

**GERMANY WROUGHT
HER OWN DARK FATE**

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of the terms of peace, but of the action of Germany, and no surprise can reasonably be felt if she is called upon to bear a share—and it is a very moderate share—of a loss for which her own criminal deeds have been responsible.

"Great stress is laid upon the proposal that on the eastern side Germany shall be deprived of the regions specially devoted to the production of wheat and sweet potatoes. This is true but the note fails altogether to observe that there is nothing in the peace treaty to prevent either the continued production of those commodities in the areas in question, or their importation into Germany. On the contrary, the free admission of these products of the eastern districts is provided for during a period of three years. Moreover, it is fortunate for Germany that those regions have lost none of their productivity owing to the ravages of war. They have escaped the shocking fate which was dealt out by the German armies to the corresponding territories in Belgium and France on the west, and Poland, Russia, Rumania and Serbia on the east. There appears to be no reason why their produce should not

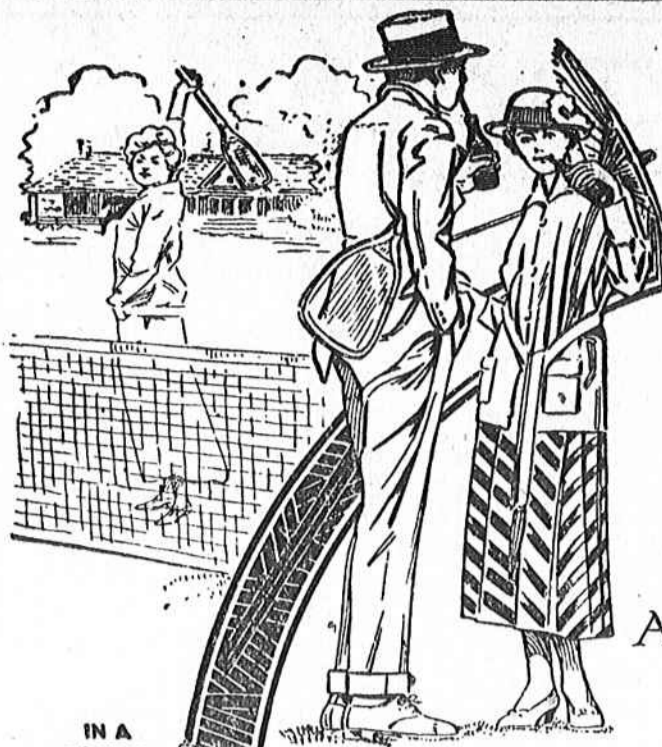
continue to find a market on German soil.

"Stress is laid upon the proposed restrictions of the import of phosphates. It is, however, forgotten that Germany has never produced, but has always imported the phosphates of which she stands in need. Nor is there anything in the terms of peace which will prevent or hinder the importation of phosphates into Germany in the future. Other countries, which do not produce phosphates are also compelled to import them in common with many other products from the outside, and the only difference in the two situations will arise from the relative degree of wealth or improvement in the countries concerned.

"The German notes make special complaint of the deprivation of coal, and asserts that nearly one-third of the production of the existing coal mines will be lost. But it omits to notice that one-fourth of the pre-war consumption of German coal was in the territories which it now is proposed to transfer. Further, it fails to take into account the production of lignite, 80,000,000 tons of which were produced annually in Germany before the war, and none of which is derived from the transferred territory. Neither is any reference made to the fact that the output of coal in the non-transferred districts was rapidly increasing before the war, and that there is no reason to doubt that under proper management there will be a continuing increase in the future.

Germany's Wanton Acts.
"But should not the coal situation be viewed from a different and wider standpoint. It cannot be forgotten that among the most wanton acts perpetrated by the German armies during the war was the most complete destruction by her of the coal supplies of Northern France. An entire authority was obliterated with a calculation and a savagery which it will take many years to repair. The result has been a grave and prolonged shortage of coal in Western Europe. There can be no reason in equity why the effect of this shortage should be borne exclusively by the Allied nations who were its victims, or why Germany, who deliberately made herself responsible for the deficiency, should not, to the full limit of her capacity, make it good.

