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NOTABLE SUCCESSES

Two distinct successes have been recorded by the entente forces in the last week. Probably the most spectacular was that achieved by the Russians near the Roumanian border when they captured Czernowitz and later Sadagura, described in press dispatches as a strategic point of great value.

The French announce that these attacks have been repulsed and that only a few trenches are held. The loss of life in the charges and counter charges must have been fearful.

LIKELY BE ROOSEVELT

Signs multiply that Colonel Roosevelt will either be the Republican nominee for president or will name the candidate.

Everybody knows where the colonial stands. Prof. Hugo Muensterberg of Harvard, probably the most influential of the German-Americans, and certainly the most bitter of President Wilson's opponents, has even doped it out in his psychological way that the colonial would not be objectionable to the German-American element; certainly not as objectionable as President Wilson.

We happen to know Republicans in North Carolina who, while sympathizing with the German cause, but are not acrimonious in their conversation regarding President Wilson's policy, prefer Colonel Roosevelt to any other man the Republicans might name.

And the Republicans will fall in behind him. He is their strongest man and will be able to make the most powerful appeal of any opponent against Mr. Wilson for support.

With Roosevelt as their candidate, the Republicans will stand a fair chance of capturing the presidency; with somebody else running, they will spend their money for nothing.

Now that charges have been preferred against District Attorney Hammer, the Record hopes the attorney general of the United States will make a thorough investigation.

The Charleston News and Courier, we learn from the Columbia State, suggested that the South Carolina legislature place an impost duty on liquors coming into that state.

Sometimes Savoyard gets his history straight. In a recent letter on "Southern Manufacturers," this Washington writer observes that of the eleven seceding states the Whig party was powerful and often triumphant in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Louisiana.

The stockholders of the Catawba Rural Credits Association will meet here tomorrow afternoon for the purpose of electing directors and planning their work for the coming year.

There were so many bonds issued along about 1868 and 1869 that the Record hardly knows which were voted by the carpet-baggers and which by the other crowd.

Just how the German-American element could support Colonel Roosevelt is a mystery. They are not strong for preparedness; he is rampant. They want the United States to place an embargo on arms; he wants the government to avenge the wrongs done little Belgium and the United States.

The miners in Great Britain may go on strike, as their action in unanimously resolving against compulsory military service indicates, but the government probably will be able to wobble along.

We observe that several newspapers have made the point that the Wayne county authorities were forewarned that an attempt would be made to lynch the negro John Richards.

We all hold up our hands in horror when a mob of white men lynches a suspect, and yet the United States government will not protect its nationals or officers in foreign countries.

The Cuban Maine Memorial Commission has called for international designs and bids for the Maine Memorial to be erected by the government of Cuba.

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GERMAN MILITARISM.

Some Reasons Why This Great Force Has Failed to Keep Peace of Europe-- Several Crises Enumerated.

Dr. Morton Prince, described by the New York Times as one of the foremost psychiatrists in the United States, recently read a paper before the Clark University on "War's Test of German Theory of Militarism," in which he takes the position that militarism, both industrial and state, has been proven a failure as a theory of empire by the struggle in Europe.

After defining the term militarism of the German kind as the fundamental principle that "the stability, power, and will of the nation rest on armed forces; and that therefore it is such armed forces that the imperial government looks to maintain itself both within the empire and to enforce its will and policies upon other nations without the empire," Professor Prince points out other forces that have been set in motion to counteract this great force.

In his review of the war, the general public will not be interested, but with some of the contributing causes the public will feel an interest. He speaks of the fact that the United States, as far removed as it is from the theatre of operations, has not remained quiescent. Professor Prince asserts that all the moral and physical forces of the world have reacted against German militarism as disclosed by the present war and enumerates a number of specific instances which caused the formation of hostile groups in Europe.

From his article the following is taken:

There is another world condition which can be justly attributed to German militarism and which should be taken into consideration in the test of its success or failure as a policy of government. I refer to the worldwide hostility to and dislike of Germany and her system of government which now, it must be acknowledged, permeates almost all nations. Here, again, I wish to emphasize that I am not concerned with the rightness or wrongness of the war, but with the attitude of mind. I am dealing only with the psychological fact as determined by observation and of common acceptance.

Triple Alliance. Although this world attitude of mind has been brought to a culmination by the war and by contemporary studies of the German state forced into the focus of interest by the problems raised by the war, its origin can be traced to a succession of events, or better termed, perhaps, "crises," beginning at least twenty years ago. It has therefore been of gradual growth. Let me briefly sketch its history. We need not go further back than 1896, although it would be a serious omission to overlook the formation of the Dual Alliance in 1879 made into a Triple Alliance in 1883 by the union of Italy.

