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GERMAN CIVILIZATION, THE HOPE OF THE FUTURE.

By R. A. COE.

Since the outbreak of the present war it is almost impossible to obtain in the American press a presentation of the German side of the case.

My ancestors were English who came to America in colonial times. Several of them served in the American armies in the Revolutionary War.

What I admire in the German people is their honesty, their stability of character, their solid qualities, their love of order and system, their ability to establish just government.

I have just received and read in the December Open Court the article by Poultney Bigelow. His analysis of the situation appears to me to be as erratic as most of the other stuff I have read from English pens.

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trained, efficient, intelligently patriotic? Has his individual progress been a marvel in this age? He has his good qualities, but he is coarse, vulgar, egotistic, overbearing, certainly very much lacking in all the qualities that culture gives.

Now, as to the question of government, the right of suffrage, when properly understood, is as fairly distributed as in any other country.

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Russia's inability to assist; or she could have easily and safely attacked both Russia and France had she had any designs such as are at present attributed to her.

I might write at length on what German industrial development has done for all mankind. Take only one item, sugar. What would be the price to-day to the consumer in any part of the world, if you deduct what German enterprise has done for that industry?

How about England's relationship to the peace of the world? Deduct her intrigue for the last hundred years and most of the calamitous wars could have been averted.

As before stated, I am of English ancestry, yet I have an intense sympathy with and for the German people, and believe that although so greatly outnumbered by the allies in men and resources, Germany is going to win in this fight, and that the greatest civilization that has ever arisen on this earth is going to be preserved for the continued betterment, not only of those who love the German fatherland, but for all mankind.

Open Court (Chicago)

Lone Airman's Peril.

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By the English "Eye-Witness."

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Sweden's normal annual export of butter is valued at about 12,000,000.

THE WOUNDED TRUTH.

"Pressism" The Real Peril of the Nations.

By R. L. ORCHELLE.

This war has taught us, more fiercely and more flamingly than any other war, that if the final decision of all struggles still depends upon the "ultimo ratio" in a world that is but as a feather in the vortex of physical forces.

Now and then, when I can isolate myself from the tremendous swirl and current of events, I beat a mental retreat into that period of green, unbroken peace before the war—when the world was what it may never be again—and we too were as of another race and another time.

It is not the heroic use of the engines of war that I regard as the annulment of civilization, but the debased use of the engines of civilization.

The dull wire lying in the ooze of the Atlantic bottom flashes a falsehood along all its miles of length, and whole nations are infected.

The "publicity campaign" of the Allies, to use a shabby and detestable phrase—the slogans, the stock phrases and the political platitudes, have proved one thing to an over-powering degree—the hypnotic power of suggestive terms, the easy acceptance of the reiterated, still reiterated lie.

Ah! the immortality of the Lie! This upas-tree has the habit of the banyan—whose branches take root in the soil, then spring hideously aloft as trunks.

England was the first land to debauch the modern world with advertisement. Both before the war and during it this method had been pursued with success.

tisement is deception and the spirit of England's propaganda is advertisement. It draws its power from something that is weak in human nature, weak, and in our day, perhaps corrupt.

When, in addition to all this, we consider the ape or parrot in man, the fundamental animals that cause him to repeat the easy phrase or copy the ready mental attitude, instead of heaving his own way through facts and circumstances, we see how the disturbance of his emotional and mental centre of gravity is at the mercy of every charlatan and trickster, religious, political or financial.

The mere weed-like growth of vast, wriggling democratic masses capable of reading muddy newspapers concocted by mediocre minds, does not justify oratorical demagogues in attributing to them the rare faculty of thinking.

Man in the mass is ruled by gravitation and cohesion. This is especially true in war—when the imagination and passions of men are in the ascendancy and thought and judgment in abeyance.

Nowhere are there any leaders, but merely voices and figures. Germany alone has its pre-eminent man, its high-priest and its patriarch—the Kaiser. This is proved by the fact that against him personally the leaden spears and muddy missiles of the whole Allied world are flung.

And as for those "free and enlightened" multitudes in our own land, I confess that I never take up an American newspaper without a dreadful sinking at the heart.

To the bedside of stricken Truth let us bring our small nosegays of flowers, and let us hope that we need not, ere the war be out, lay a wreath upon her grave.

Most of the good listeners are men, and they are married men.

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