"Stress is also laid upon the hardships alleged to be inflicted upon Germany by the necessity of importing in



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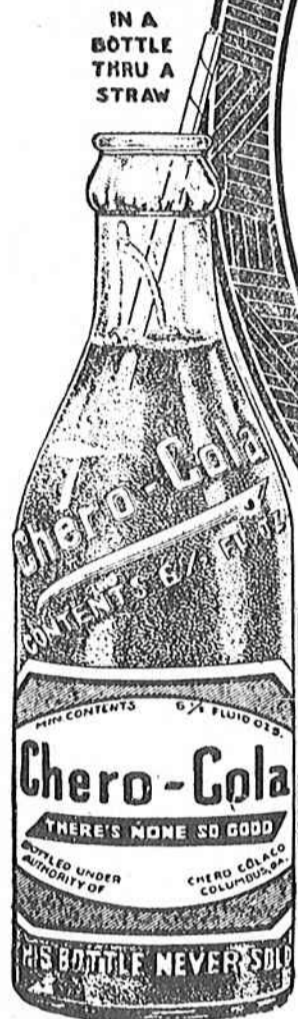
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the future iron ores and zinc. It is not understood why Germany should be supposed to come from conditions which others submit. It would appear to be a fundamental fallacy that the political control of a country is essential in order to procure a reasonable share of its products. Such a proposal finds no foundation in economic law or in history.

"The Allied and associated powers cannot accept the speculative estimate presented to them in the German note on the future conditions of German industry as a whole. This estimate appears to them to be characterized and vitiated by palpable exaggerations. No notice is taken of the fact that the economic disaster produced by the war is widespread and, indeed, universal. Every country is called upon to suffer. There is no reason why Germany, which was responsible for the war, should not suffer also."

"Similarly, as regards the population of the future, no reliance can be placed on the data which are contained in the German note. On the one hand it is sought to prove that emigration from Germany will be necessary, but that few countries will receive the intending emigrants. On the other hand it is sought to show that there will be a flood of Germans returning to their native land and live under the conditions which have already been described as intolerable. It would be unwise to attach too much weight to either speculation.

Germany's Losses.
"Finally, the German note rashly asserts that the peace conditions will logically bring about destruction (loss) in original (numbers?) of several millions of persons in Germany, in addition to those who have perished in the war or who are alleged to have lost their lives in consequence of the blockade. Against the war losses of Germany might very fairly be placed the far greater losses which her initiative and conduct of the war have inflicted upon the Allied countries and which have left an ineffectable mark on the manhood of Europe. On the other hand, the figures and the losses alleged to have been caused by the blockade are purely hypothetical. The German estimate of future losses could be accepted only if the premises upon which it is presumed to rest are accepted also.

"But they are entirely fallacious. There is not the slightest reason to believe that a population is destined to be permanently disabled because it will be called upon in future to trade across its frontiers instead of producing what it requires from within. A country can both become and can continue to be a great manufacturing country without producing the raw materials of its main industries. Such is the case for instance, with Great Britain, which imports at least one-half of her food supplies and the great preponderance of her raw materials from abroad. There is no reason whatever why Germany under the new conditions should not build up for herself a position both of stability and prosperity in the European world. Her territories have suffered less than those of any other continental belligerent State during

the war. Indeed, so far as pillage or devastation is concerned, they have not suffered at all. The remaining and untouched resources supplemented by the volume of import trade should be adequate for her recovery and development.

"The German reply also ignores the immense relief that will be caused to her people in the struggle for recovery by the enforced reduction of her military armaments in future. Hundreds of thousands of her inhabitants, who have hitherto been engaged either in training for armies or in producing instruments of destruction hence-forward will be available for peaceful vocations and for increasing the industrial productivity of the nation. No result should be more satisfactory to the German people.

"But the first condition of any such restoration would appear to be that Germany should recognize the facts of the present state of the world, which she has been mainly instrumental in creating, and realize that

she cannot escape unscathed. The share which she is being called upon to bear in the enormous calamity that has befallen the world has been apportioned by the victorious powers, not to her deserts, but solely to her ability to bear it.

"All the nations of Europe are suffering from losses and are bearing and will continue to bear burdens which are almost more than they can carry. These burdens or losses have been forced upon them by the aggression of Germany. It is right that Germany, which is responsible for the origin for these calamities should make them good to the utmost of her capacity. Her hardship will arise not from the conditions of peace, but from the acts of those who provoked and

prolonged the war. Those who were responsible for the war cannot escape its just consequences."

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