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Teddy Lambasts Germans.

The attitude of the German-American press and the German alliance in this country "in their hearty support of the German government," and the attitude of the Germans at home toward their government shows that they are back of it, Colonel Roosevelt said in a speech at the Old Glory week festival at Kansas City in commenting on the theory that the United States is fighting the German government but not the people.

"For no nation does Germany feel and express such bitter and contemptuous hostility as for the United States," he said. "There is no nation on the face of the globe which they would be more delighted to ruin and plunder. Under such circumstances the public men and newspapers engaged in defending Germany or assailing England and our allies or in protesting against the war and demanding an inconclusive peace are guilty of moral treason to this country, and while the German-American papers have achieved an evil prominence in this matter the professional anti-English Irish papers are as bad and the purely sensational demagogic and unpatriotic section of the native American press is the worst of all.

"German embodies the principles of successful militaristic autocracy. Much has been said about our being against the German government but not against the German people. The attitude of the German-American press and the German Alliance in this country in their hearty support of the German government and the practically unanimous support of the government heretofore by the Germans at home shows that at present the Germans are back of the German government.

"They have enthusiastically supported its policy of brutal disregard of the rights of others until they cast off the yoke of militaristic autocracy then identify themselves with it and force us to be against them. It is for the German people themselves to differentiate themselves from their government. Until they do this they force us to be against the German people as a necessary incident of being against the German government.

"The Germans govern from above down. The people of this republic, like the people of France like the people of England, believe in government from below up. In other words we believe in government by ourselves. The Germans believe in being governed by an autocratic dynasty which rests primarily on a great militaristic class and a great bureaucratic class. No man who supports Germany at this time can claim to be a real democrat or a real lover of free institutions. He is false both to democracy and freedom.

Germany has well matured plans for the conquest and oppression of the United States, he said. This was evidenced, he said, by the conversation of some recently captured German officers who talked to their English captors freely without knowing that an American officer was present.

"These Germans announced that Germany was going to win and that they were going to smash the United States and bleed it white with an enormous indemnity and make it pay the whole expense of the war," he said. "They had no thought of peace and no man in his senses doubts that this would be the policy adopted as a matter of course by Germany.

A Word To William.

W. J. Hayes in Charlotte Observer.
This letter is written as a warning to the German government. We, the people of the United States, know what freedom is, and we know that where a government is run as ours there is ruin as ours there is freedom. Our government belongs to the people and not to any man or men who fill the offices to which they are elected, only a limited time given to the men filling all offices in our government, a fact which is well known to you, William, and as long as the people of your country give office to men for life (particularly such as you are) they will suffer under a yoke of bondage as has been for years without number. Now, old gentlemen as well sit up and take notice, for Woodrow means business or he would not be making such gigantic preparations—he has the money, the men, the food and everything else needed, the people of the United States stand at the back of their President—and will fight to a finish for its people as well as for the people of other countries who want freedom, such as Americans have, and you can laugh and make fun of our American people as much as you want, but our boys are fixing for you and when the blow is struck by America it will be something for you to remember. We Americans believe in the right, and nothing else suits us. If there is any right or justice in you we Americans wish to see it. All the evil ways of murdering the innocent are your thought, and a just and holy God will never give victory in the great struggle now going on to such a beast as the emperor of Germany. We Americans have instilled in us liberty, which makes us free and gives to us freedom. We belong to no man or set of men. Such men of the long ago as Thomas Jefferson of national fame, and John McKnight Alexander of our first independence 1775 give to the American people government of the people, by the people, and with the people; and therefore we have been a free people since their day and what of your country? Has any rights ever been given the people in any form in the governing body? You oppose democracy, which you know puts the government in the hands of the people where it ought to be, and no government can be run fairly, honestly and straight, until a democratic form is adopted. America is for abolishing the office of kings, emperors, czars, and all such governments as take from the people the right to rule. Now William, a parting shot to you. Woodrow Wilson, our President, is a good man, not depending upon his power or strength to win this war fight—but like David goes to his God in prayer to guide and direct him and when he does that in sincerity and in truth, you had better sit up and take notice.

"If at this moment, while we are still helpless, France and England were defeated, the German fleet would be at our doors in a fortnight and an army of conquest would have landed here within a month. Some years ago I saw openly published in Germany a pamphlet written by a member of the German general staff containing a well worked out plan for the conquest of the United States which the German staff regarded as easy and for the levying of enormous contributions at our expense."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Town and County.

—Dr. A. W. Dula, came over last Friday afternoon, bringing with him Mrs. M. L. Thomas and children, of Hickory.

—The Teachers' Meeting held in the auditorium of the Training School on Friday last, was largely attended, every teacher in the county being present, save four.

—No, not all the Watauga people attended the Fair at Lenoir last week, but certainly she was well represented. All we have heard express themselves are loud in their praise of the Fair, and pronounce it one of the very best they have ever attended.

—Mr. R. R. Trivett, son of the Rev. G. W. Trivett, of Watauga Falls, now residing at Berlin, Ashe county, and a representative of the Piedmont Tobacco Co., of Roanoke, Va., was in the village last Friday supplying his trade here and looking up new customers.

—Friend Watson, of Hackett, passed through town last Friday for a short visit to his father, Mr. I. S. Watson, on Stony Fork. He brought The Democrat a turnip, surely the finest specimen we have ever seen. It was symmetrically shaped, firm, smooth and nice, and tipped the scales at 9½ pounds.

