

War News

Paris, Dec. 29—The bill authorizing the government to prepare lists of the men of the class of 1919, preparatory to calling them to the colors, was seized upon to-day by critics of Premier Clemenceau as an opening for an attack on the subject of releasing the older soldiers. In the plainest language the premier refused to give any undertaking. He received the enthusiastic assistance of the greatest part of the deputies.

The vote of the chamber, yesterday, M. Clemenceau said, was a mandate to the government to carry on the war, and he asked the chamber to give him the means. General Estain, the commander-in-chief, had asked for a certain number of men to carry on urgently needed work on cantonments behind the lines. It was his purpose to detail to this work German prisoners, the Russians who had been fighting in France until the time of the Russian overturn, forty thousand men drawn from the auxiliary forces, and agriculturists in the classes of 1890 and 1891, who would be called back for two months, inasmuch as there would be no farm work in January and February. If the chamber did not wish to have this work done, the premier continued, let it say so, and he would go. If the chamber knew of other resources let it reveal them.

"At the time when German divisions, whose number I cannot calculate, are arriving on our front from Russia, is it proper for you to find fault about a few hundred men I need?"

M. Clemenceau demanded "if men from the rear are required at the front, they must return to the front."

The bill was adopted by 425 to 73.

Appeal to End Kaiser's Rule

Siefried Balder Calls Upon German People to Arise

Washington, Dec. 22—Declaring that the German constitution allows one man,—the Kaiser, to send men to slaughter, to violate treaties, to order men to aid and abet him in crime, Siegfried Balder, calls upon the German people to arise against the Hohenzollern rule and save the nation in the eyes of the world.

Mr. Balder's article is entitled "Kaiser and War." It was printed in German and circulated throughout Germany. A copy of it was received here and translated by the committee on public information, which has made it public.

"What is the government to which you so trustfully confide everything—wealth, honor, happiness and life?" asks Mr. Balder. "At its head are an emperor and a few dozen princes, whom you did not select. They are educated in an atmosphere of artificial importance, everyone whom they meet is servile, money is at their disposal from childhood.

"The words and acts of the emperor and his government have no greater moral authority than the words and acts of an eccentric man, educated and miseducated in an environment and in a conception of human life far different from those of the average citizen and of his dependent and truckling sycophants.

PRINCES, ROBBER, BARONS.

"If throne and altar entwine themselves around the strong oak of the German fatherland, to suck its strength like a clinging parasite, because they are incapable of

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"Any man who harms his native country is a base scoundrel. This is the quality of it be the Kaiser himself. And if the Emperor himself, it is the duty of every man in Germany resolutely to oppose him and his government.

"Your princes and above all the Hohenzollerns are descended from the most successful robber barons of the Middle Ages. We no longer live in the midst of robber barons as they did 500 years ago. Therefore we no longer need a robber knight to defend our civilization.

RUIN NOW PREVAILS

"Not till the bells ring for peace can we tell who is victorious and only fools ring those bells before their time.

"The German constitution allows one man to kill the residents of that country, even civilians resisting violence, to overrun its territory, to burn its homes, to plunder or destroy its provisions and movable wealth.

"How long will you still wait, how many men must still find a bloody grave; how many more nations must array themselves against us, before you change your pirate law for one that accords with the conscience and the sense of justice of civilized humanity?

"Theoretically a revolution might take place as smoothly as a change of a factory from individual to corporate ownership. Is it harder to die for the cause of truth, freedom, right and civilization than for lies, tyranny, madness and villainy?

"In truth, general ruin now prevails in Germany. Justice and morality, prosperity and family life, freedom and culture have been overthrown by the Emperor and his abettors. The whole political world is topsy turvy.

"We wish to set it aright again and in this you should help us."

On their face the German terms appear to confess the failure of Prussian militarism. Even should the Teutons gain domination over Poland that Nation would not be worth the huge cost of the war to Germany. One marvels at the Central Government's ability to still the long-cherished hopes of the Junkers and the Pan-Germans, the Austrians and Magyar ambitions and the aspirations of Bulgaria in the Balkans. Perhaps these are hushed only temporarily by assurances that after the war is over and the alliance against Germany has been broken, Bulgaria can be the Dalmatia and Macedonia with little fear that the present Entente will care to start another great conflict to prevent her. It was part of Napoleonic strategy to break up any alliance of enemies whenever these became too powerful by making peace and later to take from them separately all that was wanted.

