

GERMANS OFFER SORRY PICTURE THESE LAST DAYS

Manners and Morals Decline As Mad Rush For Pleasure Goes On.

BERLIN, Jan. 13.—It is a difficult task—the search for a new ideal in Germany today. Often one is tempted to give it up altogether.

Social Germany presents a sorry picture. The industrial and economic ravages of the last seven years have not faded in their effects.

In the luxurious holiday resorts one is reminded of the "Decline and Fall." Here one can see how our civilization will end if nothing is done to alter the present trend of events.

Everything is a mad rush for pleasure. In places like Baden-Baden, called "the little Paris," you imagine you are at the Ascot races. Every afternoon the cafes, restaurants and hotels are filled with elegantly dressed and bejeweled men and women.

Long motor tours are undertaken, though the charge for a taxicab is 600 marks (at the pre-war rate of exchange \$120) for an afternoon. In the evenings the hotels and "bars" and "Dileks" are filled with revellers, dancing and drinking. The latter is compulsory—in every

public place there is "Wein-Zwang." You are not admitted to any cafe whatsoever unless you undertake to consume wine or champagne. It is a useful source of profit for the cafe owner, and of profit for the state.

"OUR DISSOLUTE SOCIETY"

The deterioration in manners and morals which results may be imagined. Those Germans who care about their country speak sadly of "unsere verlotterte Gesellschaft" ("our dissolute society").

In the public dancing halls in Berlin chairs are removed and rugs and cushions take their place—the divans of old Rome. Girls can not be in the street alone after dark.

There is a mania for sex plays—Wedekind, Schnitzler, Sudermann are played in every large town, while the output of plays of less known dramatists on the same subject seems never-ending. At the same time the classical favorites are by no means neglected, and performances of Shaw, Wilde and Shakespeare, as well as modern and ancient German authors, are attended by enthusiastic and crowded houses.

A great national festival is being prepared for Gernert Hauptmann's sixtieth birthday next year, and so great is German veneration for letters and art that this dramatist-poet is even spoken of as a possible future president of the republic.

For the militarism we fought to eradicate in Germany we have substituted a possibly worse vice—materialism run mad.

There is no conversation except of prices and exchanges. Middle classes and

workers (whose children would be long dead were it not for the magnificent work of the "Quaker-Speisung" in all the big centers, have to talk of the means of livelihood in order to make both ends meet; the rich divide their time between wondering how long they will be allowed to keep their wealth. It is not a promising atmosphere for the birth of a new Germany.

Although among the upper classes and war profiteers expenditure is so extravagant, there are evidences of some forms of economy. No German travels first class on the railways; very few second class. The great majority travel third although the seats are not padded; and some even find that another form of economy is hushness; in the most elegant promenades in town and country, there is hardly a hat to be seen.

In the hotels practically everything in the way of food can be obtained. But certain reminiscences of war remain. For instance, in the appearance of black bread for breakfast—unless white rolls are specially ordered at a mark apiece—in the badness of the butter—at 32 marks a pound—in the substitute coffee, and the scarcity of milk.

KEEP FOOD IN BEDROOMS.

In even the biggest hotels it is customary for guests to keep food in their bedrooms to bring down to the dining hall their own pots of butter or jam; and it is a common sight to see them pocketing the remains of breakfast or tea—bits of butter, lumps of sugar, a cake, a roll, and even black bread and paper serviettes.

Because taxes are so high hotel pro-

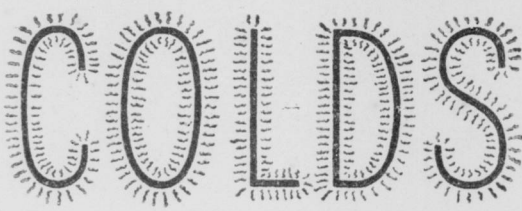
prietors seem to have invented every conceivable way of profit-making, including that of underpaying their staff. A fifteen-year-old boy, too ashamed for some time to confess what his earnings were, revealed at last that he was getting 40 marks a month (today about two shillings); he was the eldest of a family of eight.

DIVIDE BIG ESTATES.
SYDNEY, New South Wales, Jan. 13.—Despite intense opposition, the New South Wales parliament is expected to pass the bill providing that owners must

subdivide for sale to settlers any land exceeding 100,000 in value.

CUTS OF CHILD'S HAND.
HAVANA, Jan. 13.—Carlos Dominguez, owner of a traveling circus, forbade his child to touch the box in which he kept his money. The child disobeyed and the father cut off her hand.

BRITISH CRIME GAINS.
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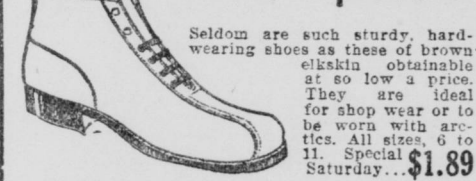
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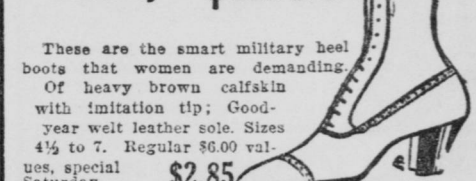
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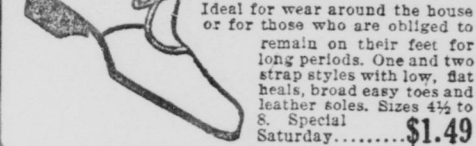
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