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There is in Germany a famous prophecy. It is called "The Prophecy of Mayence," and dates from 1854. It comprises eighteen verses of prediction, of which the first nine have been fulfilled in the most remarkable manner. Here are the verses:

1. When the little people of the Oder shall feel themselves strong enough to shake off the yoke of their protector and when the barley is sprouting from their ears their King William shall march against Austria.

2. They will have victory upon victory up to the gates of Vienna, but a word from the great Emperor of the West shall make the heroes tremble on the field of victory, and the barley shall not be gathered in until he has signed the peace, shaken off the yoke and returned triumphantly to his country.

3. But at the gathering in of the fourth barley and that of the oats a dreadful sound of war shall call the harvesters to arms. A formidable army, followed by an extraordinary number of engines of war that hell alone could have invented, shall start towards the West.

4. Woe to thee, great nation, woe to you who have abandoned the rights divine and human. The God of Battles has forsaken you; who will succour you?

5. Napoleon III., mocking his adversary at first, shall soon turn back towards the "Chene-Populeux" where he shall disappear never to re-appear.

6. In spite of the heroic resistance of France, a multitude of soldiers, blue, yellow, yellow and black, shall scatter themselves over a great part of France.

7. Allsace and Lorraine shall be carried away from France for a period and half a period.

8. The French shall only take courage again as against each other.

9. Woe to thee, great city, woe to thee, city of vice! Fire and sword shall succeed fire and famine.

10. Courage, faithful souls, the reign of the dark shadow shall not have time to execute all its schemes.

11. But the time of mercy approaches. A prince of the nation is in your midst.

12. It is the man of salvation, the wise, the invincible, he shall count his enterprises by his victories.

13. He shall drive out the enemy of France, he shall march to victory on victory until the day of divine justice.

14. That day, he shall command seven kinds of soldiers, against three to the quarter of Bouleaux between Ham, Woerl and Paderborn.

15. Woe to thee, people of the north, thy seventh generation shall answer for all thy crimes. Woe to thee, people of the East, thou shalt spread afar the cries of affliction and innocent blood. Never shall such an army be seen.

16. Three days the sun shall rise upwards on the heads of the combatants without being seen through the clouds of smoke.

17. Then the commander shall get the victory; two of his enemies shall be annihilated, the remainder of the three shall fly towards the extreme East.

18. William, the second of the name, shall be the last King of Prussia. He shall have no other successor save a King of Poland, a King of Hanover, and a King of Saxony.

All the first part of this prophecy up to the ninth verse, inclusive, is varified by the war of 1866, then by that of 1870, and then by the Commune of 1871. Here are the last nine versres:

10. Courage, French patriots, Germany cannot carry out its schemes of supremacy.

11. The time of fatallation approaches. The Tear shall come in the midst of you to seal the alliance.

12. That is the man of salvation.

13. He shall chase the enemy of France, he shall conquer Germany until it is completely destroyed.

14. The last battle on the field of Bouleaux, near to Paderborn, in Westphalia, shall reunite seven allied peoples French, Belgians, English, Dutch, Russians, Japanese, and Servians) against three (Germans, Austrians and Hungarians.)

15. Woe to thee, Prussia, thy seventh generation shall answer for the wars thou hast made upon all the people. (Seven generations make 30 years plus 7-210 years. The realm of Prussia dates from 1713. The seventh generation is, then, living between 1893 and 1924.) Woe to thee, Austria! Never such a battle will have taken place.

16. It shall last three days in the smoke of the conflagration.

17. Finally Prussia and Austria shall be annihilated. Hungary shall fly towards the extreme east (of Europe.)

18. William II. shall be the last King of Prussia. Germany and Austria shall form three realms: Poland, Hanover and Saxony.

The British army is at present engaged in assisting the Prophecy of Mayence to a triumphal fulfilment.

THE ALIEN ENEMY

INTERNMENT OF SUSPECTS—DANGER OF PIGEON POST

(From London Times.)

The police are continuing their strict measures to check espionage and to guard against sabotage by alien enemies in this country. During the last five or six days some 500 Germans and Austrians who are of military age and who are either destitute (and so potentially a danger) or suspect have been interned. The cases which are reported in the newspapers and those which have not obtained publicity show that there is ample need for the police activity.

