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GERMAN NEWSPAPER EXPOSES BRUTALITY OF GERMAN OFFICERS

U. S. Government issues important war Booklet About German Militarism.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—The naked brutality of Prussian militarism in every day garrison life is revealed by the testimony of German soldiers, press and public men. The German Government from the Kaiser down has supported German Army officers in their revolting brutality to German soldiers. This is the evidence contained in the United States Government's latest war booklet of the War Information Series, entitled "German Militarism and its German Critics." This booklet is released through the Committee on Public Information, Washington, D. C., to

the American public, and anyone may obtain a copy without cost by writing the committee. The author of this booklet is Charles Altshul, a retired banker of New York City, who has made a very careful study of German newspaper criticism. It is a most powerful expose of German Militarism. Mr. Altshul states "hatred and abuse have been in vogue in the Prussian army as long as it has existed, nearly 275 years, and every effort to eradicate the trouble has failed." There are five chapters in this interesting booklet, the first dealing with German Militarism since 1914; the second on the brutalizing effect of militarism; the third shows the German militarism exaltation of the army above the civil authorities; the fourth chapter illustrates the "Zabern Incident" as an evidence of militarism over civil authority; and the fifth chapter deals with the hope for the future in the conduct of German military authorities. All material in this booklet is based upon verbatim quotations from German newspapers who stood aghast at the display of license and unbelievable brutality practiced by commissioned and non-commissioned officers in the German army barracks. The main source of information is "the Vorwarts," the official organ of the German Social Democratic party. At the trial of Rosa Luxemburg 922 men from all parts of Germany responded and were ready to testify to something like 30,000 separate instances of brutal treatment of German soldiers by their own officers, even at the risk of prosecution by the Military authorities. One chapter of this testimony reads, "He was struck in the face with the fist by Lieutenant Krier, so that a tooth bled and got loose. He was beaten till he was bleeding but report of the case was not sent higher up. Musketeer Hempel shot and killed himself after drill because he had been grossly insulted by a corporal in front of the company. A reservist threw himself in front of a railroad train; another drowned himself, because they could no longer stand the abuse of non-commissioned officer Huebner." So overwhelming was the evidence prepared by attorney for Rosa Luxemburg that German Military authorities never allowed the case to be brought to trial. In another paragraph of this booklet Mr. Altshul states, "If Americans had been familiar with the details of German Militarism they would have expected the worst during the stress of a campaign, and would have been less unprepared for the unheard of barbarities practiced by the Germans in Belgium and wherever they set foot. If officers, non-commissioned officers and professional regulars treat their own recruits in the fashion described, in times of peace, what could be expected of troops commanded by such ruffians in enemy country, under the terrific excitement of combat, and particularly when "frightfulness" is the slogan." Summarizing the hope for the future Mr. Altshul says "when the German people awaken from the nightmare which now holds them in its grasp; when they realize it was the dream of world power that had blinded them; when under the pressure of stern necessity they recast their views of frightfulness and of its consequences;—then there will reawake that conscience which the liberal press endeavored to stimulate in times of peace, and it will again be possible to treat with Germany of today as with the Germany of old, when she had not yet sacrificed her soul on the altar of efficiency."

WOMAN WORKS 15 HOURS A DAY

Marvelous Story of Woman's Change from Weakness to Strength by Taking Druggist's Advice.

Peru, Ind.—"I suffered from a displacement with backache and dragging down pains so badly that at times I could not be on my feet and it did not seem as though I could stand it. I tried different medicines without any benefit and several doctors told me nothing but an operation would do me any good. My druggist told me of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I took it with the result that I am now well and strong. I get up in the morning at four o'clock, do my housework, then go to a factory and work all day, come home and get supper and feel good. I don't know how many of my friends I have told what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me."—Mrs. ANNA METERIANO, 36 West 10th St., Peru, Ind.

Women who suffer from any such ailments should not fail to try this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



IN REGARD TO COAL

I am glad to tell all of you that an exception has been made by the administration which will let us get some grate coal.

Until just a few days ago the order stood so that all of our coal would come out of the Pocahontas and New River fields.

The coal we will get will be the Tennessee and Kentucky coals which are good grate coals and will give satisfaction.

Many have asked "What is the Price?" I have told them all the price as previously set by the Government was \$8.00 per ton delivered, but that the coal we would get later would possibly be higher, Mr. Lovill advising that the prices had not yet been furnished to him which would be effective after April 1st, but is certain it will be no lower than \$8.00, per ton.

The greatest urgency exists that every one should lay in his coal between now and Sept. 1st, as after that date there will probably not be any coal for home uses.

Please bear in mind that from the lowest to the highest everyone must fill out the application card for coal. It makes no difference from whom or how you get this coal you must have this card on file before any deliveries can be made to you, unless someone violates the law and becomes subject to a heavy fine.

It is urged by the fuel administration that everyone make the next five months their "COAL" months and arrange to have your coal delivered in these five months and let them offset the "COLD" months of the coming Winter.

Everyone can more easily put coal in now than later, and bear in mind that "LATER" there may be no coal at any price.

Fill out your application card as soon as possible and be getting the coal into your bin, and not be in the class who will sit around his forehanded neighbor's fire this winter and "CUSS" Doc Garfield, and everybody else who has anything to do with the coal business.

Mr. Customer it is squarely up to you and with five months when coal is guaranteed to you, if you don't get it you won't receive much sympathy the coming winter if you have no coal.

You will find application cards, for my yard, at Hawks Drug Co., I. W. West Drug Co., Gwyn Drug Co., and at the firehouse as well as at the Barber shops, just fill out the card and leave it with the firm who has the blanks and I will get them. Remember the card is not an order for delivery but simply "Puts your name in the pot," for coal during the next five months, and each buyer must bear in mind that all must take a little along as we can't wait until the last day and deliver all the coal which should extend over the next five months.

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**IMPORTANT
 Information**

Beginning May the 10th the Merchants of Mount Airy will begin compiling information for the purpose of printing a rating book. This book will contain the names of every person who has an account with any member of the Association and his rating. Your chances to open new accounts for the coming year will be based on your rating in this book. It is important that your rating be good. If you have a first-class rating it will not be any trouble for you to get Credit. If your rating is bad, you will have sad experiences in opening a new account. You now have almost a month to adjust your slow accounts. Do that at once, don't wait until the last moment. Circumstances then might prevent you doing so. Attend to this matter on the impulse. Assure yourself of a good standing for the coming year.

**Merchants Association of
 Mount Airy.**

LIFT YOUR CORNS OFF WITH FINGERS

Tells how to loosen a tender corn or callus so it lifts off without pain.

You reckless men and women who are pestered with corns and who have at least once a week invited an awful death from lockjaw or blood poison are now told by a Cincinnati authority to use a drug called freezeone, which the moment a few drops are applied to any corn or callus the soreness is relieved and soon the entire corn or callus, root and all, lifts off with the fingers.

Freezone dries the moment it is applied, and simply shrivels the corn or callus without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin. A small bottle of freezeone will cost very little at any of the drug stores, but will positively rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or hardened callus. If your druggist hasn't any freezeone he can get it at any wholesale drug house for you.



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TURN the double trick of saving your perfectly good spring suit while you wear a less expensive equally serviceable hot weather suit.

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