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DEGRADING THE CROSS. A Danger For Our Souls.

By John L. Stoddard.

More serious even than the loss of life and property in this world-war is the destruction of those high ideals, on which our civilization was supposed to rest.

The introduction into Europe also of heathen Asiatics and Africans to kill white Christians, and the abuse of German prisoners, civilians and missionaries at the hands of African blacks, ordered by British authorities, may likewise have a very serious influence on the spread of Christianity.

Nevertheless, till recently, one ideal still remained intact—apparently too universal to arouse hostility, too pure to be besmirched by calumny, too far removed from political and religious feuds to call forth hatred.

So rare and noble is this attribute in man, that every government has sought to recognize and reward it. Not by the gift of money.

Behind the Cross of the Legion of Honor, the Ordre pour le Mérite, the Iron Cross, the Victoria Cross, and the Medal for Bravery, humanity has always revered its best and highest, and paid an indiscriminate homage to the men who wore them.

But now it seems that the same spirit shows itself four thousand miles away, in the United States, whose only part in the appalling carnage is that of prolonging it by ammunition and thereby making countless widows and orphans.

Never once have I seen in a German or Austrian newspaper, and never have I heard from a German or Austrian citizen one word reflecting on such decorations given to their enemies.

What sort of people could have laughed at this base betrayal of the noblest of human sentiments, and called it "cute"? Yet such there were, who thought it fun to throw mud at the stainless statue of self-sacrifice, and spit upon a beautiful ideal, sacred to the brave of every land!

One would have thought that those who did this, quite apart from any consideration of the nationality involved, would have remembered that what they thus degraded was the symbol of Christianity, and that this special form of it resembled closely that which marked the bravest and most chivalrous sons of the Crusades.

A dearly loved and much admired friend of mine has fallen on a battlefield in Poland. Upon his breast, when I last saw him, hung the mark of approbation he most valued,—the Iron Cross.

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"Dear lady, all my countrymen are not such hopelessly ignoble souls. There must be thousands there who scorn such shameful sacrilege, even if they lack the courage to protest against it.

We also have one comfort. It is that those defamers of the Iron Cross might have degraded it still more. They might have hung it on themselves.

Invisible Aeroplanes.

Surprise, skepticism, perhaps a suspicion of faint chagrin, have been aroused among American aeronautic engineers by the cabled report that Germany has perfected an aeroplane with transparent wing coverings which is invisible at a height of six thousand feet.

"Cellon" was rejected by the Wright brothers four years ago—without a trial. It is manufactured by at least one firm of chemical engineers in Boston (by many chemists in other parts of the country), and is the familiar cellulose acetate which is used by American aeroplane makers as a varnish for the cloth of their planes.

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5% German Imperial Loan. (Third War Loan.)

For the purpose of covering the expenses arising out of the War a further 5% National Imperial Loan is herewith offered to the public for subscription.

The Obligations are not redeemable by the State until the first of October 1924 consequently, until that date, the interest cannot be reduced. The holders can, however, as in the case of all other Securities, (by sale, mortgage etc.) dispose of them.

Conditions.

1. The office for Subscriptions is the Reichsbank. Subscriptions will be accepted

from Saturday, the 4. September, to Wednesday, the 22. September, 1 o'clock mid-day at the counter of the head office of the Reichsbank for securities in Berlin (Post check counter Berlin No. 99), and at all the Branches of the Reichsbank.

Subscriptions can be made by Proxy at the Royal Maritime Company (Prussian States Bank) and at the Prussian Central-Joint Stock Counter in Berlin, the Royal Principal Bank in Nürnberg and its Branches, as also in all German Banks, Bankers and their Branches, at all German Public Savings Banks and their Branches, at all Life Insurance Companies, and at all German Credit Institutions.

The Post Office also accepts Subscriptions in all places where there are offices for cash payments. For such Subscriptions payments have to be made in full by the 18th October.

