

MORE ENERGY AND ZIP IN GERMANY

Writer Says There is Less Laziness Than in Any Other European Country.

LOW EXCHANGE IS BIG AID

Gives Germany Advantage in Laying Her Commercial Lines in Little Nations About Her—Bitter at United States.

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Berlin.—I have been traveling in central Europe for months. I have visited farms and factories and stores and banks and government offices.

A marked difference is noticeable as soon as the German frontier is crossed.

There is more energy and zip in Germany; there is less laziness; trains move regularly; clerks in stores are well staffed; wagons and cars and freight trains (one of the rarest sights in Europe) move briskly; smoke comes from the stacks of at least some of the factories.

German factory owners say "Trade in Germany" goods can never again depend on cheapness for sale abroad. They point out that her sources of material are cut and that the old long hours and cheap labor are gone.

Yet Germany bids far lower than anybody else on a contract for metal uniform buttons for the Czech-Slovak army recently. I could cite several other cases.

Germany has a big advantage in laying her commercial lines in the little nations about her (sentiment aside of course) because of the fact that her exchange is very low, like theirs.

From Germany alone, among the big nations, can the new nations get values approximating what their money represents to them.

Germany's Bright Side.

That is, for Germany, the bright side of a bad situation. Her mark is worth under a nickel, about a sixth of par. She has got to have a credit before she can buy cotton and copper from America. She can't buy with marks.

Government officials urge a credit for the hope it would give the German people as they enter on a hard winter.

The same plea, of course, are made by the other nations of central Europe, some of whom helped the allies to win the war.

The French government is doing the best it can, but the attitude of the Prussians in the business world is:

"You have to give us credit before we can pay France and Belgium and England! You're delaying to give France and England a further heart-stroke!"

They hold Uncle Sam personally responsible; he's hated for declining to rush help across with open money bags.

There are several reasons why the south of Germany is leading the north. The Prussian worker had less freedom in the old days than the south German worker. Now that he holds the whip hand, he hasn't a more-an idea of what to do with his liberty.

Prussian capitalists, too, are slower. They hate to "get to work for France and England," as they put it.

British officers in the occupied area tell me the big dye works in the northern Rhine district are kept closed by the Germans. The Germans know the allies cannot yet equal their dyes—especially a "fixed" blue—and they do not propose to start these plants until let the allies learn the secrets if they can avoid it.

What She Can Export.

Germany can export some glass, china, porcelain, cutlery, optical instruments and toys, without importing raw materials. She needs from America principally cotton and copper.

French and British chocolate, soap, toilet articles, etc., are on sale in the stores everywhere in Germany. The only American goods found generally are prewar stocks.

The French and British occupied zones are now commercial fronts. Military officers there and military missions in Germany give the French and British commercial travelers and bankers every assistance. All of the American commercial men and bankers I met in Germany told me they had fought their way through in spite of the American government, rather than with its assistance.

The Germans realize their overseas trade will be absolutely dependent on the allies for years to come. Germany now owns only 3 1/2 per cent of her prewar shipping.

MUSEUM GETS GIANT PANDA

Only Specimens in This Country Sent to New York by Missionary From China.

New York.—There has just been placed on exhibition on the second floor of the American Museum of Natural History in New York what is believed to be the only specimen of the giant panda ever brought to this country.

It was obtained by a missionary in western China.

The panda is an animal found in the mountainous interior of western China.

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BITS OF NEWS

Severity of the 30 children who have suffered from stammering have been cured at the first course for stammering conducted by the Board of Education in Buffalo. The stammering of the remaining ten has been minimized by a second course covering one hour daily for ten days.

of the new advisory health council for the City of Syracuse. The other members of the board are Dr. Coon, Dr. Fisher, Carter and Easton.

Declared that he had failed to clear himself of the charge of contributory negligence, Justice Devereux has set aside the verdict of \$9,000 awarded Mike Runglich of Syracuse, who lost both legs by being run over by a freight car in that city.

The old Spiritualists' Temple in Westertown, financed by the late Abel Davis, has been sold under mortgage foreclosure to the Bagley & Sewall Company for \$1,600.

Chief of Police Cadin, of Syracuse, announces that the sub rosa sale of liquor, light wines and 2 1/2 per cent beer in Syracuse must be discontinued. There are 125 cafes and restaurants in Syracuse and it is said it has been no secret that proprietors of most of them had interpreted the law liberally.

