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MORE CROOKED BUSINESS

Former Ambassador Bernstorff feigned warmest friendship for the United States, and when he left this country for Germany he wept a little and intimated that he was going home to die of a broken heart. He took hold of a few of the sob artists, who wept with him.

In spite of his protestations of friendship, he undoubtedly is the crookedest man that ever represented a crooked government since the days when all governments were controlled by a few divine righters, who felt it was their duty to oppress the common run and who made war of them in America have proved that they are—will show Bernhardt, the Hohenzollerns, the Ludendorffs and cations for governing themselves, and peace at will.

The German people if they are capable of self government—and many others that they possess the qualifications—Some German leaders have contended that Germans, unlike the Anglo-Saxons, have no genius for conducting their own affairs, but must have their business attended to by lords and princes.

FAIR DEVELOPING AGENCY

Interest in the fair was never greater, if one can judge from the number of entries and the number of inquiries coming to the officers.

Next week's event promises to be the best from every standpoint, and there is every reason why it should be. This section has escaped any bad crop conditions, the lands have produced well, prices are high and farmers are well fortified against the winter. The fruits of their labors will be spread out to a limited extent, before the people of this section, and thousands should come to Hickory to see.

No section in the south is so rich in possibilities as this hill country and its future is before it. Developments that now seem improbable will come about in the next dozen years, and an incentive to development is the agricultural fair.

Every citizen who is interested in his community is bound to be interested in the success of the fair.

A sheep conference will be held at Asheville October 6 under the auspices of Mr. R. S. Curtis, animal husbandryman of the state agricultural department, and the Asheville board of trade, and invitations have been extended near and far. Prominent speakers will be on hand to explain how real money can be made on sheep raising in this section. The sheep industry should be profitable in western North Carolina, where ample grazing is to be had.

One of the women pickets sent to jail with other ladies has changed her mind about the suffrage question—a few days in jail with the other ladies convincing her that somebody was wrong. These women should be put to washing dishes anyway.

A number of congressmen probably conferred with Bernstorff on ways to serve the German cause, and he took it for granted that he could accomplish more if he "greased" their hands.

If the Pan-Germans obtain Riga, that "old German city" that never was in German territory, they might insist on holding Stone and LaFollette and one or more of our North Carolina congressmen.

One of the funniest things in the world is an editor who, after an idea has been played up in all the other papers for a year, suddenly believes that he originated it.

From the actions of a number of congressmen, Count Bernstorff probably was justified in thinking he could bribe the government for \$55,000.

The dedication of the new high school building was an event worth while.

"WITHOUT TRACE"

Providence Journal. The German diplomat who advised his government that if Argentine merchant vessels must be sunk it should be done in such a way as to leave no trace committed the very error against which he sought to warn Berlin. The trace of his atrocious proposal is plain for all to see.

That has been a fault of German diplomacy from the first. Insidious and conscienceless, it has nevertheless overreached itself through defective measures of secrecy. Bungling methods have laid its infamy open to the world.

The common criminal is notorious for lax in omitting to cover his trail at some vital point. The German plotters have shared his fatuity—they have botched their work. Everywhere they have left traces of their villainous activity.

The result is seen in the contempt and hatred they have aroused on every hand. Their elaborate conspiracies have not merely been without advantage to Germany, but have yielded her a harvest of shame. What seemed to the short sighted Teuton "psychologists" to be marvellous ingenuity as they planned in secret proves mere clumsy wickedness when they are found out. Is there anything more humiliating than the universal verdict upon their machinations—childish cruelty and utter failure?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT MARRYING

Philadelphia Ledger.

Socrates, asked whether it was better to marry or not to marry, cynically replied: "Whoever you do you will repent." This view of the holy estate, is not unknown nowadays. It is a common complaint that men act on the principle set forth by Thales, who, when Bacon and Montaigne both quote as holding that one is first too young and then too old. A correspondent of the New York Sun, who writes from Seattle, says more piously that "the matter lies with God" if you are to be married you will be—another application of the doctrine of predestination, more cogently expressed in the Italian phrase, "Che sara, sara." This is, perhaps, considering it too deeply. The Seattle philosopher is more practical in the advice he gives as to one's attitude toward marriage. "Don't worry," is the substance of it. There is plenty of work to be done even by the single.

"Many of the noblest and most useful men and women in the world's history never married. They did more good in the world than if they had a hundred children." But here we get into the region of the obiter dictum, of opinion not of fact. It is pure assumption to say that any man or woman was the better for not marrying. You can argue the question from a dozen different points of view and still come back to the starting point. "My life for me is the best or it had not been," said a minor American poet. But this resigned attitude isn't always easy.

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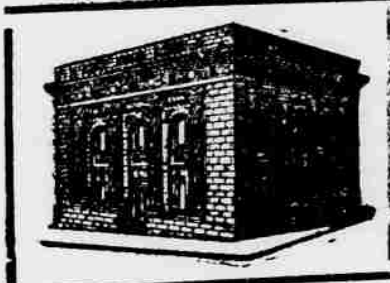
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