The methods adopted by the German spies to obtain and to convey information show considerable ingenuity. There have been endeavours to tap telephones wires and to secure access to the messages received by cable companies. Women as well as men are engaged in the work. Recently a German governess in a London family departed, leaving some of her possessions behind. The house was visited by the police, who found among some papers in a locked trunk careful and detailed sketches of railway bridges and their environs.

The precautions taken by the police make pigeon post the only means of communication with Germany which can be used with confidence. For this reason alien enemies who continue to keep carrier pigeons are rightly regarded with the utmost suspicion. The railway companies now will not carry such pigeons for liberation.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES CHARGED

At Bow-street Police Court on Tuesday Maximilian Walter Curtis Duntz, 31, cigarette manufacturer, of Woodsome-road, Highgate, was remanded on the charge of failing to register himself. When questioned by the police at premises in Green-street Leicester-square, the prisoner said that his name was Walter Curtis and that he was a Norwegian. He afterwards said that he was born in Berlin and that his father, who was a Norwegian, had arranged for his exemption from military service in Germany. A detective officer said the prisoner had been enrolled as a special constable. His father had registered as a German.

At Marylebone Police Court William Norman Bott, described as a mining engineer, of German nationality, a special constable for the City, and a member of the Royal Societies' Club, the Royal Geographical Society, the Geological Society, and the Chemists' Society, carrying on business at St. Helen's-place, was charged with failing to register himself. The case was remanded, bail being allowed in two sureties of X150.

A SGCRET ARMY DOCUMENT

At Warrington on Tuesday Harold Dutton formerly of the Army Service Corps, was committed for trial charged with retaining an Army document to which he had no right. It was stated that he had acted as clerk to a General Staff officer engaged on Portsmouth defence, and made a copy of the notes of a secret lecture the officer gave. The prosecuting solicitor said he trembled to think what might have happened if the document had fallen into wrong hands. It contained information of the highest value.

A German seaman named Wilhelm Kruger was in Edinburgh on Tuesday sentenced to six months' imprisonment for false registration. He represented to the police that his name was Henrich Goldbloom. The principal witness was Henrich Goldbloom, a prisoner of war at Redford Barracks, who stated that he was captured some weeks ago by a British warship in the North Sea. He had inquiries made at his old lodgings at Leith with regard to a seaman's passbook issued some time ago to him by the Board of Trade, when it was discovered that he was being impersonated by Kruger, who was found to be a deserter from the German Navy and was shipping as a seaman in the name of Goldbloom.

At Sittingbourne Police Court on Tuesday, Henry William Tomlin, subpostmaster at Eastchurch, near Sheerness, with his wife and daughter, and a girl named Lydia Abbott, were charged under the Official Secrets Act Lieutenant R. E. C. Lascelles, Rifle Brigade, stated that on searching the Post Office premises at Eastchurch he found in the front bedroom three plans of the Aviation School at Eastchurch—one in a chest of drawers among some linen, and the other two on a box at the foot of the bed. A police-inspector stated that Tomlin, when charged, said he knew nothing about the plans, which had been left there by a man named Budd a civil engineer who had been employed at the aviation ground laying in the electric light, and had lodged at the house. Mr. and Mrs. Tomlin, were remanded in custody, the two girls being admitted to baill

At Marylebone Police Court on Wednesday Luitpold Bohm, 24, a German waiter, of Cosway-street, Lisson-grove, was charged with having a revolver and 24 cartridges in his possession without an official permit and failing to declare them. Detective-sergeant Yard said that the prisoner when visited the previous afternoon denied that he had any firearms Sixteen railway and other maps were found among his possessions. Mr. Cancellor sentenced him to six months' imprisonment in the second division, and recommended him for deportation.

Baron von Hurst Arrested.—Baron von Hurst, an Austrian who is well known in London social and business circles, was arrested on an espionage charge on Monday night. He is now prisoner of war in a concentration camp.

MISS FANE THREATENED BY GERMANS

In consequence of her letters in The Times on "Highly Placed Spies," Miss Neva Fane, a lady living in the West End, has received anonymous threatening letters from various Germans.

One was a typewritten letter in which the writer said he hoped that when the German Army arrived in London from Paris, which would soon be the case, her house would be one of the first to be burnt and that she would be stripped and thrashed in her own drawing room.

