

GERMAN PEOPLE AND WAR

65,000,000 OF THEM WERE OPPOSED TO IT.

Kaiser Himself at Head of Small War Party Which Overbore the Nation.

There are sixty-six million Germans. Sixty-five million of them did not want war. The other million is the war party. That its influence immeasurably outruns its numerical strength is evident from the fact that they not only wanted war, but got it. The voice of the sixty-five million was as one crying in the wilderness. It has always been so in Prussianized, militarized Germany, writes Frederick William Wile in the Outlook.

No list of members of the war party has ever been published. It has no official existence. But who compose it and what it has stood for are an open book.

The Kaiser would deny the most vehemently of all that he is affiliated with the Kriegspartei. Unfortunately, his speeches are against him. He has talked too much and too often of his martial ambitions, has set the world too frequently by the ears with his blatant apothegms of Mars and Neptune, to merit the diadem of a peace prince.

Prince Party's Archpriest.

William II's ebullient son and heir, the Crown Prince, is an avowed adherent, almost the arch-priest of the war party. His fellow-members are, first of all, the corps of officers of the German army, a body of 40,000 or 50,000 spurred and spauled martinetts, who have never ceased to pray for war. These gentlemen of the goose-step, through their paramount position in German society, have infected the entire so-called upper class with their belligerent views.

The war party, therefore, includes the intellectual elements of the empire—the professional element of the universities, the Dehnbuecks, the Wagners, the Schmolzers, the Harnacks, and all the other super-patriots who tread in the path blazed by Treitschke, the prophet of this, Germany's "final reckoning" with Europe.

Varsity Men Next.

Following idolatrously in the trail of the political professors are the under-graduates of the "varsities," or at least that overwhelming majority affiliated with the corps. Verbundungen, or Burschenschaften, the equivalent of our own fraternities. It was these youthful spirits who had had the sacredness of war drilled into their souls in classroom, who ran shrieking "Krieg! Krieg!" through Unter den Linden in the feverish nights preceding the actual launching of the Kaiser's thunderbolts on the east and west.

In the war party, too, are the Prussian junker in his thousands, the agrarian land barons of Pomerania, East Elbia, Brandenburg and Silesia—the Germans who look upon themselves as the salt of the Teutonic earth, the props of divine right and the monopolists of power and position in modern Germany.

And last, but not the least, are the arm-chair warriors of the Fatherland, the retired generals and admirals and colonels and naval captains, whose very names are a programme and a menace—Bernhardt, Breusing, Reventlow, Frobenius, Kim of the Army League, Von Koester of the Navy League, and hundreds less notorious.

The Other Sixty-five.

If I thus far seem radical in expression and harsh in tone, deal forthwith with the sixty-five million meek millions of the Fatherland who craved for peace. For years they have been exorcised by the war party as a craven, corroding influence, destitute of patriotism, ignorant of "the real foundations of German greatness," an element which was retarding the Fatherland

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IMPERIAL GUARDS REPORTED ANNIHILATED



The picture shows the crack German regiment when on review a few months ago by the Kaiser. A despatch printed by the London News to-day says that the regiment under the Crown Prince Frederick William, declining to surrender, were annihilated by British and French near Paris.

in the march to her predestined goal, attainable only by the employment of siege guns and dreadnoughts.

These mute and meek millions, I say, did not want war. They wanted peace and a continuance of the bounding prosperity which had brought Germany to the pinnacle of economic might. They wanted their army and navy to be that which the Kaiser had grandiloquently boasted they were, not engines of war.

These were the sentiments of the German public up to the very hour war descended upon their inoffensive heads. They cared not a fig for Sarajevo beyond the wave of human sympathy and horror which wanted murder always produces. They believed, many of them, that the question was to who should prevail in Europe—German or Slav—must some day find a sanguinary solution; but they did not look upon the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his consort as the occasion for forcing the solution.

Brought On By Austria.

It was only when the Austrian demands on blood-stained Serbia brought Armageddon measurably near—made it, as we have seen, in fact, inevitable—that German public opinion, shrewdly molded, suddenly, reluctantly, came to the conclusion that the conflict between German and Slav might as well be fought out in this year of grace.

I make bold to proclaim that the German went into this bloody business with a heavy heart. I hear their resisters singing "Die Wacht am Rhein" as they began their march to death and glory from city, town and hamlet.

I saw flaxen-haired Prussian maidens tossing roses to guards and Uhlans as they started for the front, from which thousands of them will never return. But everywhere and always I found bearing down upon the spirit of the German, though only implicitly expressed by word of mouth, the sentiment that the war was unnecessary, cruel, unintelligible, that it ought not to have been.

TRENCHES FILLED WITH DEAD Line of Dead Germans Stood With Rifles to Shoulders.

"It was as though some blight from heaven had descended upon the German ranks, smothering them in an embrace of death," declared a member of the American branch of the Red Cross, who returned to Paris after a visit to the battlefield near Meaux. He had gone with an ambulance to collect wounded soldiers, and thus describes the scenes which met his eyes.

"I saw trenches filled with German dead, just as they had been left by the French guns. It was not so much the mere sight of death that was so appalling; it was the outlandish postures of these rigid corpses and the look upon the faces.

"Since the angel of death passed above the camp of the Philistines I am sure nothing like it has been seen. It was as though some blight from heaven had descended upon the German ranks, smothering them in an embrace of death.

