insistence that Germany conform to the international rules in order to protect American lives has been as soft as velvet and as strong as steel.

But the official German idea seems to be that while this insistence is vigorous in words the United States will be mild in action.

Germany invites discussion of things that the United States has said must be answered promptly and definitely.

The United States wonders at this and cannot understand.

German writers complain that Americans "cannot think themselves into the minds of another nation."

This may be true, but the German government recently has demonstrated by its attitude in response to the president's policy that it cannot think itself into the mind of the United States.

The people of Germany and of the United States are not antagonistic. But the systems of both countries are so vastly different that they are bound to be antagonistic.

Germany had been preparing for war for many years. For almost the same length of time the United States had been working for a continuance of peace. The United States was not even mildly interested in the German military theory. Our statesmen have smiled when some enthusiastic German scholar or soldier wrote a book and told how Germany was to conquer the United States, some day. It might be true that Germany could do it, but why mention it? Why should the two countries fight? Why should the United States be interested in the military theory of Germany—or in any other military theory?

Besides, we said, this militarism was largely a costly plaything. It was not Germany's principal motive. Germany was advancing rapidly in socialistic ideas, in laws for the public welfare, in all things that were the opposite of militarism and armed oppression.

But, all at once the German military theory became a vital issue. It is now recognized that everything done by Germany was subordinated to this system. It was the German fundamental—and one directly opposed to the ideals of America.

Its efficiency cannot be questioned; but that system and that efficiency are directly antagonistic to the American method. It has become apparent that if Germany wins in this war, the United States must conform to a similar system or face a very real danger. Germany has made this plain in her attitude in dealing with our government. Beset as she is by enemies, she does not fear another; her military theory rules, and its backbone is efficiency and fearlessness.

Germany does not understand President Wilson's insistence, or does not give him credit for saying what he means, or does not care anything at all about it. Germany's attitude has been unresponsive.

Yet, American ideals are still those of peace, not war. The government of this country does not desire war. It has done, and is doing, everything in its power to prevent it.

But, at the same time, no one can doubt that this is an alert and educated people and one that will not stop at any self-sacrifice necessary to uphold the fundamental principles set forth by its president—principles demanded by honor, justice and reason.

Oh, Yes, It's Improved Some

FOLKS who believe in peace at any price and in a few kind words as national defense against all foreign greed and violation of international rights, are making much of a recent speech by Admiral Dewey in New York city.

"The efficiency of our navy," said Dewey, "has steadily progressed and has never been so high as it is today."

This may be true of our navy and may not be, as Dewey may be somewhat optimistic by reason of his official position.

But THE SAME THING MAY BE TRUTHFULLY SAID OF THE SWISS NAVY, which has recently been increased by the putting of two new little gunboats on Lake Constance.

Putting some \$200,000,000 annually into a navy without SOME progress would be sad indeed! We have no doubt whatever that the efficiency is much higher than when Farragut went at New Orleans or Ericson got up his Monitor.

Righting Wrongs

NORWAY has passed a law which is well worth studying—and adopting—here in these United States of America. This new statute places illegitimate children in the same class as those born in wedlock.

The illegitimate Norwegian child now has the right to take its father's name if it wishes. It now has equal right with the legitimate children in the matter of inheritance.

We Americans are handling those children far differently. We call them "nameless" and make them dependent upon a mother whom we call an "outcast" or a "fallen woman."

'Tis true we do occasionally punish the father of these children, giving him a severe slap on the wrist—a matter of \$200 or \$300 fine—while we at once burn the scarlet letter into the betrayed mother's forehead.

Some day we Americans will quit "visiting the sins of the fathers" upon their illegitimate children and let God Almighty attend to the punishing!

VANDERLIP, HEAD of probably the biggest bank in New York city, told the pan-American conference that the national banks of this country have surpluses of over \$700,000,000 above their legal reserves and that the state banks are probably as well fixed. But you just try to borrow from them!

SEEMS TO be some doubt as to whether England or Italy is "the most hated enemy" now.

ITALY GOES to war for "national aspirations." Rumania will go for "national ideals." This is much more frank than going for God's sake.

SAN MARINO has declared war against Austria and will now fall upon the Austrian hordes and smite them hip and thigh with the full strength of its army of 950 men.

STATISTICS SHOW the average life of the British officer after he reaches the firing line is 23 days. Now some sacrilegious American will be sure to say "skiddoo."

CLEVELAND LEADS all cities of the nation in percentage of families owning their own homes.

POLA, NOW Austria's great naval base on the Istrian peninsula, first got historical mention in 178 B. C., when the Romans grabbed it.

EVEN THE pope is worrying about a safe place to live during the war. CITY OF BREMEN is going at high cost of living with a cleaver. Is putting up homes for workmen, to rent for \$125 per year.

IT'S GOING to be a real open season for candidates, anyhow. Michiganders have shied the good old soft flannel hat of Wm. Alden Smith into the ring.

Diana Dillpickles in Movie Land - - The Outbursts of Everett True

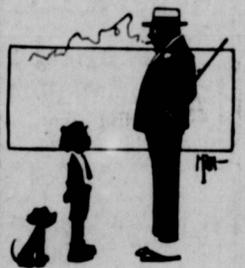


OUR DAILY LAUGH

Too True
"The early bird gets the worm."
So reads the proverb book;
As for the worm, we must affirm,
He merely gets the hook.

