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EDITORIALS

The recent words of the German Chancellor, accusing Britain of not having raised her voice for peace, is one of the basest of falsehoods. He says: "The Cabinet at London could have made this war impossible if it had declared at St. Petersburg that England would not allow a continental war to develop from the Austro-Servian conflict. Then our action as mediator between St. Petersburg and Vienna would have been successful." Sir Edward Grey pleaded with the German government for time to adjust the trouble and assured them that if they held Austria in check Britain would do likewise to Russia and France, or refuse them aid. What Germany no doubt wanted was that she and Britain should hold off the other nations and allow Austria and Serbia to have it out. This was nothing less than sacrificing Serbia, as they have since done with Belgium. It is a fortunate thing for the smaller nations that all the big ones are not as selfish and cruel as Germany.

The Germans are making a strong bid for American sympathy. They are sending their best scholars and their most skillful sophists to that country in the hope of changing public opinion in their favor.

In the meantime they go on collecting their hundreds of millions from the starving Belgians, while the American people are raising charity funds to keep the Belgians from starving. Indirectly the Germans are "holding up" the Americans and every other country in the world by robbing the Belgians. They might as well take the money direct from New York. And still the Germans have the unmitigated effrontery to proceed to the States and plead for sympathy.

Germany is destined to go down into history as the most unhuman monster that ever existed. The charges of cruelty and blood thirstiness need no arguments to substantiate them for German scholars were good enough to put the worst side of their case in print before the war began. Future historians will take the book of General Bernhardt and through it interpret the conduct of the Germans. What might otherwise require a good deal of credulity to accept will be difficult to refute when their own scholars have already approved of the action.

The average man is more worried over getting a drink in this world than he is about the prospect of going without a drink in the next world.

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PRO-GERMAN SENTIMENT IN IRELAND IS SMALL

Teutons Who Believed Belgians Wouldn't Resist Will Find Sons of Erin Equally Strong for the Empire.

Dublin, Dec. 7.—Careful calculation indicates that the total number of pro-German Irishmen in this country is about one thousand. The leading Nationalists are amazed that anyone anywhere should attach any importance to the movements or statements of Sir Roger Casement. This man cannot be said to be in Irish politics at all. He is merely a former British official, with a grievance against his old chiefs.

Sir Roger appears to have fooled the German Foreign Office into believing that he represents something in Ireland. This is amusing, but inconsequential. The Germans fancied that the Belgians would not resist an invasion. Possibly they are capable of an error of judgment equally colossal with reference to Ireland. If they came here to invade us they would be resisted with the implacable spirit, if not with the efficiency displayed by the Belgians.

The Tory outcries against the alleged slowness of Irishmen to volunteer in defence of Ireland, whose safety in this crisis is involved in the safety of the British Empire, overlook the fact that already the allied firing line and its supports are more deeply indebted to the Celtic race in proportion to its numbers than to any other element in the Imperial population.

Every man and every woman has two dispositions. One is reserved for use in public and the other is inflicted upon the people at home.

GENERAL BERNHARDI VISITED AMERICA AS A GERMAN SPY

CALLED AT CHIEF CENTRES AND GAVE PRIVATE TALK TO GERMAN CITIZENS—NEWSPAPERS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO ADVERTISE HIS CAMPAIGN.

In the early summer of last year General Friedrich Von Bernhardt, the famous German cavalry officer and military authority, crossed the United States. He came by way of the Pacific. His coming was unheralded. His speeches were unreported. His going was unchronicled. No American newspaper "played up" the visit of one of the most-talked-of Germans in the world today. His new book, "Germany and the Next War," was published early in 1912, while he was on this world tour. A copy of it reached him by mail at Singapore. In the United States he was the guest of the German consuls. His addresses were in German, to Germans invited individually by the consul. His mission was to advise Germans in the various centres of the purpose, the plans, and the rightness of the then impending war that now "staggers the world." He told its story, the essence of its program, the year before it began.

These things The Globe learned since the war broke out, and on two occasions they were referred to editorially. But no details were given. No names or places or dates were mentioned. Of the fact there could be no doubt. San Francisco was believed to be the place of Bernhardt's arrival, and New York the port of departure. It is now possible to fill in important details.

On Monday of this week the editor of The Globe met with Mr. David Starr Jordan, and as he is a distinguished Californian, the chancellor of Leland Stanford University, and a great student of international problems, the fact of Bernhardt's mission to America was mentioned. Dr. Jordan's answer was in substance as follows:

"I met Von Bernhardt in San Francisco and heard him give an address on May 26, 1913, just as I was leaving for Europe, Germany, the Balkans and Australia. The invitation was from the German consul in San Francisco. It was on the official paper of the consul's office. The gathering was composed of about three hundred persons, all Germans except one other American and myself. The consul presided, and the meeting was semi-official but private. So far as I know there was no reporter present and no report was published. I would not have known that the German cavalry general was in America except for that meeting. He went to Los Angeles for a similar meeting, then to St. Louis and Eastern centres of German population. I understood he came over from Japan."

Dr. Jordan described Bernhardt as tall, spare, very erect, his beard streaked with gray, his head straight in the back, a typical heel-clicking Prussian officer of 65 or 70, very aggressive in his manner, but as a speaker very prosy. He read his address, which followed the arguments of his

book—the historical, psychological and biological arguments for war. Asked as to Bernhardt's mission and purpose, Dr. Jordan said:

"Bernhardt's mission was to Germans in America. His very evident purpose was to neutralize the policy of good-will among the nationalities represented in our population, to counteract the work for international peace, to prepare the Germans for the coming war, which he said was both inevitable and near, and to convince them that Germany's idea of war is righteous, and that this particular war was thoroughly well planned and would be carried out to the greatness and glory of the German Empire.

"Very unmistakable were his references to the planned march through Belgium and the taking of Paris. He did not mince matters. Questions of morals, of international treaties, of national rights, he brushed aside. 'Law,' he said, 'is a makeshift; the reality is force. Law is for weaklings; force is for strong men and strong nations.'

"Perhaps his chief purpose was to advise Germans in the United States that Britain, not France, is in Germany's way, that Britain would soon be reached, and reached by Germany's war.

"Bernhardt's address was a little more unreserved, more brutally frank than his book. His work was part of the campaign to organize German opinion in the United States and to separate it from American opinion. That campaign was begun here fifteen years ago by Prof. Karl Lamprecht, of Leipzig. The same campaign has been carried on in Brazil, only much more openly. Its note was struck by General Keim in Germany, who preached the doctrines of Faith, Hope and Hate. Belgium was to be invaded for the purpose of securing Antwerp and other naval bases from which to strike Britain. When I heard Bernhardt I thought his words those another of the war-mad militarists. When I was in Germany last August and saw his plan of campaign adopted by the German army, I knew he spoke for the General Staff, and that they were all victims of the same madness."

When asked his opinion of the justice of the Allies' cause, Dr. Jordan answered: "When I read 'Germany and the Next War,' before meeting its author, I said that if Germany really adopted Bernhardt's views Europe would have to crush it out as a nest of snakes. Germany is now trying to carry out those views, and there can be no peace or safety until the snakes and the whole system that has produced them are utterly crushed out."

And that is the effect of Bernhardt's teaching and of the whole system of German espionage on every thoughtful American. Not Europe alone but the whole civilized world will yet unite to crush it out as a nest of snakes.—Globe.

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