2. The loan will be issued in Bonds of 20,000, 10,000, 5,000, 2,000, 1,000, 500, 200, and 100 Marks with coupons payable on the 1st April and 1st October of each year. Interest will commence on the first of April 1916, and the first coupon is payable on the 1st October, 1916.

2. The price of issue when the Bonds are asked for delivery, is 99 Marks,

but if carried over into the National Debt Ledger with embargo till the 15. October 1916, 98.80 Marks for every face value of 100 Marks reckoned with the ordinary interest. (See Par. 8.)

4. The Bonds allotted will, upon the desire of the subscriber, held in safe keeping by Department of the Reichsbank for securities in Berlin until the 1. October 1916 cared for and administered free of cost. This depositing does not entail any loss of proprietorship; the subscriber can obtain his deposit at any time—even before the lapse of the time named—and take it back. The deposit receipt will be taken as security for advances by the Loan Banks, just the same as though it were the security itself.

5. Subscription forms can be had at all the Branches of the Reichsbank, at Banking Houses, Public Savings Banks, Life Insurance Companies, and Credit Institutions. But Subscriptions can be sent without such forms, as ordinary letters. Those Forms can be obtained at all Post Offices.

6. The allotments will take place as soon as possible after the Subscriptions have been made. As regards the extent of the Allotment it will be in measure to the amount subscribed at the Subscription office. Special desires respecting the Partition may be made upon the special space provided for the purpose on the subscription forms.

7. The Subscribers can pay in full the entire amount allotted to them, dating from the 30. September, at any time they choose. They are called upon to pay:

- 30% of the Allotment at latest on the 18 October 1915, 20% " " " " 24 November 1915, 25% " " " " 22 December 1915, 25% " " " " 22 January 1916.

Part payments may be made sooner, only in round hundred per cents worth of the whole amount. Further the Subscriptions up to 1000 Marks need not this time be paid in full during the first term. Part payments can be made at any time, only in hundred parts of the worth of the whole face value; at the same time the payment need only be made, when the sum due reaches at least 100 Marks.

As an example: at latest must be paid: the subscriber of M. 300 M. 100 on the 24 November, M. 100 on 22 December, M. 100 on 22 January; the subscriber of M. 100 M. 100 on 22 January.

The payment must be taken at the same office where the application was made.

Non-interest bearing treasury notes at present in circulation, will be accepted with a 5% Discount from the Date of payment, at earliest the 30 September on, in payment until the date when they fall due.

8. As the date of interest upon the Loan commences first upon April 1916, a discount of 5% will be made upon all payments before the day of payment, but at earliest from the 30 of September on, until the 31 March 1916, for the benefit of the subscriber.

Table with columns: Per Bond, In Loan Ledger. Rows show interest calculations for different periods and face values.

9. For the Bonds of 1000 Marks and more there will be issued, by order of the Reichsbank Directorate Interim Receipts, for the exchange of which into Loan Certificates public notice will be given later on. The Certificates under 1000 Marks, for which Interim Receipts are not given, will be prepared as soon as possible, and probably be delivered in January 1916.

Berlin, August, 1915.

Directorate of the Reichsbank. Havenstein. von Grimm.

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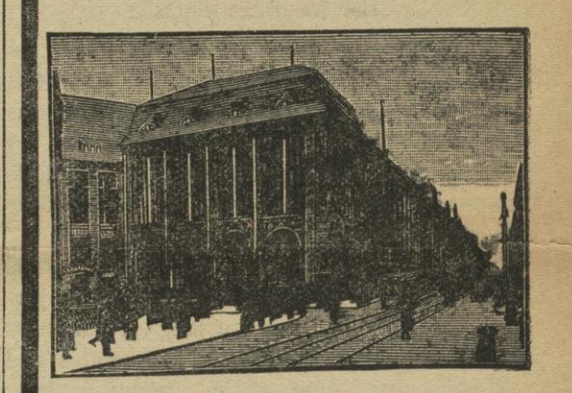
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