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GERMAN WAR PRACTICES

The Record is in receipt of the press edition of "German War Practices," edited by Prof. Dana C. Munroe of Princeton University, George C. Sellery of the University of Wisconsin and Augustus C. Krey of the University of Minnesota, and issued by the committee on information at Washington. The book is carefully edited and only facts were placed in it. The following extracts are from it, the quotations being credited to the German emperor and his leaders:

"As soon as you come to blows with the enemy he will be beaten. No mercy will be shown. No prisoners will be taken. As the Huns, under King Attila, made a name for themselves, which is still mighty in traditions and legends today, may the name of German be so fixed in China by your deeds, that no Chinese shall ever again dare to look at a German askance."

"Open the way for Kultur once for all."—From the Kaiser's speech to the soldiers on the eve of their departure for China in 1900.

"Whenever a national war breaks out, terrorism becomes a necessary military principle."—General von Hartmann.

"The city of Brussels, exclusive of its suburbs, has been punished by an additional fine of 5,000,000 francs on account of the attack made upon a German soldier by Ryckere, one of its police officials."—Baron Von Luttwitz, Governor of Brussels.

"One cannot make war in a sentimental fashion. The more pitiless the conduct of the war, the more humane it is in reality for it will run its course all the sooner."—General Von Bernhardi.

"The innocent must suffer with the guilty. All this must not in our eyes weigh as much as the life of a single one of our brave soldiers—the righteous accomplishment of duty is the emanation of a high Kultur, and in that the population of the enemy countries can learn a lesson from our armies."—General Von Bissing.

It will be observed that the men speaking are not mere nonentities. They are Prussian leaders. They are to Germany what President Wilson and his appointees are to the United States, or what any president would be to the United States. They represent German Kultur and one is able to form an idea of what it is by reading what it does.

FIND THE FACTS

If Secretary Baker or high army officers or both have not been running the war department properly, the public should know the facts. The American people are not interested now as to whether Mr. Baker is a Democrat or a Republican; what they want to know is that he is providing the army of new soldiers with rifles and other equipment as promptly as possible, that nothing is left undone to make the American army effective. This is the one consideration.

The army courtmartial of the 63 negro infantrymen arrested in connection with the Houston, Texas, riot was as effective as any trial by jury possibly could be, and there is no doubt that the real offenders were punished. Army discipline does not recognize color, and that's one good point in favor of its trials.

Farm products this year are valued at \$21,000,000,000, a figure that no mere man can grasp. It amounts to hundreds of extra dollars in the pockets of hustling farmers and those who haven't laid up a little for rainy days and Liberty Bonds surely have themselves to blame.

General Byng's men are camping in the Hindenburg line at any rate.

THE MEANS CASE

Probably John T. Dooling, assistant district attorney of New York, handled Gaston B. Means rather roughly, but that is no reason for all the prejudice against the state. If Mr. Dooling had taken a small part in the trial, it would have been said that those Yankees came down here with cock and bull evidence, but when it came to the scratch, were afraid to put it on. The lawyers for Means would have made the most of their opportunities in any event, and we very much fear that the same atmosphere would have been created in any other county in North Carolina.

The state has not proved beyond a reasonable doubt that Means shot Mrs. King. The poor, deluded woman is dead, like dead men, tell no tales. She was mighty good to Means, however, as long as her money lasted, and that is a point that Cabarrus county jury cannot keep from mind.

We cannot tell what effect the evidence is having on the minds of the jurors, but we do know the trial is affecting the state.

Everybody wishes that if Mrs. King had to die by a 25 calibre automatic Colts pistol, Mr. Means would have selected a New York or Chicago suburb for the target practice.

The Record welcomes Mr. E. A. Slate of Lincolnton as the new owner of the Times-Mercury. The Record has found living in the same town with its neighbor agreeable and pleasant and is having nothing but best wishes for Mr. J. O. Berkeley, the retiring editor, and Mr. Slate, who will succeed him.

If we were dead set on defeating the Germans, we don't think we should be publishing something all the time to make our readers dissatisfied all the time.

We could wish that the snow that came this way had been given to folks who needed it, the Italians, for instance.

SOME GERMAN BREAD HAD RICE IN IT

By the Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 12.—Slices of bread found on board the Zeppelin brought down at Bournonne-les-Bains were shown at a meeting of the academy of agriculture. Some were grey in color, and covered with lard, these were for the men on board. The officers had bread much whiter and honey spread on it. The officers' bread contained ten per cent of Java rice which, it was stated, must have reached Germany through Holland.

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bles on the truth and tells the police. Meanwhile, the real George Orcutt, returning home for money, is mistaken by the butler for a burglar and shot dead. With him out of the way, the reported pledge by District Attorney to silence the situation is relieved. The man recovers his memory, and knows he is Keith Edgerton, the death of whose parenish caused aphaia. Then he and Gail, recognizing the beautiful something that has crep into their joint lives, finds expression for their feelings in a tender embrace.

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