"Dawn was just breaking as I came upon the trenches where the fighting had been bloodiest, the grey light rested upon a ghost-like silent company. Clusters of corpses with rigid arms and legs protruding filled the bottom. Along the rim, with rifle to shoulder and head bent along the barrel, stood a line of dead. They had died as they stood upon the firing line and their bodies were held in an upright position by the bodies behind and around them.

"It was a ghastly sight. Upon the faces of many were no expressions of fright or horror. Except for the glaze of death in the eyes, one would not have guessed that their souls had passed the boundary of eternity. Never have I seen anything so terrible as that erect, silent company of still figures in the chill dawn with the quiet of a fresh early day all about."

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BROKE IN THE WARS. How Wounded Are Cared for in Present-Day Battles.

The proper care of the wounded in these is a comparatively modern innovation dating from the time of the Crimea. Before that things were left pretty much to chance. First aid was unknown. Those badly hurt were often left to die or recover as best they might.

Its nucleus, so to speak, is the advanced field-hospital. A modern battle may extend over a front of thirty or forty miles, or even more upon occasion. All along behind this far-flung line, directly in rear of the advanced infantry, and close to the great guns, the advanced field-hospitals are to be found.

One field-hospital of this description is usually attached to each brigade, going forward with it, its case may be. It consists, as a general rule, of a small central marquee, constituting a combined operating room and dressing station, with a number of bed tents around it, capable of accommodating fifty to one hundred men. Above each tent floats the Red Cross flag of Geneva.

Four or five or more miles in the rear, out of the enemy's fire, are the stationary field hospitals, as they are called, to which the advanced field hospitals act as feeders. They are much the same in appearance as the others, but the more commodious, and the number of bed tents is far greater.

It is when a wounded soldier is passed down from the advanced field hospital that he first comes in contact with the nursing sisters. Women are not allowed to serve with the advanced field hospitals, their place there being taken by male orderlies.

A wounded man's stay in the advanced field hospital is usually reckoned by hours only, while he may remain in the stationary hospital for two or three days, or a week.

Sooner or later, however, he is sent down the line of communication to the base hospital, there to recover or die, as fate, and the nature of his wounds, may direct. If permanently disabled, he is invalided home.

Of course, the wounded man in one of these establishments presents a very different spectacle from what he does when the stretcher-bearers first bring him in to the advanced field-hospital in rear of the fighting line. In the one case he is surrounded by every comfort; in the other he is dazed, sick, and helpless. He may have been given first aid, he may have not. It all depends.

In any case, it will be of a very rough-and-ready description. In the British Army, during the last Boer War, the favorite method of improvising a field dressing was to first clap a handful of shag tobacco over the wound in order to check the bleeding, and then bind it up with the tape of a puttee.

It sounds rather uninviting, but it worked well in practice, the nicotine acting as a coarse kind of antiseptic. And it had the great advantage in the eyes of the poor patient, suffering Tommy Atkins; he was able later on to dry and smoke the tobacco.

His Feet Were Clean.

Billy, the grocer's boy, was lumbering up the kitchen stairs at Mrs. Clarke's, with his arms filled with parcels.

"Be called out Mrs. Clarke, something sharply from above, 'are your feet clean?'"

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THREE RACES IN BELGIUM. Racial Differences Are Obliterated When Nation is Threatened.

Belgium, which proved so grave a stumbling block to the advance of the Germans, is a land of three peoples — the French-speaking natives, chiefly of Celtic blood; the Flemings, or Flemands, a Teutonic people speaking a language that, in its literary form, is nearly one with the written Dutch, and the Walloons, another Celtic people, descended of the Gallic Belgae, whom Caesar declared the bravest of all the Gauls. A line drawn from Liege south of Brussels to Calais comes near to marking the boundary between French-speaking and Flemish-speaking Belgium, though the upper classes all speak French, whether they speak Flemish or not, and there are Flemish-speaking workmen in nearly all parts of Belgium, some of whom, even in Brussels, hardly speak French at all.

The Flemings, however, live in the Ardennes highlands, far from the coast, have their own language, and maintain a somewhat suspicious attitude towards both the French-speaking Belgians and the Flemings.

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LIKE BRITISH EQUIPMENT. French Have Great Admiration for Commissariat.

The special correspondent of the Paris Temps in Belgium, M. Thiebaut Sison, is greatly impressed by the equipment of the British troops, which he finds highly practical. He remarks that there is no distinction, except by marks invisible at a few yards' distance, between the uniform of the officers and men.

He marvels at the method and care shown in provisioning the troops at the front. The commissariat is really the point that appears to have made the greatest impression upon him after the equipment. An interminable line of covered carts and lorries follow the army on the march, and the quantity and variety of food carried appears to him astonishing. There is compressed hay for the animals, cases of tea, cases of cocoa, cases of sugar, boxes of tinned meats and vegetables, and immense jam pots a foot high. When the camping ground is reached everything is ready, and in a few minutes the men are able to attack a hot meal.

The correspondent also praises his own commissariat arrangements. The familiar Paris omnibuses with the designation boards Madeleine-Bastille, Chicky-Odeon, Trocadero-Gare de l'Est, or the delivery vans of the great Paris shops, rumble to the front with immense stocks of meat and provisions. On one point, he says, he wishes the French officers would imitate the English, and that is in their treatment of spies. It is false humanism, he says, not to shoot the spy when he is caught red-handed, since he may begin again on the morrow, and his activity may cost hundreds of lives.

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