How to be Happy. Happiness is not only a sensation of the mind but more often a condition of the body. You may have everything from the aspect of Mrs. William Thomas, Ill., 71, who was ailing for a long time from a heavy dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I did not get any better until I had used your medicine. I feel like a new man now and I am able to do my work as usual. I feel like a new man now and I am able to do my work as usual.

WHY Superstition Has Remained Powerful in China

Amazed when its superstitions are pointed out. The Chinaman is proud of his; they are his encyclopedia, his social guide and legal adviser rolled into one. Feng Shui is the Chinese creed of superstition. Feng Shui, or wind and water, is a combination of two mysterious and powerful elements, the azure dragon and the white tiger, which must meet at an angle for favorable conditions to prevail. Even when lucidly and copiously explained, Feng Shui remains a shrouded mystery.

To the Chinaman, Feng Shui is the great thing in life. Following its commands he warily avoids chances of ill luck. When he builds a house he places the windows at various angles in order to confuse the evil spirits who may try to get in. When his neighbor builds a house he watches proceedings, and if the structure shows signs of becoming higher than his own he voices a protest on the plea that the good spirits who have been boozing his household with visits will be unable to find their way over a projecting roof top. Strangely enough, these arguments are proposed and received with dignity, and unless the offender can think of some apt rebuff to show that he is not doing injury to his neighbor, he usually complies with the request.

The complications of Feng Shui are quite beyond the western mind. It is doubtful whether the Chinese understand the mystic symbols and portents about which they so seriously and glibly converse. Their belief in the power of Feng Shui is, however, undisputed. Imagine an American deciding whether to get married, whether to have an aching tooth pulled or where to plant a rose bush by consulting the direction of the wind and taking the sign seriously, and you have some idea of the Chinese guiding rule in life.

Why Water Runs Off Duck's Back. The reason that water runs off a duck's back is that the feathers of ducks are oily and, as water and oil will not mix, the water runs off instead of soaking in. One reads in the Book of Wonders, published and copyrighted by the Bureau of Industrial Education, Inc., Washington, D. C. The feathers on a duck are so thick on the body of the duck, top and bottom, that even if it were hot for the oil which is on the feathers the water would have some difficulty in seeping through the feathers. But the main reason why the feathers on a duck's back cause water striking them to run off is that the duck has an oil gland which is constantly producing grease or oil, and which the duck uses in giving his feathers a thin coating to make them slick, and when any water strikes the duck it runs off. Other birds which live in the water a great deal have this oil gland for the same reason.

Why Quail Should Be Protected. The most expensive meat in America is that of the quail. The price of the bird may be moderate enough, but the loss caused by killing it is another matter. Careful authorities estimate that each quail is worth from \$10 to \$25 to the American farmer as a destroyer of insects and devourer of weed seeds. This is particularly true in those parts of the South afflicted by the boll weevil. Quails are as fond of weevils as weevils are of cotton, and more than one farmer has noticed that when his fields are well stocked with quail the cotton crop is safe. There is little to be done very vigorously game preserving in Dixie on economic grounds rather than for sport, during the next dozen years.—Chicago Journal.

How to Prevent Seasickness. In the future, sufferers from seasickness will not be forced to undergo that dreadful trial just to get across "the pond." We'll have airplanes to go from America to France and the tunnel passage from France to England. But for those who still cling to sea craft, inventors are trying to do away with the rolling motion of ships' cabins, which is the chief cause of the trouble. The principle on which they are working is that of suspending the cabin from a fore-and-aft axis by means of a gyroscope with a vertical axis of spin. By this means they hope to control the oscillation of the cabins and make sea voyages a joy to all.

How to Thwart Burglars. Burglars have increased 20 per cent in London during the past year, and burglary insurance companies are urging policy holders to keep their doors and windows locked at all times. The police would remove the ordinary iron lock and replace it with a magnetic lock, one which is the only one that would make the burglar's work a London effort. "The lock can be readily furnished; the sound is almost burglar-proof."

How London Unites. Brass bedsteads about 400-500 in number with metal, polished, and painted in it in the streets. Just before the brass parts with some small pieces, then run with a very strong leather.