

College Professor Talks on Moral Madness of Huns

Prof. Frank J. Pollay Was Sojourning in Germany When the War Broke Out --- Germans Never Should Be Trusted --- Gentle Manners Are Cultivated With the Object of Deceiving

Hazel Canning in Boston Record
"This country of our own is just beginning to awaken to the gravity of the war, to the difficult road ahead of us."

"The Germans—whom we thought kindly—They have two minds, two hearts—of kindness for their own and savagery for all others. They are taught that this is right and moral by their lords in Germany."

"They—the Huns—have the whole world catalogued. The indexed lists do not stop with possessions bounded by the Rhine and the German ocean."

"Nobody—absolutely nobody, knows what is going on in Germany today. The curtain of the press has been lowered. There are no outlets."

As the servile German press has lied to the world, so has it, so still does it, lie to its own people."

"In Germany they never give a suspect the benefit of the doubt. If he is remotely thought to be disloyal, then prison and rough treatment for him. Would that we might take on a little more of this German 'efficiency' in the handling of spies in our own country."

So spoke, so warned, so described, Prof. Frank J. Pollay, Californian, formerly of the faculty of Leland Stanford University for 10 years, most recently a sojourner in Germany

as student of medical jurisprudence, American citizen, who, before he was permitted to leave for home at the beginning of the war, was detained for five weeks in a German prison camp. The professor is now speaking for the Public Safety Committee of Boston and for the open forums. Speaking from experience—and most earnestly.

"To show what I mean by the phrase, 'typical Hun lie,' take this instance. Now before the war, we had always thought of Germans as a kindly, sentimental race, given to beer and coffee parties. That idea was fostered by deliberate propaganda. That was the way the German wished to appear to the world."

In my studies I learned this one thing in particular. That no German is ever sentimental unless he sees in sentiment something to boost the war aims of the fatherland. In an obstetrical hospital, for instance, many, many times have I seen doctors turn from a woman, whose girl half, had just been born, with a look of contempt and a shrug of shoulders; but, when it was a boy, I have seen unmeasured beams of German joy come across fat German features. I have seen Hunnish rubbing of hands, as the gloating words came forth, 'arch, thank Gott, another soldier!'

BEWARE OF POISON IVY

Berries red—have no dread:
Berries white—poisonous sight;
Leaves three—quickly flee.

This "jingle of the jungle" is perhaps more practical than poetical, as it will help the memory in distinguishing between the poison ivy and non-poisonous plants it resembles. At this season people are continually asking:

"What is poison ivy? What does it look like? What is the cure?"

Poison ivy has three leaflets and white berries. The Virginia creeper, which it resembles closely, has five leaflets and purple berries.

However, it has been said that the small greenish flower of the poison ivy in early spring is followed by purple berries in the fall; so the surest test in all seasons is the difference between the leaves of the poisonous and harmless plants.

Another member of the poison ivy family is the poison elder. It is a short or small tree, usually about twelve feet high, although sometimes it grows to a height of thirty feet. It is found in swamps and low marshy places. The berries are white.

CHINESE AND THE VATICAN.

The Republic Has appointed a Minister to the Holy See.

Rome, July 11.—The Chinese republic having expressed a desire to establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican, the Pope has approved the appointment of Tai Tchong Lin as minister to the Holy See. He has served as minister to Spain and Portugal.

But on the subject of German kindness, you should just hear Prof. Pollay further. You should hear him, and then you should think all over again of that old one "timeo Danaos, et dona ferentes," for, as the professor explains, "even their kindness, even their hospitality, even their humanitarianism is to be feared; is all calculated beforehand, in pure cold-bloodedness, measured, catalogued, schemed, butchered in conception. They are moral madmen. Now take the German families I met before the war. I was completely deceived by them. They were—seemingly—hospital. Their manners were apparently, all kindness."

"That hospitality, that kindness, was as well thought out beforehand as the slaughter of Belgium, or the sacking of Louvain. Those gentle manners were as much a matter of discipline, ordered by their 'divine Kaiser, as the path to France had been a matter of forethought, studied in their military schools for a generation before it happened."

"Be kindly, deceive the world as to our intentions; make them think we are harmless; make them think that from us they have nothing to fear; this was taught them. 'Moral madmen' I called them a minute ago. That is a mild way of expressing the contemptible turn of the Hunnish mind, that mind that is the same whether it is in the head of the pretty little madchen, 16 years old, or in the bewhiskered, rape-spreading, destruction sowing, befoiled and befooling member of the military caste. For as they have been taught, so they pass it along, that God on his throne gave to the Kaiser his power; that there is no chosen people in all the world but the German. That it is right, and moral, and ordered of God for all the world to starve, and die in blood and wretchedness, to the end that great Hunnish 'kultur,' at the point of the sword, may be forced on the bleeding remnant."

"Otherwise it cannot be a beautiful world—unless it is a world completely under the ravishment of the German savage."

Now Prof. Pollay, from experience has his own opinion of the Hun, as is quite evident from these words of his. It was interesting to see how a man who has lived all his life in the peaceful pursuits of the scholar, a man never given to over-emphasis, could be emphatic on this subject of the moral madness of Germany today. "Just say this, as forcefully as you can be finished, 'that we are only just awakening to the peril; that it is a long road, and a steep road; yet—the road that we must travel. That we never are to trust a German; and that all our strength and all our efforts are none too many to rid the world of the greatest scourge that has ever been, since time began.'"

FIFTY GIRLS KILLED IN AN AIR RAID

London, July 11.—In a recent German raid on the Belgians, more than fifty girls were killed by air bombs launched upon an ambulance park at La Panne, behind the Yser front, according to a special despatch. Fifty bombs were dropped in the immediate neighborhood of the park and several struck a large villa about a hundred yards from the hospital.

Of the many girls in the villa engaged in making bandages and repairing linen for the wounded, thirty were instantly killed or died of their injuries within a few minutes, forty injured were removed from the villa of whom twenty-four died later.

BRITISH AIRMEN HAVE NERVE

With the British Army in France, July 10.—On July 1, a British pilot, while on offensive patrol about Estaires, was pounced upon by three German scouts. As they swept down toward him, two of them collided. The third opened fire on him, but fled when the Britisher manoeuvred into position and offered battle. In the meantime one of the other enemy planes had had both its wings torn off in the collision and crash. The other was going down in slow spirals. The British pilot followed and fired one hundred rounds into the Boche machine at close range. The enemy dropped another 3,000 feet and burst into flames which finished it. Another collision occurred the other day. A British lieutenant with a patrol of six machines, was flying over enemy territory, when he saw six enemy machines making for Bretonneux. The British machines rushed into battle and the British lieutenant fired into the Hun machines at close range. His enemy went down vertically, being badly shot. Another which closed turned so suddenly that it smashed into the German leader and both machines collapsed and went down in tangled wreckage.

The nerve of British airmen under trying conditions is illustrated by an incident which occurred a few days ago. A British pilot and observer were making a low reconnaissance over the German zone when the petrol tank was pierced by a bullet from the ground. The observer climbed on to the wing of the swaying machine to investigate the extent of the damage. Having satisfied himself that he could repair it he crawled back to the seat and after obtaining his leather cap and stick, again mounted the wing and plugged the hole in the tank with the stock and the cap. The reconnaissance was finished before the pair returned home.

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