

WHAT THE DUTCH THINK OF IT.

Some Want to Fight; Some Don't. Classes Divided.

The Dutch mind does not disclose itself to chance acquaintances. You might sit around the cafes of The Hague for a month without ever being certain just what Holland really thinks of the war, writes a staff correspondent to the Brooklyn Eagle. If you question a Dutchman in regard to his sympathies, he will tell you what his wife thinks, what the government thinks, and what everybody thinks, but himself. But if you should go swimming with him at Scheveningen, he is quite likely to emerge from a wave to blurt out, in an off moment, something against England, or a loud phrase against Germany. But he must know you first. For all his solidity, the Dutchman has moments of unguarded impulse.

On a bright afternoon in early July, the steamship Vondel, named for a famous native poet, left Amsterdam for the Dutch East India. The cabin passengers, a mere handful, were all Dutch with the exception of myself—officers, physicians and engineers of the Dutch army, wealthy merchants and land-owners, and a Dutch consular official bound for a small port on the Red Sea. Charming folks they were, unspoiled by the deadly provincialism of the untraveled Hollander, and all speaking other languages than their own, for the Dutchman is the best linguist in Europe, because outside of his own country, he can't do business in Dutch, so usually he speaks German, English and French as well.

Frank War Talk.

You should have sat in the smoking room on the evening that the Vondel struck smooth water after two rough days in the Bay of Biscay. Someone began a discussion of the war, and immediately a cross-section of Dutch public opinion, naive and frank, was laid bare. The army officers and merchants said that Holland ought to attack Germany at once. The consul general said that Germany was a friendly neighbor and should be unmolested.

There, without the familiar arguments of indictment and defense, you have the Dutch viewpoint clearly reflected. The army and the business men are aggressively anti-German. (The business men are anti-British, too, but that doesn't matter). The court and official classes are inoffensively pro-German. While court and cabinet can decide for war, it is the army which must do the fighting. The situation is curiously contradictory.

Each side upheld itself with an eloquence one would have believed impossible. But the next morning everybody was stolid again, everybody regretted having spoken so freely and so emotionally. Several men dropped into a steamer chair at my side to explain that they really had been over-emphatic on the previous evening, and what they said should be disregarded.

Dutch Not Unlike Americans.

Although one would hardly credit it, the Dutch are not unlike Americans in some ways. They have a highly developed sense of perspective which will not permit them to take Holland or the Hollanders too seriously, just as an American, because he has no perspective at all, refuses to think in terms of continents instead of counties.

"We'll fight the Germans all right," said a merchant, who was also an officer in the Royal Naval Reserve. "We'll fight them with brooms and wooden shoes. I'm all for war, but what I say is, let somebody else do the fighting. Not I!"

And whenever you know a Dutchman who isn't in the army you'll find just that attitude. The Dutch derive great pleasure in ridiculing themselves to foreigners. The Dutch civilian has no respect for any man in uniform, merely because it's a uniform. For royalty they have no real reverence at all. Queen Wilhelmina enjoys only a mild popularity, partly because she is dowdy, which displeases the men, and partly because, although the richest sovereign in Europe, she is economical, which displeases the women. As for Prince Hendrick, the consort, he is merely tolerated. One of Wilhelmina's chief worries nowadays is to make Henry keep his large mouth shut. He has all a German's instinct for saying the wrong thing at the right time. Whenever the situation is shaky he can be relied upon to come bouncing in with some horrible international aphorism, which takes the queen a week to explain.

Essentially republican in their political concepts, the Dutch tolerate a monarchy merely out of intense loyalty to the Orange tradition. So long as the house of Orange holds the throne, Holland will be faithful, but when the line becomes extinct, there is good prospect of a Dutch republic again.

A Solid People.

In moments of real or apparent danger the Dutch give no evidence of alarm. On the first day out of

SILO FILLING TIME.

Important to Have Enough Men and Teams to Keep Machinery Going.

Silo filling time is at hand in many parts of the State and, for the benefit of those who are having their first experience with silos and silage and for those who are not quite certain that they have been doing the work properly in the past, Clemson college is issuing a few simple directions which, carefully observed, will enable one to fill a silo economically and properly.

Corn should be harvested for silage when the ear is dented and the shuck begins to turn brown, or shortly before the corn is fully ripe.

