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The German Indemnity

Germany groans at the peace terms, cries out that the German government will never accept them, all the time knowing that there is no alternative. The future of Germany is pictured black with a heavy people for a century. But there are certain conditions that the optimist can see in Germany that make the outlook less hard than might have been expected.

First the importance as an advantage to Germany is, of course, the fact that none of her territory has been fought over, none of her towns and cities have been destroyed, none of her fields laid waste. Here it is that the poverty of Belgium is, here the greatest problem of her reconstruction. This devastating factor of the war has not fallen upon Germany and she can so much the better afford to repair the damage that she has caused to Belgium and Northern France.

Germany has no huge war debt except to her own citizens. The money that was spent for war materials and for the maintenance of the army and the navy was spent in Germany. Now Germany is reaping the reward for having had no access to the outer world through which to receive supplies.

In the years before the great war came Germany was spending every year five hundred million dollars for the maintenance of her standing army and for the support and increase of her navy. Under the terms of the peace treaty there will be an end to such expenditures. The future will not be easy for Germany, nor should it be, but the indemnity that has been demanded, even forty-five billions, will not be a very much heavier burden than that which every other nation has had to acquire through the cost of the war.

With the cost of the war confined to expenditures within her own borders, with future relief from the expense of maintaining a huge fighting machine, with no restoration of her own property to demand money, Germany can well afford to pay the indemnity demanded of her, and without much greater hardship of taxation than the countries allied against her have had to bear during the period of the war.

The Salvation Army And The Corner Saloon

It is characteristic of its work that the Salvation Army should be already well along towards a practical working out of a plan to convert the rooms to be vacated by saloons into clubs for bachelors. The motto that is to be adopted for these new institutions is very much to the point: "Married men, home on time. Bachelors welcome for as long as they like."

This is only one of the many ways in which the Salvation Army shows its appreciation of the mental attitude of the poor man towards the saloon, the man to whom the place at the corner has stood as the only place of social gathering available where he might meet his friends and associates. It is in entire accordance with the policy of the organization. They know that the only kind of uplifting that is acceptable to the people that need to be uplifted is that which is applied from underneath.

They want somebody who understands to help them to help themselves to better things, not somebody to offer to reform them.

Anybody who has given the matter any serious thought knows that the saloon is not primarily a place that men go to get drunk. That is in many, if not in most, instances rather an incidental part of the visit. They go to seek congenial companionship, to find a place that holds out a welcome, to enjoy what every human being requires, an opportunity for social intercourse.

This is what the Salvation Army recognizes in this new activity in the conversion of the saloon into a place of comfort and companionship. It is a hint to other social betterment organizations of the field that lies ripe for harvest in that direction, to make the removal of the licensed saloon serve a better purpose than sending men elsewhere to seek, and to find, the same sort of relaxation from the strain that life represents to them.

ASK PAY INCREASE FOR WINNETKA TEACHERS

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any argument—every one knows that it is criminal to pay our teachers as little as we do. It is only necessary to call people's attention to what is at stake and to get them out to vote June 7. One of our neighbors passed the measure by a vote of 51 to 4. Let's make it a thousand to nothing in Winnetka!

"But I don't want this chat of mine with you today to turn into a campaign speech. I merely want to show you one reason that we teachers cannot always do our full duty by your offspring, and to show you how you can help us to be more efficient. This is only one of many ways. It is an extremely important one, and is a pressing issue just at this moment. But as we meet together from time to time all sorts of ways of cooperating will come up.

Make Teachers Happy
"I'll tell you another way you can help us. Make our teachers feel as happy and as much at home as you have made Mrs. Washburne and me feel. Two very good teachers are seriously thinking of leaving us because they have not been happy here this year. Their salaries were too low for them to go into the city for their fun. They were shifted from pillar to post in the matter of boarding places, and they had very little social life in the community. They're fine young women, both of them, and we can't afford to lose them. You parents can help to keep such teachers here by going on with the good work Mrs. Eisendrath has been telling of, and carrying it still farther. See that they have real homes to live in, give them a little more fun, make all our teachers feel that Winnetka is their home town.

Two Practical Jobs
"You see how much I believe in you good people. I am so sure that you are sincerely looking for a chance to help in the schools that I am giving you two practical jobs the first time that I come before you. They used to say of me at the San Francisco Normal: 'It's never safe to ask Mr. Washburne if you can do anything for him unless you really want to be put to work—And your president and one of your members called at my office the first day I was there and said you wanted to help. I've lived up to my reputation and given you two definite and practical things to do— see that Winnetka passes the increased school revenue bill June 7 and make Winnetka homey for our teachers.

"I shouldn't be surprised if Miss Garretson would give you still more to do. This is Health Week, you know, and Miss Garretson is looking after the health of your children. I don't want to talk long, because I want you to have a chance to ask questions, and then I want to leave time for Miss Garretson. I have told you what you can do for us. Now I shall give you a chance to tell us what you want us to do for you. And I shall be very glad to answer any question any of you have in mind. "Once more, let me express my appreciation of you and let me assure you that I consider your live Parent-Teacher association one of my best assets in administering the schools of Winnetka."

Subscriptions for Ravinia tickets are now being taken by members of the committee. It is earnestly hoped that residents of Winnetka and Hubbard Woods will make a hearty response to the house to house canvass that is now in progress. In proportion as this appeal is met the men from Fort Sheridan and the Great Lakes naval training station will be admitted free to the entertainments.

Ravinia Club Committee

Members of the Winnetka and Hubbard Woods committee of the Ravinia club for the 1919 season were announced this week as follows:

- Winnetka**
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Mrs. Harold Ickes.

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Receive Official's Bonds

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