



GERMANY'S GUILT ESTABLISHED.

(Extracts from Prince Karl Lichnowsky's "My London Mission, 1912-1914," a copy of which has just reached this country. Prince Lichnowsky, who was German Ambassador to England when the war broke out, says that he wrote the document for his family archives, but it was made public in Germany and created a great stir, the Kaiser's government hastening to repudiate and suppress it.)

"On Aug. 2 (1914), when I saw Asquith in order to make a final attempt, he was completely broken, and, although quite calm, tears ran down his face."

"Of course it would only have needed a hint from Berlin to make Count Berchtold (Austrian Foreign Minister in August, 1914) satisfy himself with a diplomatic success and put up with the Serbian reply."

"The impression became ever stronger that we (Germany) desired war in all circumstances."

"Thus ended my London mission. It was wrecked not by the perfidy of the British, but by the perfidy of our policy."

"I had to support in London a policy which I knew to be fallacious. I was punished for it, for it was a sin against the Holy Ghost."

TO THOSE WHO FAIL TO GRASP WAR'S MEANING

By ELIHU ROOT, Honorary President of the National Security League.

There are doubtless some who do not understand what this struggle really is. Some who were born here resent interference with their comfort and prosperity and the demands for sacrifice, which seem to them unnecessary, and they fail to see that the time has come when, if Americans are to keep the independence and liberty which their fathers won by suffering and sacrifice, they in their turn must fight again for the preservation of that independence and liberty.



Elihu Root.

There are some born abroad who have come to this land for a greater freedom and broader opportunities and have sought and received the privileges of American citizenship who are awayed by dislike for some ally or by the sympathies of German kinship and fail to see that the time has come for them to take good the obligations of their sworn oaths of naturalization.

This is the oath that the applicant for citizenship makes:

That he will support the Constitution of the United States and that he absolutely and entirely renounces all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate or sovereignty; that he will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and bear true faith and allegiance to the same.

"False to Their Oaths." All these naturalized citizens who are taking part in obstruction to our government in the conduct of the war are false to their oaths, are forfeiting their rights of citizenship, are repudiating their honorable obligations, are negotiating by evil the good that has been done them in the generous and unstinted hospitality with which the people of the United States have welcomed them to the liberty and the opportunities of this free land. We must believe that in many cases this is done because of failure to understand what this war really is.

This is a war of defense. It is perfectly described in the words of the Constitution which established this nation, "To provide for the common defense" and "To secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

The national defense demands not merely force, but intelligence. It requires foresight, consideration of the policies and purposes of other nations, understanding of the inevitable or probable consequence of the acts of other nations, judgment as to the time when successful defense may be made, and when it will be too late, and prompt action before it is too late.

By entering this war the United States availed itself of the very last opportunity to defend itself.

"PLATTSBURGS" FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

To Be Held by National Security League Throughout Country During Coming Summer.

"Teachers' Plattsburgs," at which 800,000 public school teachers will be given practical training in patriotic education, will be held during the coming summer in practically every state in the Union by the National Security League. The scheme of this elaborate new division of the League's Patriotism Through Education campaign is conceived on the same basic idea along which the League has been working for some time, concentrating on the teachers of the youth of the land and thereby reaching the children through the teachers and the people through their children.

The objects of the League's campaign are two-fold—active combating of German propaganda and awakening a more responsible American citizenship.

At Summer Schools. The Security League will conduct these "Teachers' Plattsburgs" through the medium of the summer schools for teachers that are held throughout the country every year. It has not yet been determined how many centers will be used. The matter is being taken up with all of the 700 summer schools of the country and probably between 50 and 75 of the training camps will be established, the schools selected being chosen after careful investigation as to attendance, breadth of influence and convenience of location.

The training camps will be conducted by leading educators whose co-operation will be enlisted by the League. The actual instruction will be under the direction of Dr. Robert M. McElroy, educational director of the League, and the members of the "National Patriotic Education Faculty" which he has organized. The League already has over 1,000 experienced patriotic speakers on its Speakers' Bureau list. A great many of these men and women will be detailed to the "Teachers' Plattsburgs" and their number will be augmented by volunteers from the principal colleges and universities of the country, whose academic duties have prevented them from taking active part in the patriotic education work outside their immediate field, but who will be free during the summer months.

War Spirit. The teachers will be given a series of vital interpretations of the war by men and women who have given careful study to the situation. In addition to this instilling of the war spirit in the teachers, the training camps will also afford them practical instruction in the best methods of imparting to the youth of the land the two war principles on which the Security League's Patriotism Through Education campaign is based—the menace of Germany to America, and the necessity of individual service on the part of every man, woman and child in the country in order to prevent defeat.

A preliminary letter has been sent by Doctor McElroy to the directors of all the summer schools of the country,

Maxim Gorky on Anarchy in Russia.

London, England—Maxim Gorky, who espoused the cause of the ultra-Socialists and Revolutionaries in Russia and ran his paper, the Novaya Zhizn, on those lines, publishes an account of the terrible conditions which now prevail in his country. "All those who are cognizant of conditions in the Russian villages today are of the opinion that demoralization and disintegration are sweeping everything before them," he says. "The peasants have plundered the estates of the landowners, have divided among themselves or simply destroyed the stock, including cattle, on those estates, have even taken down the buildings, and are now preparing to make war among themselves for the division of the spoils. Added to all this famine is on the land. In some districts all available provisions of corn have been consumed, and in others peasants are burying their corn, the result of a good harvest, so as not to share it with their starving neighbors."

