

When the Germans Surrender

A Great Military Expert Prognosticates Events at the Close of the War

Assuming that the German attack on France absolutely fails, and that a similar fate attends the actions of the German fleet against ours, one must presuppose a tremendous wave of enthusiasm sweeping over the armies invading Germany which must carry them over the different frontiers well on the road to Berlin, writes a great military expert in London Answers. Step by step the German armies must be imagined as recoiling, on the one hand, from the French forces, swelled by the British Expeditionary Army, and, on the other hand, from the enormous Russian masses moving with slow but irresistible momentum towards the same goal—Berlin.

The German fortresses are enormously strong, but nothing can withstand the onslaught of a well-directed army with magnificent artillery such as the French Army is equipped with. The forts of Cologne, Strassburg, and Ehrenbreitstein, much larger and mounting heavier guns than those at Liege, must fall to the attack of determined forces in sufficient strength, and able to bring to bear guns of the right calibre, and, once the plan of the German invasion of France has been thoroughly foiled, we must suppose the French Army sweeping everything before it.

When Panic Threatens.

With both France and Russia threatening the German capital, and her sea commerce totally paralyzed by the operations of our Fleet, the German armies must continue to give battle under the most disheartening conditions which preclude the idea of any victory of sufficient importance to retrieve the campaign. Panic will begin to spread through the Fatherland, and with panic will come disillusionment and a terrific revulsion of feeling.

The German people, who for years have been taught that German arms were invincible, will feel that they have been made the catspaw of an unscrupulous set of gamblers. The Imperial family will be looked upon by Germans as was Napoleon III. during the sorrowful days of the disasters in the war of '70—with feelings of the bitterest hatred. If history teaches us any lesson at all, it is that, if a victorious emperor can ask nothing too much of his subjects, a defeated emperor must expect no mercy. When Napoleon was losing there were few to say a good word for him.

In Peaceful Solitude.

Thus it is safe to argue that the Kaiser, being regarded as personally responsible for the awful plight of the country, will precipitate a movement against his dynasty that may become too violent to check.

If the Emperor survives all vicissitudes, one might, having regard to all the possibilities, foresee him and his family exiled to some quiet spot where his power for mischief would be for ever gone.

I was going to mention England as a possible refuge for the Emperor, noting its popularity as a home of monarchs who have lost their crowns, but I hardly think the Kaiser would feel comfortable lying at Twickenham, where King Manuel consoles himself for the loss of his kingdom, or even Farnborough, where Napoleon III. made his home, and where his widow, the empress Eugenie, lives to-day.

No; I think the Austrian Tyrol, or somewhere in the Bay of Naples, more appropriately fits the picture. Such an anti-dynastic movement would probably be initiated by the commercial interests in Germany.

The anti-dynastic movement may take two forms. There may be a strong Socialistic movement towards the establishment of a republic to replace the present autocratic form of government, or there may be an overwhelming feeling in the direction of breaking up the confederacy, and resolving the Empire into a series of strong, independent states again.

Whether Germany will sue for peace before the invading armies actually reach Berlin is of little importance. What is important is that before the German armies are entirely routed, internal political conditions will compel them to demand an ignominious peace.

And what will be the price of this peace?

When Germany brought France to her knees in 1870 they secured as the price of peace a war indemnity of £200,000,000, and the secession of the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine.

In their turn, the victorious

armies will demand a war indemnity not as large as they might wish, because of the necessity for preserving Germany from going into bankruptcy, but still heavy enough to cripple the Fatherland for years, and, more important still, will insist on huge territorial adjustments, everything being done to remove artificial frontiers between kindred races.

Alsace and Lorraine.

It is a foregone conclusion that Alsace-Lorraine, which has always been a thorn in the side of Germany and a source of weakness to her, will be restored to France.

The whole of the budding Colonial Empire of Germany will disappear. I hope we shall not take any of her colonies, for we have enough and to spare already, and, in any case, Germany's overseas possessions are not of much account. Possibly we may consent to them being parcelled out equally between Russia and France, contenting ourselves with Togoland, and passing Kiao-Chao over to Japan.

France certainly will insist on the slice taken from the French Congo being restored to her.

Denmark, in recognition of her good behavior during the war, may demand, and with every hope of success, the restoration to her of Schleswig-Holstein.

What Belgium's reward would be is impossible to say. Possibly a monetary one. There is nothing territorially that could be offered this tight little kingdom, for one has to have regard in all these frontier adjustments to the sentiments and race origin of the people whose land it is proposed to divert. Belgium would never ask to be loaded with such a thankless gift as a German province that might be a canker to her as Alsace-Lorraine has been to Germany.

Servia, who should have conquered Bosnia-Herzegovina from Austria, will be given authority to retain what is hers by right unchallenged.

I am prophesying that Italy will be strong enough to withstand the bullying of the other two members of the Triple Alliance. If she does so, her reward will be the restoration of the Italia Irredenta, that little triangle, with Trieste at the extreme left-hand corner and Fiume at the extreme right-hand corner, which formed part of the old Venetian Republic, and was filched from her by the Hapsburgs.

Expelled From Turkey.

For other Balkan states whose conduct has been beyond reproach there will also be territorial rewards. Turkey stands to lose most. If she controls her ambitions, all will be well with her. If she elects to make trouble during the war, the Powers of the Triple Entente may decide, for the sake of the future peace of Europe, to expel her entirely from Europe.

Russia then might, with some reason, ask for the reward she has always coveted—Constantinople. Probably the arrangement that would be made would be to join the remainder of the Turkish European Empire to some Slav state in sympathy with Russia, so that, even if Russia didn't actually get Constantinople, she would be the commanding influence there. The absorption of all Poland into the Muscovite Empire is certain.