The most important point in filling a silo is to make certain in advance that there will be enough men and teams for cutting, hauling, feeding, distributing and other operations to keep the silo-filling machinery at work all the time. It is when a man permits his engine to stop every few hours and has to start it again at much trouble that silo-filling becomes irksome and expensive, and the only way to avoid this is to determine in advance the number of men and teams it will require for the work and to keep the machinery in motion constantly.

Hauling the corn to the silo is another important item. A farmer who has his silage corn field far from his silo will realize the mistake of this when he begins to haul. Silage corn should always be planted as near as possible to the barn. A big labor-saver in hauling is the low-down wagon. The work is done much more easily when the men do not have to lift the corn to a great height to load it into a high-bodied wagon. Low-bodied wagons may be bought cheaply or may be made easily. Directions for making them are given in farmers' bulletin 578, U. S. department of agriculture.

In filling a silo with an ordinary blower, there is a tendency for all larger pieces of ear to fall in one place while the stalks and leaves will be blown a little farther over. It is best, for this reason, to have a distributor attached to a blower, but, if none is had, a man should be in the silo with a fork to distribute the grain well over the surface. Men should also be in the silo to pack the silage around the walls instead of letting it accumulate in the centre. These men should tramp and pack the silage thoroughly.

When the silo has been filled, the top layer of silage should be made thoroughly wet so to form an airtight covering and prevent the spoiling of the silage for a greater depth than eight inches or a foot. There will be a slight loss in the top layer of silage unless it is used immediately. One need not wait a day after filling the silo before beginning to use the silage.

Hail to the Chief.

Jones had not wanted to go to the gregarious feast where the speeches strung out endlessly, says Harper's Magazine. Circumstances obliged him to stay. The speeches were strung out partly because the chiefest and dullest orator was not expected until late. Finally he came, and there was a rush of committeemen to escort him to his place.

"Hello!" exclaimed Jones' companion, "what is that they are making such a bother about?"

"We still follow," answered Jones, sourly, "the ancient custom of bringing in the bore's head."

Amsterdam—to return to the ship—a sailor appeared at the door of the dining saloon and banged the danger gong. Few passengers knew what might actually be the meaning. Quite calmly, everybody passed to their cabins, strapped on life belts and took their places at the boats, where they learned that this was merely a tuning up for what the day in the North Sea might bring.

A few hours later the Vondel passed a floating mine, and in the afternoon a German submarine appeared some 500 yards off, surveyed us, and dived. I can't remember that anyone was more than mildly unbalanced.

Of late years the Dutch East Indian colonies have not been popular with the younger generation of wealthy Dutchmen, who prefer remaining in Holland to seeing the world, if it means three years in the tropics. This aversion to petty personal hardship is regarded as a form of national degeneracy. Inducements to service in Java are by no means inconsiderable. A young army engineer aboard had all his expenses paid and a salary of \$50 a week awaiting him. Living in the Dutch colonies, however, is expensive, because everybody is out to make as much money as possible in the shortest time, in order to return to the cold, dispiriting, Dutch dampness which they love. Nevertheless, the type of young Dutchman who is going to the colonies for military or civil service today is usually a fine, sturdy fellow.

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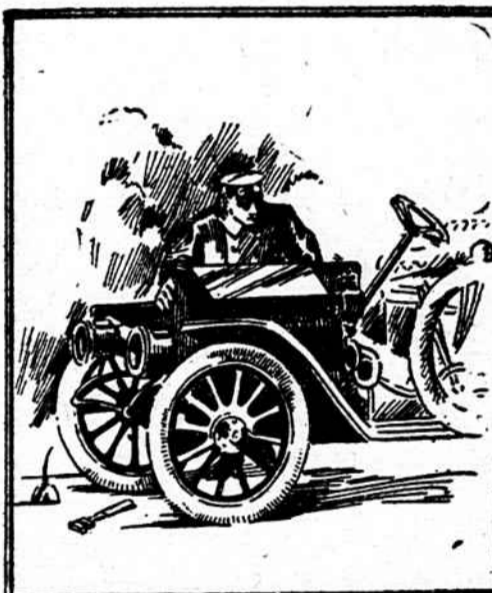
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