For this alliance created a fear of Germany, and as a necessary reaction called forth the dual Franco-Russian Alliance in 1891, to become the Triple Entente in 1904 and 1907 by "understandings" between England, France and Russia. Potentially force awakens distrust and creates preparations to use counterforce.

In 1896 the celebrated so-called Kruger telegram of the kaiser stirred the resentment of the English nation, even to the mobilization of her fleet, and set the people thinking. Suspicions of Germany's intentions became rife, and were kept alive during the next ten years by Germany's ambitions to wrest the supremacy of the seas from England; so that in 1908 the emperor, it is constrained to give out his famous "Joynt" interview in the hope to appease them. But the fear of German militarism had taken deep root in the national consciousness of England and haunted her statesmen. Thus the germs of hostility to Germany were planted in the English mind.

Crisis With United States. In 1897 the act of German militarism, in disregard of the sovereignty of China, shocked the public opinion of the world. In 1898, in Manila Bay, the German Admiral Diederichs brought Germany to the brink of war with the United States, and the German government attempted to form a European coalition against the United States for the purpose of intervening in our war with Spain. Though Dewey's superiority over British ships under Captain Chichester, thwarted the scheme of the German Admiral, and the British cabinet blocked the designs of the German government, the seeds of a public opinion hostile to Germany were sown in the United States by these episodes, to germinate later in wide spread suspicions of a German design to test the Monroe doctrine.

Morocco Crisis. In 1905 a diplomatic controversy with Germany over Morocco left France humiliated after the capture of Algeiras with the resignation of Dalcasse forced under the threat of war by Germany; Germany gained a point by militarism, but strengthened the entente of France with England and Russia in common foe. Thus in France new seeds of hostility were sown by militarism.

Russia Next. In 1908 it was Russia's turn, when Germany, in disregard of both the Treaty of Berlin and the Treaty of London in 1871, compelled Russia by the threat of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria, and Russia announced "Never again!"

Yogye of the Panther. Then in 1911 came the crisis of Agadir, when Germany sent the Panther to that port and threatened to interfere for the second time by force with France in Morocco, and nearly brought on a European war. Though the German militarism backed down before the power of the combined fleets of France and England, it left increased feelings of hostility to Germany behind.

Natural Concomitant and the wrongs of the successive. And so, whatever be the rights controversies in these crises, there

has gradually been incubating for years in the world-consciousness an attitude of mind hostile to German militarism, and this has burst into full ripeness under the heat of resentment for wrongs committed against humanity and civilization during the present war. I have passed over, of course, a large number of co-operating happenings such as the German emperor's appeal to Mohammedanism in 1898 and 1905, the Casablanca affair in 1908, etc. I have selected only the more critical energizing causes of world hostility.

Five Distinct Crises. In view of these critical events, so far from Germany having kept the peace of Europe by the power of its army during the past twenty-five years, as has so often been proclaimed, she has, besides robbing China of a province in 1897, nearly precipitated war by the aggressive actions of her militarism in five different occasions: once in 1896 with England, once in 1898 with the United States, twice with France, in 1905 and in 1911, and once with Russia in 1908. And finally, by common consent, German militarism incited the world cataclysm of 1914.

Can Never Triumph. It is not given to anyone to prophesy the final outcome of this war, but we can at least say this, that, whatever it may be, it is not conceivable that the successes of German militarism can be a recompense for its moral and material losses, and that it will not be left in a relatively weaker condition for offense than before the war. Whatever may be the final result as determined by the terms of peace, German militarism at the end of the war will not only have succeeded in gaining its long-planned ends of achieving its ambitions by force, but will have called into being a combination of opposing forces far more powerful than its own.

The central powers will find themselves surrounded by hostile powers not one of which will be more exhausted than Germany herself.

Armed Enemies. There will have been created in each of the greater allied nations—France, England, Russia, and Italy—a military organization, modeled after the German pattern, fully equipped and prepared and commanding all the mobilized industrial resources of the nation.

German militarism will have awakened in every nation, including the United States, a complete understanding of the forces with which it will have to deal in the future, an understanding that was previously lacking—and will have created a preparedness by the great powers against attack which will guarantee that none can be taken unawares; will make another invasion impossible, and military defeat impotent.

In other words, it will have created a world condition, probably with groups of offensive and defensive alliances, in view of which no nation, and no alliance of nations, can hope to aggressively enforce its policies against a great power by military force.

In other words, German militarism, by its potential power and aggressive tactics, has called into being, as it was bound in time to do, forces more powerful than itself.

In other words, then, as I view the case, German militarism has failed as a theory of empire. In this failure have we not the most powerful motive for an international court to enforce peace?

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