Roumania would be territorially enriched at the expense of Austria, in accordance with the line of race, and the Powers might decide to end the comic-opera business of the Albanian monarchy by passing her on to one of the Balkan states.

Generally, the effect of the crushing defeat of Germany and Austria-Hungary will be to reduce considerably the boundaries of the two empires.

How far Germany will suffer will depend largely on internal conditions and her ability to bargain.

Whatever else happens, however, the loss of her colonies and Alsace-Lorraine are certain. Equally certain is the loss to Austria of Bosnia and Herzegovina and almost as certain the loss of the Italia Irredenta.

Arms and the Nations.

More important even than the territorial changes will be the influence on armaments. Europe will find itself left in such a terrible economic position that the Powers will be compelled to meet and settle a plan for the reduction of armaments.

They will insist on Germany reducing her army to unformidable proportions, and her fleet, if any



Lord Roberts Inspecting the City of London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers) at the Temple Garden.

ships be left to her at the conclusion of the war, to such a number as will no longer threaten our supremacy. Austria will be forced to reduce her forces to a level that will just allow her comfortably to protect herself from Slav aggression.

Russia, France, and England will come to a common agreement similarly to reduce their expenditure on armaments.

If Germany survives, either as a republic or as a kingdom, she will be shorn of much of her strength, and, to ensure that the proper equilibrium of power is maintained on the Continent, treaties safeguarding her from attack may be entered into.

Italy, whose race has no affinity whatever with the Teutonic people, is inevitably bound to come into another orbit of friendship, but the re-arrangement of alliances that is likely to take place will be purely of a defensive, rather than an offensive character. The object of the victorious Powers will be to break up the alliance between Germany and Austria, which has menaced the peace of Europe so long.

India Secure.

To those people who believe in the aggrandizement of Russia at the expense of a weakened Germany a possible attack on our Indian Empire, I would say that Russia has long since ceased to entertain designs on our great Empire.

Quite apart from the fact that we shall have united France to us by bonds that can never be broken—which means that France could never be a party to an attack on us by her ally—the military problem is too great for Russia to contemplate.

So long as Afghanistan is true to us—and I have never questioned her fidelity—the invasion of India will never be attempted this side of twenty-five years; and, in the second place, Russia will have so much need of our financial assistance in recovering from the effects of the war, and in considering the economic position of her vast hordes, that she will have little taste or opportunity for looking again towards Herat.

Always assuming that the prophecy as to the German debacle is vindicated, the general result of the war will be to leave us undisputed mistress of the seas, with no fears, as of recent years, of our shores being invaded, and vastly to increase our prestige all over the world.

Colonies Going Begging.

The restoration of Alsace-Lorraine will pave the way to better relations between the French and German peoples, whom the two provinces have always kept apart; the loss of Germany's colonies will cause her to concentrate on the development of her wonderful home resources, and build up her commerce afresh, the proper safeguarding of which no one will wish to prevent. The Austro-Hungarian Empire will be all the stronger for the loss of provinces that kept her at war with the Slav races, and the way will be opened to a real understanding between Italy, which will no longer have cause to mistrust her intentions; while the bestowal of Kiao-Chao on Japan will preserve the balance in the Far East.

Finally, the great nations, instead of wasting their money on armaments, will apply a huge slice of what now goes in the building of

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DEFENCE OF THE REALM ACT.

Englishmen Are Restricted Somewhat During War Time.

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Take possession of any land, buildings, gas, electricity, water works, or sources of supply, horses, automobiles, or any other means of transport.

Cause any buildings, statues, or any property to be moved or destroyed, and order the inhabitants to leave any given area if necessary for naval and military purposes.

Close saloons entirely or during specified hours.

Enter by force, if need be, any house or ship which is suspected of being used to the prejudice of the State.

Arrest, or order the arrest, without warning, of any suspected person.

Here are some of the things a free-born Briton may not do:—

Loiter near a railway bridge.

Give or sell liquor to a soldier or sailor on duty.

Spread reports by word of mouth or writing, near a defended area, likely to create alarm among the troops or civilian population.

Light fires or display lights of any description on hill tops or other high ground or buildings without permission.

Tamper with or loiter near telegraph or telephone lines.

Civilians ignoring a military demand to "halt" may be shot down without a second challenge.

Court martial shall deal with offences against the military laws, and the tribunal shall have power to inflict sentences of imprisonment for life, in case of infringements.

A VICTIM OF WARS.

Germans Kill the Son as They Did the Father.

What is surely one of the most poignant tragedies possible to imagine is sent by a Dutch correspondent. The truth of the story is vouched for by Lambert's Hurrelbrinck, of Maastricht, Holland.

"During the Franco-German War of 1870," he says, "the Germans, by their invasion of Alsace, spread untold miseries among the villagers whose properties they claimed. A certain well-to-do farmer named



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Hauff became so much enraged by the plunder of his well-stocked farm that he shot dead two German soldiers. He was immediately taken outside his house and executed. In vain his wife begged for his life. She afterward found their little boy crying on the dead body of his father.

"Mother," the child said, "when I grow up I shall revenge father and shoot Germans."

The widow, finding further abode in Alsace under German rule unbearable, emigrated to Belgium, and settled near wise, where she took another farm.

Her boy became a man, the father of a family, including two boys, and for forty-two years his mother shared with him and her grandsons happy family life at Vise. Then came the present war, and two weeks ago the German troops arrived in Vise.

The Belgian inhabitants had just before destroyed a bridge over the Meuse. For this they were severely punished by destruction of their houses. Farmer Hauff witnessed these outrages and, beside himself with distress and remembering his promise over his father's body, shot one German invader dead. At once a number of soldiers seized him and dragged also from his house his two sons.

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It was thus the fate of the poor widow to see her husband, her son and her two grandsons shot before her eyes.

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