"All this must lead as it has already led in some places, to every man's hand being turned against his brother, and to universal destruction and murder. Information is constantly arriving of the division of military property among soldiers and of outrages committed by them. Monstrous rumors are in circulation about the army which is returning from Asia Minor. It is stated that it has brought into the Crimea a great number of female slaves, and that a regular slave market is being held at Theodosia, the supply being so great that prices very soon fell from \$50.00 to \$75.00 to \$15.00 to \$20.00 per slave. Could there be a more terrible contrast, or a more cruel sarcasm than this? Official assurances states that we are entering the Kingdom of Communism, where complete equality is to reign among men, where bourgeois property is to be known no more, and where the power of chattels is non-existent. What is really happening is the transformation of human beings into chattels, pre-bourgeois property in human beings is being restored, and the soldiers of the Revolutionary army are publicly trading in slaves, as the planters did in the time of Mrs. Beecher-Stowe.

"Yes, the progress of self-discipline among the masses is taking enormous strides. The Revolutionary army garrison at Sebastopol has already entered upon the final destruction of the bourgeoisie. They simply decided to massacre all within their reach. They came to this decision and then carried it out. They first started with two of the most bourgeois streets in Sebastopol and massacred all the inhabitants. The same was then done, in spite of the resistance of the local Soviet, in Simferopol and then in Eupatoria. It looks as if the same methods of class war would soon be applied to Greater Russia as well, for the leader of the Anarchists, Bleichmann, is already carrying on an agitation within the Petrograd Soviet in this direction. In Petrograd itself, in the factories, the discipline is such now that every day to a greater extent the subordinate organs of the Soviet and the trade unions have to threaten deductions from wages and even dismissal for the continual calling and holding of meetings."

Teachers Against German

The Principals Club of the St. Louis public schools has adopted resolutions asking that the teaching of German in all public, private and parochial schools be suppressed and that special schools be provided for the teaching of English to all Germans who cannot now speak, read and write it. Abolition of all German newspapers is asked.

"The members of this club have observed that the use of the German language in the home, and the reading of German newspapers has had a tendency to retard the Americanizing of children of German parents," says the resolutions.

State of Siege in Moscow.

London, June 2.—A state of siege has been declared in Moscow, according to a Helsingfors telegram forwarded here by the correspondent at Copenhagen of the Exchange Telegraph company.

Germany Looking to Another Great War.

London, England.—The famous treaty or agreement reached between the Kaiser and Emperor Karl of Austria during their recent conference at German army headquarters, is published in the Deutsche Volkzeitung. It is a military pact in the fullest sense and to run for 25 years. The treaty comprises seven articles which are given as follows:

1. His High Majesty the German Kaiser and King of Prussia on the one hand and His High Apostolic Majesty the Kaiser of Austria and King of Hungary on the other form a close military alliance for 25 years, during which both parties to the alliance pledge themselves to employ the entire strength of their peoples for military purposes. The allied nations of Germany and Austria-Hungary shall devote all their care to have their armies enter into an eventual future conflict fully prepared and at a maximum of their strength. Only thus the future war shall be of brief duration; for, had the armies of both allies been in this condition in 1914, this war would have been ended long ago.

2. All male inhabitants capable of bearing arms shall receive proper and thorough military instruction. Special formations, moreover, shall be provided for all auxiliary service in connection with the production of arms and ammunition.

3. Regulations for organization instruction and employment of the allied troops, shall be drawn up according to the one common principle, the initiative of which shall be left principally to Germany. The formation of the troops of the various states of Germany and Austria-Hungary shall constitute one sole army, without being considered strangers to each other.

4. Armament shall be on a uniform basis to the extent that formations of one country may draw their supplies from the nearest depot in the other country, wherever stationed, without having to depend, as in the past, on supplies from some distant home base.

5. The allied troops shall be brought into contact with each other for the purpose of educating them to mutual esteem, love and appreciation. This principle shall guide the training of future officers; and an exchange of officers shall be organized between the German and Austro-Hungarian armies so that Austro-Hungarian officers may, as occasion requires, command German troops and vice versa.

6. All preparations for future wars shall be made in common understanding between the general staffs and government ministers. All preparatory economic measures connected with the eventual war shall be taken beforehand in time of peace and the necessary departments be created.

7. Railway lines and construction shall be directed and undertaken by both allies in common accord, and on a unified plan.

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Force and Faith.

The Kaiser has wagered his crown and sixty million subjects that ideals do not pay. If he wins, we lose two thousand years of ethical growth, and every conquered domain shall become a Teuton harem.

This war must decide whether Force or Faith shall inherit progress.

Morally, mentally, and officially, Germany has declared for paganism. The infamous repudiations of the empire, the unbridled savagery of officers and men, the profanation of Christian altars, the abandonment of civilized usage, the elevation of prostitution to patriotism, the decoration of assassins, the sterilization of Armenia, the sack of Belgium proclaim that Berlin has deliberately canceled the Decalogue.

We are fighting God's enemy—facing the supreme menace of earth. The Huns of old, at worst, were simple raiders, with no ambitions beyond those of loot and lust; their path was a thin, grim line across a page of history. But these modern vandals would poison every well of truth, would trample spirituality in the mire they'd glut their greeds and hates upon our souls.

Should their red will be done, the scales of Justice would be weighed with shells alone; no national guarantee would hold; expediency would be the highest law.

How dare we plan and dream and hope until our roads and homes and liberties are safe? How may we operate the vast involved machine of commerce if any outlaw can, at whim, invalidate treaties and contracts and universal credit?

Civilization is too extensive, too vulnerable to be policed except by confidence and honor.

Whatever the price we spend, ideals must be made to pay. Because otherwise tomorrows would be lived in fear and degradation, we shall battle on until The Word is irrevocably mightier than the Sword.—Herbert Kaufman in The Cosmopolitan.

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