—Dr. Robert Knox Bingham, who, since early last spring, has been practicing at Blowing Rock, moved back to his neat home in East Boone last week, and will remain here during the winter, at least. Friends of the doctor and family are delighted to see them back, and hope they have found out, ere this, that Boone is the best place "they is" to live in, and will now be content to remain with us.

—Rev. M. A. Adams had very nearly a serious accident with his Ford car last Friday evening, a bent radius rod being the cause of the trouble. He was running along at a lively clip near the home of Mr. W. D. Farthing, when the Ford went wild, plunged into a plank-and-wire fence knocking out three panels and running well into the field before it could be stopped. The minister escaped unhurt but the Ford was considerably damaged.

—Mr. Martin Warren, of Mabell, now 78 years of age, but very much younger when it comes to "doing things," dug 60 bushels of potatoes while his sons were looking after the other farm work and as the 'spuds' were unusually fine, the aged farmer selected a few of the choicest ones, bounced in a car on Friday morning and sped away to the Mountain City Fair. Here's a hopin' that the good old man will bring back first prize on his product.

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—Mrs. J. Crit Norris, of Sands, was in the village Monday, and had with her her two little nephews, Wm. and Taylor Stephens, two of the triplets born to her sister at Johnson City, Tenn., a little less than three years ago, the mother passing to her reward soon after the children were born. Mrs. Norris brought them to her home at once, and to her great sorrow, the little girl died at seven months old. The boys are certainly fine specimens and show the lavish care that has been bestowed upon them by their adopted parents.

—And now it seems that after all these years of patient toil (not by proxy, either), the editor of this rag of liberty has got his "foot in" for slander, because he rather inadvertently said last week, after bragging tremendously on the growing crops of the Hon. Frank A. Linney, added, for the purpose of keeping farm history straight in Watauga, that he, Linney, had the major part of his work done by proxy. Plaintiff has "spoken to" John H. Bingham, a man who delves deep in legal lore, to appear for him in the prosecution, and departing from all precedents laid down in such cases turns himself into a swift witness and says he is knowin' to the fact that plaintiff assisted in cutting some six or more shocks of corn only last week, and that on the morning after the frost the plaintiff mowed down a patch of corn with a scythe, but failed to state just what it cost him to straighten it out and get it into shock. All this evidence a piling up, rather got the attention of defendant, and he stated in rebuttal that he never intended to do the plaintiff any harm, and admitted that he had seen, him on different occasions, going to and from his farm in a henry-ford, and thought he was piling in evidence in chunks, when Linney broke in with "The same as to say that riding in a Ford isn't WORK! Defendant seeing that he was beaten in the preliminary swooned, and as soon as he recovered wailed out, "Never mind, we will see you again later when our lawyer returns from Kentucky!"

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The Liquor Situation.

The Editor of the Recorder walked around to the office of Collector J. W. Bailey to get some first-hand information in regard to the work of his department. Mr. Bailey talked very freely and said that condition in his district is most deplorable. Liquor is being shipped in to many sections of Eastern North Carolina and the local authorities seem to be asleep, or utterly indifferent to the conditions which prevail. As evidence that liquor is being freely sold, Mr. Bailey told us of parties who had offered him large sums of money for the Federal Government in order to compromise liabilities for the violation of the revenue laws. At one place, a carload of liquor was shipped and was retailed out to the surrounding country. Mr. Bailey intimated very strongly that he thought the railroads were laying themselves liable to prosecution for violating the internal revenue laws, and he could not believe that this violation was done ignorantly. "It is inconceivable" he said, "that a carload of liquor should be hauled on any train without the authorities knowing that the car contained liquor. Mr. Bailey is doing all he can with his few deputies to root out this evil. But he has only nine deputies and they have fifty counties to cover, and yet in many counties, with this small force, he has done more to run down blind tigers and destroy illicit stills than the sheriffs who are right on the ground. Mr. Bailey says that the case is hopeless unless a public sentiment can be aroused which will force the local authorities to co-operate with the Federal authorities in enforcing the revenue laws. Every law-abiding citizen, and every believer in prohibition, should bring pressure to bear upon the local authorities which will force them to execute the law or give place to officers who will do it. It is reflection on any country that the Federal Government has to come in and protect its citizens from this evil when the sheriff is paid a good salary to do this very work. All honor to the Federal government and its officers in their efforts to root out the liquor traffic, but shame upon the local authorities who fail to do their duty.—Biblical Recorder.

The Big Eight Arrives at Camp Jackson.

Editor Democrat: We arrived at Camp Jackson at 12:00 o'clock Friday night, reported to headquarters and answered to roll call, after which we were assigned a bed, and we all took our first nights sleep in a military camp.

All eight of us were examined Saturday morning and passed out for military service. We are all proud of our new home. The Watauga boys are all in barracks together and we are going at it rough and tough, and are going to make good soldiers. We are proud to be in the camp with such a body of excellent men.

The rear car was turned over to us and we were told to do what we pleased, just so we didn't shoot the conductor.

We have good board and a good bed. The drilling isn't so hard though we drill 8 hours per day. Camp Jackson covers 25 square acres and is six miles from Columbia.

We wish to extend our best regards to those back home in old Watauga, and we hope they will appreciate our service.

Respectfully,
"The Big Eight."
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