

GERMANS CURE

BY SHORT VISIT TO 'VATERLAND'

Americans Advised to Leave
Accent Behind Before
Entering Country.

HARD TO GO OVER LINE

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Germany is curing the hyphenated German-American. A dose of Vaterland administered daily for a period of one to four weeks purifies the accent and the character and dis-

The Kaiser's imperialistic ambitions resulted in an elaborate system of propaganda to retain the loyalty of German emigrants to their children's children. That was before the revolution. The German leaders of today are still seeking an outlet for the surplus population which they counted on support to waste time or sentiment on the German who emigrated a generation ago.

DOUBTS ABSENCE FROM GERMANY

A Milwaukee manufacturer entered the office of the German consul general in The Hague, Holland. Priding himself on his perfect knowledge of the German language, he requested a visa to emigrate to Germany.

"When did you leave Germany?" demanded the consul.

"I have never been there," replied the American.

"You've never been to Germany a

"If you are an American I would advise you to stick to your Americans."

The American coming to Germany usually expects trouble, and his cold and unfriendly curiosity may be a more or less friendly curiosity. The German-American

can in many cases, possess the ocean with the same ease as the land. The reward for the indignities he imagined heaped upon him during the last two or four years because of his steadfast loyalty to the land of his fathers, he expects to be greeted with open arms if his faithfulness. He might be were to Kaiser and his mates still at the helm. The loss of the war, the revolution, the Versailles treaty and the wave of Bolshevism have in one way or another radically changed the position of Germany, and the German-American alliance with his 1914 point of view, idealized distance, must be a born diplomat to avoid bitter arguments. He finds that Germany has repudiated the Kaiser and

A New York manufacturer, a naturalized American, by his loudly outspoken anti-American talk recently suited some Atlantic citizens to a line boat for Hamburg. On board was demobilized United States Army major who was an official of the line. Instead of staying a year in Germany to take the cures as he had announced daily intended to do, the manufacturer appeared at the Hamburg shipping office within a fortnight and ordered passage on the next boat returning to America. The major refused and sparsed no word of explanation. The New Yorker threatened to prosecute New York.

he had made and bitterly announced that he had been an assorted variety of unprintable fools. He returned to America on the next boat—and left his hyphen in Hamburg.

**TOURIST GREETED
BUT SOAKED HEAVILY.**

A peculiar trait of German character is emphasized by their isolation during the war, is a great curiosity, frequently coupled with admiration, for foreigners. An Englishman or American who doesn't speak a word of German is frequently treated with suspicion and triple the German prices, but in return he receives the promptness of service which would kill the envy of a German privy councillor.

The tourist soon discovers this and never permits himself to be mistaken for a German by speaking the language too perfectly. American automobiles, American pointed shoes, American col-
lars, American fashions, American ja-
coets, American dollar bills, American
plus ultra in Germany today. The Ameri-
can tourist reflects their glory.

The German-American who tries to identify himself as a German destroys his own glamour and he stands in ill
with the Germans while the American
is shown in immediately. An American
is expected to brag about America
they're world famed for it—but a Ger-
man-American speaking the same lan-
guage in an accent, wearing the same

A German tailor in New York who had emigrated from Germany about ten years ago and taken out his first naturalization papers voluntarily reported himself after the armistice, as an undesirable alien, and asked to be deported back to Germany. Uncle Sam agreed and paid his passage home. A few weeks later this German appeared at the United States embassy in Berlin and asked permission to return to the United States. He had been disillusioned. For a year he haunted the office of every American in Berlin into which he could pry his self and made speeches which would furnish a Fourth of July orator with material.

Today he is back in New York—without his hyphen.

Regard U. S. Federal Tax Laws as Model

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Dec. 17.—Mexico it is announced by leaders in the new government, intends to change its Federal tax laws and adopt a new system using that of the United States as a model.

Under the present laws stamps must be attached to receipts, checks and numerous other papers. The system has been a failure.

The proposed change, according to the government's plans, will be made at the January session of the Mexican Congress. A bill providing for a new system of taxation is being prepared for consideration by Congress.

It also announced that the Federal tax on mines will be reduced about 30 per cent. The present tax is so heavy that owners of mines producing low grades of ore are under a heavy handicap.