TERRITORIAL SHOT BY SANTRY.

While guarding Hay Mill Bridge between Slough and Taplow, on the Great Western Railway on Monday night a Territorial sentry challenged a man approaching the bridge. Receiving no reply to his third challenge, the sentry shot the man and killed him.

He then found to his horror that his victim was Lance-Corporal Ward, of his own regiment, who was in charge of the squad at Hay Mill. It is supposed that the noise of the trains prevented Ward from hearing the challenge.

ALIENS ARRESTED AT WINDSOR.

Four Austrians and three Germans were arrested by the police last Friday at Windsor, where they have been employed.

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WAR SIDELIGHTS

RUMOR AND PATHOS AT THE FRONT

Thrilling stories are now coming rapidly one after another from those who have taken part in the fighting on the French frontier, and there is humour as well as pathos in them, as the following indicate:—

No Request for Two Helpings.

An intelligent Northumberland Fusilier with the British told a correspondent his regiment had had street fighting in a colliery town not far from Mons. "Mostly firing, but there was one bayonet charge. The South Lancashires made it. The Germans don't like that sort of fighting. They won't come out, or they wouldn't come, at any rate, to meet us. Once we got within seeing distance of a whole bunch of them. They were in close formation, masses of 'em. Our machine guns did 'em up proper. When we do catch them they don't ask for two helpings."

"Good-Bye, Mr Flying-Man."

"In the daytime the Germans had aeroplanes," said one of the British wounded after the battle at Mons, "to tell them where to drop their shells. They were flying about all the time. One came a bit too near. Our gunners, a long way behind us, you know, waited and let him come on. He thought he was all right. Two thousand feet he was up, I dare say. We could hear his engine. He may have made a lot of notes, but they weren't any use to him or anybody, for all of a sudden our gunners let fly at him. We could see the thing stagger, and then it dropped like a stone, all crumpled up. Good-bye, Mr Flying Man! That was the end of him." '

Touches of Detail.

A French infantryman, who was wounded at Charleroi, said: "The Germans were attacking from the north—that is, from the direction of Brussels. They began by attacking Charleroi. That was on Saturday. As many of the inhabitants as could clear out did so, poor creatures. The shell fire was awful. That night the Germans got in. But next morning we had them out again. We surprised them by the violence of our fire. One lieutenant of Uhlans we found fallen forward over a pail. He was stripped to the waist. In his hand was a piece of soap still. He had been washing. Another sat at table in a little inn. His cup of coffee stood before him. He had been drinking out of the saucer, and had dropped it, The broken pieces lay on the ooor."

Turcos and Paradise.

Another invalided Frenchman gives the following story:—"All that day and the next day the battle raged round Charleroi. It was taken and retaken five times. You can guess there is not much of the town left! Under cover of artillery fire both sides advanced and retreated their infantry. Several times they fought breast to breast. Once the Turcos (the Arab troops from Algeria and Senegal) got right up to a battery and killed the gunners with their bayonets. They were like men possessed. Nothing could stop them. They are taught by their religion that death means Paradise. Mon Dieu, monsieur, enough of them found Paradise that day. There must have been a struggle at the gate!"

Weird Searchlights.

Here is a weird story by a British private who was wounded near Mons—"In the dark the Germans turned on searchlights. We could see them hunting about for someone to pot at. Uncanny that was. To see the blooming big lane of light working round and round until it came to something! Then we heard the shells whistle. And when it came round to us and lit us up so that we could see each other's faces, Lord, it made my blood run cold—just like I used to feel when I was a nipper and woke up and saw a light and thought it was a ghost and lay there wondering what would happen next."

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WHEN PAU WAS WOUNDED

HOW HE TOLD OF LOSS OF HAND IN 1870

PARIS, Sept. 2 (Correspondent of the Associated Press).—Gen. Paul Gerald Pau, hero of the second capture of Muelhausen, whose army has borne one of the biggest parts in the war, lost his right arm in the battle of Worth in 1870. His announcement of the fact to his mother, a few days after the battle, is contained in the following letter, which has just been made public:—

"My good mother: As I don't know if any of the letters that I have written to you have arrived, or rather, since I have strong reasons for believing that none of them have reached you, while, this time, I may hope that you will be able to see my autograph, I am going to relate my adventures at length.