The present German proposal at least seeks to disunite the Entente

Those Nations must now hurriedly gather their political forces. To ignore or hastily reject the German offer would mean the complete alienation of Russia, to say nothing of the possibility of her forming an alliance with the Central Powers. It would mean political disruption in each of the Allied Nations, just as has been predicted as a possibility in these columns many times. Every Nation would be a political battleground. On one side would be men who argued that the German offer cannot be rejected as insincere, because if so no peace could ever be made with those governments who insisted that Prussian militarism had admitted its failure; who refused to continue to fight merely for Poland and Alsace-Lorraine; who held that the German radicals would liberalize their own Government when they ceased to be obliged to support the wars who feared that the conflict, if continued, would completely ruin Europe and bring world-wide Bolshevism. Bitterly opposed to these men would be those who held that Potemkin was not repentant; that militarism not crushed and still undefeated on every battlefield, its exponents should not be allowed to go back to the status quo of 1914, German promises are only scraps of paper, peace now would only be an armed truce and inconclusive.

The Allies can forestall any such acrimonious debate by meeting the German peace offensive at once. They must now get together and formulate a definite counter offensive. Two plans of campaign are possible. With the political union equal to that of the Central Powers, they can either formulate their own set of peace proposals, or they must ask the German Government categorical questions as to the exact meaning of its latest proposals and other questions vital to the Allies' consideration of peace. Such questions, or a counter peace proposal on the part of the Allies, would put the Germans on the defensive again regarding peace and prevent any disruption of the Entente. The Allies must meet the powerful peace offensive of the Central Powers promptly and courageously with a united and high minded policy.

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WISE MAN'S BRAIN IN IMBECILE HEAD

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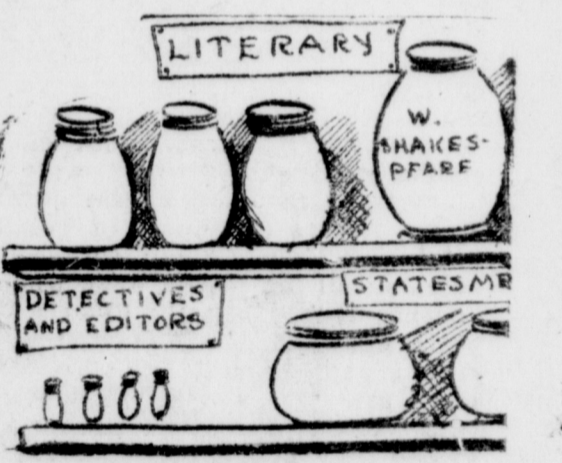
Thus without years of study and experimentation the erstwhile ignorant man starts then and there at the very point of wisdom the first man had reached, and thus future substitutions may pass along that brain to future generations. It growing wiser as the snow ball grows bigger by going on and on.

Several years ago Joseph Warschawski—there is no doubt as to the correctness of the name—a youth of humble origin, but of brilliant intellectual attainments, mysteriously disappeared from London. His father, a furrier, alarmed at his son's long absence, communicated with the police. They were unable to learn anything of the missing young man.

Four years ago Joseph Warschawski was found quite by accident in a wretched East Side tenement in New York. He was then a semi-imbecile, unable to tell what had happened to him. But he could not have arrived in New York in that condition, as he would have been rejected as an undesirable alien. Shortly afterwards a famous surgeon whose remarkable operations from time to time astonished humanity, died. Among his papers was found one labeled "The Case of Joseph Warschawski."

In the document, the surgeon confessed that he had, while in London, heard of the brilliant intellectual attainments of a poor young Polish Jew. He made the acquaintance of the young man, and invited him to some rooms he was occupying near St. Thomas' Hospital. There he administered a potion causing the youth to lose all knowledge of his own identity. He then took passage for himself and his victim by the next boat to New York.

The doctor was a widower with one son, stricken with brain trouble and rapidly approaching imbecility. A few days after the doctor's arrival he performed an extraordinary operation. The imbecile son and Warschawski were placed under anaesthetics. The brilliant brain of Joseph



Is this a possibility of the future? Warschawski was transferred to the head of the doctor's son and the diseased brain of the doctor's son was transferred to the head of Joseph Warschawski.

Both recovered. The doctor's son rose from his bed a genius and Joseph Warschawski was turned out into the streets a partial imbecile.

The doctor's son, says the report, became an eminent novelist and dramatist. Two of his plays were produced with great success in London. He declares, however, that there is no truth in the story of his father's astounding operation.

Thunder Director
A scientist at the Lyons, France, Observatory has perfected an appliance that detects thunder storms 200 miles away, the apparatus being an adaptation of the wireless telegraph.

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