Knew What Followed
"I may hurt your feelings, but I am going to tell you the truth, and—"
"Good-day!" interrupted J. Fuller Gloom. "I never listen to anything but compliments."

MERCIFUL
"So you don't go to school. Why not?"
"Cause I'm very much opposed to child labor."



Queer!
"You might as well admit your guilt," said the detective. "The man whose house you broke into positively identifies you as the burglar."

Reasonable
"That's funny," said the burglar. "What's funny?" asked the detective.
"How could he identify me when he had his head under the bedclothes all the time I was in his room," asked the burglar.

TO PEOPLE WHO ARE LOSING WEIGHT
Any unnatural loss of flesh and weight, even though gradual, should be regarded with alarm. Unless the result of actual illness it is a certain indication that the flesh and strength giving elements in your food are passing out of your body as waste instead of going to the blood where they belong. You can quickly correct this condition and win back from ten to thirty pounds of healthy stay-there fat by eating a little Sargol with your meals.

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KNEW HIS BUSINESS



Lawyer—You say you've been employed in a lawyer's office before?
Boy—Yes, sir.
Lawyer—Then upon being employed what is your first action?
Boy—I always demand a "retainer."

Optimism Facts
The majority of men who borrow money return it.
There are more decent people in the world than all the other kinds combined.
The fact that dishonesty seems to prosper corrupts only the few. If virtue were as unusual as vice it would get just as much publicity.

Rested Poorly
"Pie for breakfast? No, thanks! Last Sunday morning I finished my breakfast with a piece of pie and was sorry."
"Why so?"
"I had terrible dreams in church."

Reasonable
"She's such a quiet little person that I am surprised to hear she's wearing a diaphanous skirt."
"Perhaps she believes in the old saying that little girls should be seen, but not heard."

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SARGOL THE FLESH BUILDER

Excursions - Daily - P.S. Navy Yard

AN ADAPTATION

"There is a tide in the affairs of men," said the man who habitually quotes Shakespeare, "which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune."
"Yes," replied the man who had married an heiress. "I remember the tide that led to my fortune well."
"What tide was that?"
"It was eventide, and we were sitting in the garden."

Her Siniester Side
She is the most charming of damsels, forsooth. Until she gets into the telephone booth.

For there she sits chatting and gabbling along. While outside the booth stands a half-frenzied throng.

Small matter your deals or the state of your biz; She has to tell Algy how handsome he is.

And the half-frenzied throng mutters phrases uncouth Addressed to the girl in the telephone booth.

ENVIED HIM



"Dear me, Henry, isn't that Mr. Jones over there? I talked to him an hour and he never heard one word I said."
"Lucky dog!"

Might Be Worse
When indigo predominates The view I take of life, And man's well-known existence rates

As useless stress and strife, When I am hitting .89 And fielding .23, And Fate has hung the Indian sign With extra frills on me, When I am tempted to object To Fortune's cruel ways— It's comforting to recollect They're worse in picture plays.

Asserting Herself
—Mrs. Fitzwell (socially inclined)—
"My dear! I have picked out a husband for you."
Her Daughter—Very well, but I tell you emphatically that when it comes to buying the wedding dress, I'll select the material myself.

Heard in a Shop
"You said this cloth was a fast color, yet it faded in two weeks after it was made up."
"Well, I don't think you ought to expect it to fade any faster than that."

A Lump Sum
At a dinner table the other day some one quoted that delightful story of the usher who, reproved for announcing a family of, say, 14, with all their Christian names separately and at length, while a string of people waited impatiently, grouped a Mr., Mrs., and Miss Penny into a laconic "Three Pence."

This led to the recital of another somewhat similar situation. The butler announced "Mr. Tootle." Then suddenly perceiving Mrs. Tootle, who had stepped aside for a moment, he further announced, "And Mrs. Tootle, too."

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

A MINISTER WRITES ON WAR
Editor The Star: Referring to the article in The Star, "If Kaiser Says No, What is President Wilson Going to Do?" by Harry P. Burton, in which he gave three courses, I would suggest the following:

Let these professors, who are framing up courses the president ought to take; the ministers of the gospel who are preaching "Flaming Steel" instead of "The Love of Christ"; the iron kings who are crying for warships, that their coffers may continue to be filled, thus making the laboring man poorer in protecting the moneyed kings' exports, shoulder their guns and take to the battlefields at once, before it is too late.

Let these same men, who think they can show the president what he ought to do, right about face and support the president by keeping silent.

Our beloved president is capable of handling the present situation without the help of outsiders who know absolutely nothing about it.

REV. WM. B. MACGREGOR, Sumas, Wash.

HAS CHICK WITH FOUR REAL LEGS

Mrs. F. Basesy, of 7510 Second ave. N. E., has phoned The Star that she has a Buff Orpington chick, two days old, and in good health, but with four perfectly formed legs and feet.
"Can you tell me how to dispose of it?" she asked.
"Bring it here," we told her. "That's the simplest way we know of."
"Oh, no," returned Mrs. Basesy. "I don't mean I want to kill it. I want to sell."

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