"First of all, the originality of the preceding seven lines must lead you to think that they were traced by a foot instead of a hand. Undeceive yourself and laugh neither at the first efforts of an unpracticed hand, nor at the style. Besides, the fact that I speak almost exclusively German just now, I swear that elegant phrases don't flow easily when it takes five minutes to trace a line.

"But I am forgeting that I haven't told you the main thing. I am wounded, but, as you see, not dangerously. It was the 6th of August in the battle of Worth. I had had up to that time the luck not to be touched; in the midst of a rain of iron and lead, when a shell smashed a tree near me, and a splinter struck me on the right hand and put two fingers hors de combat. An hour afterwards I regretted much less the loss of the above-mentioned digits because a Bavarian bullet fractured the same hand and lodged itself between the two bones of my wrist, fom which I delicately extracted it. I was then ordered to the ambulance, and it was while I dragged myself along in that direction, obliged to pass under the fire of the Prussian batteries, that I received a fragment of a shell in my right thigh.

"Unnecessary for me to tell you that all is quite well with me. It is true they had to amputate my wrist, but the operation was highly successful. How could it be otherwise? I am with the best folk in the world; nursed like a child of the family; visits, each more affectionate than the last. I don't lack.

"Enough of myself. I needn't tell you that I am anxious for both our poor Lorraine and our poor France. Shall I be a long while before I can fly towards Nancy, 'trailing a wing and dragging a foot?' It is Lafontaine who gives the answer.

"In the meantime a thousand kisses and hoping to see you soon.

"GERALD."

ITALY'S FRIENDLY ATTITUDE

LONDON, Sept. 17.—There is a growing belief in diplomatic circles that Italy has at last decided definitely to aid the Allies against her former treaty associates. Confidential reports received to-day through diplomatic sources indicate that the pressure from within is beginning to have its effect upon the Italian Government.

PRO GERMAN MOVE REACTS.

MILAN, Sept. 17.—The warfare waged by the German agents in Italy to influence Italian opinion against the Allies, instead of having the desired effect, is convincing shrewd Italians of England's strength. Here is the comment of the Milan Secolo:—

"Germany knows her real and only peril is England. She is trying to convince us that the English will never deal to her a mortal blow and that England is only bluffing.

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The Italian affection for England and France is intense. Wherever one goes protestations are heard that nothing ever can induce Italy to fight against France or England.

ITALY IS READY.

BORDEAUX, Sept. 17.—The Temps quotes Prince Tasca di Cuto, Ialian Socialist Deputy, with reference to the attitude of Italy.

"Opinion in Italy," says the Deputy, "is unanimous in demanding the realisation of the anti-triple outgrowth of the situation. Italy's neutrality has been a necessary transition; our military measures have been taken as quickly as geographical conditions permitted, and the Italian army is ready for all eventualities. Our fleet is mobilised and coaled, thanks to arrangements with England."

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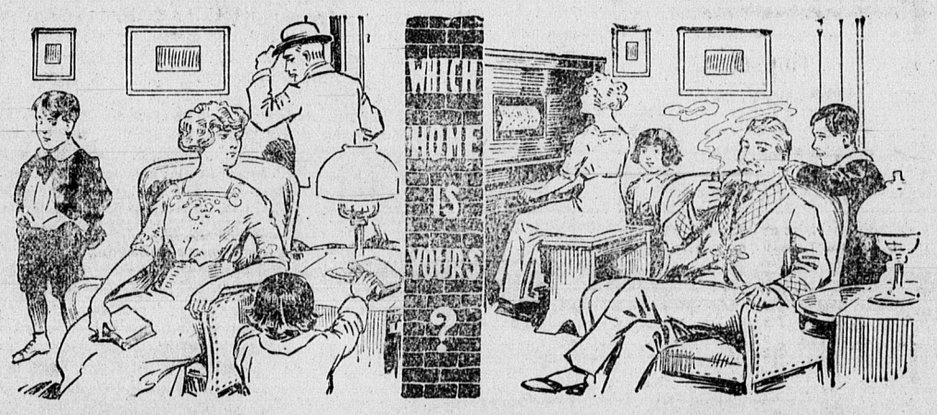

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