

ACROSS THE DEEP.

The Pride of the German Army in the Presence of Emperor William II.

From our Special Correspondent.

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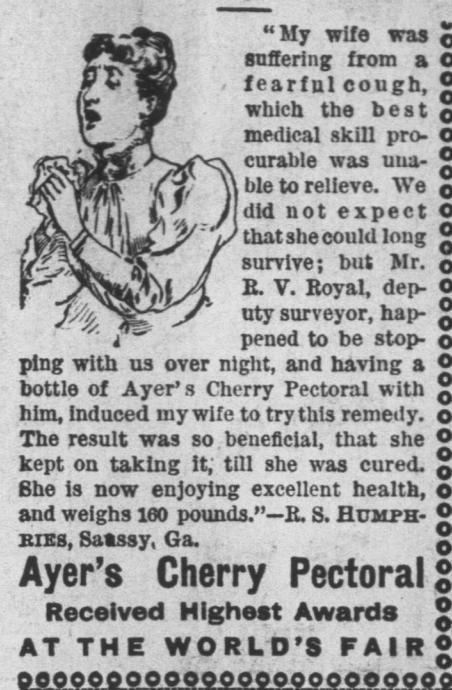
Every American who possesses the slightest tincture of patriotism and gratefulness holds in sacred memory the 30th of May, with all its sad recollections of noble sacrifices. In the north to do honor to the deeds and memories of a noble martyrdom, and in the south to cherish the memory of brave but misled defenders of a cause that has been forgotten as a real and living principle in the spirit of her people. Sometimes we find Americans in name, whose judgments are so warped and natures pinched as to regret the honors given the American soldier. In Germany, where the soldier has not the same reason to defend his country as in America, we find in every public place monuments to his memory, and every effort made to respect his martyrdom. Some of the finest monuments of Germany are those erected to the memories of the soldiers of 1870 who carried her banners on victorious fields in the advance upon France.

It is a product of the hatred of this war that Europe is so completely armed as she is at present. This ever omnipresence of the soldier in Europe is very noticeable to an American who is so unaccustomed to seeing such costly and dangerous instruments. In my own case it was especially perceptible, since I had only witnessed such warlike gatherings as reunions, which were to celebrate the presence of peace rather than a menace to the "white robed lady." I also have a vivid recollection of the martial fire displayed upon the streets of Rensselaer last fall by a band of would-be soldiers for gymnastic exercises principally, as well as on the college campus. But an American, in time of peace, does not have much idea of what a soldier means in the European sense.

Instead of witnessing, on Decoration Day, as has been my usual custom, the slow and sorrowed tread of old and war worn veterans as they march to the graves of their fallen comrades, to pay tribute in flower and word, I was in a position to witness another scene, which carried with it a far different picture. Twice in each year the German Emperor reviews the military garrison of Berlin. Of these two occasions the spring parade is the most elegant in appearance, and the Berliner looks forward to this day with great pride and pleasure, and I confess that it was with no little interest that I awaited the coming of May 30th, as I was to see in review under the eye of the Emperor the flower of the German army. This means possibly the best trained body of men in Europe and consequently the world.

To the south of Berlin is a large open field of some hundred acres, which is retained as the exercise ground of the Berlin garrison. At an early hour on the 30th the Berliners began to collect in squads in the places in this field allotted for the sight-seer. With the full curiosity of a small boy at a circus, I wanted to see it all, and an early hour found me with the rest of the early comers. The first of the armed men to appear were the police, who were driven on the ground in loads and dispatched to their respective places to do picket duty. They alone numbered many hundred. Soon bodies of soldiers began to appear in all directions, dressed in their most elegantly apparelled uniforms. The foot soldiers, with blazing helmet and white trousers, presented a most beautiful picture as they moved with the precision of clock-work.

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geant is only a fair representation of what the armaments of Europe mean, and gives us some idea of the grandeur and magnificence of the military displays at a time when gorgeousness and luxury were the habits of the age.

This display suggests the question as to the possibilities of war in Europe. I believe, personally, unless things change soon and radically change, war will come. There were never two people who hated each other so thoroughly as the French and Germans. The French were whipped by the Germans in 1870 as few nations were ever whipped, and the pride of the French will never be satisfied until she has lost her rights to national life or has lowered the pride of the Germans. Germany has nothing to gain from war but much to lose. France has much to gain and possibly an existence as a nation to lose, for if Germany ever gets the upper hand of her again she will totally annihilate her. Russia has intentions on Europe which will result in a terrible thing some day. England's policy is separation from the politics of the continent by increasing her navy. Italy is bankrupt in trying to play the great power. Austria has internal troubles which absorb her strength and attention. The growth of social democracy in Germany and, in fact, all over Europe is a just cause of alarm to the crowned heads of Europe. Russia is making arrests by the hundred for conspiracy on the part of the people. France seems to be bent only on one purpose and that is vengeance on Germany. One thing is not generally understood, and that is the idea which has taken possession of Russian religion zealots that all the Christian people who are not adherents to the Greek Catholic church are radically in error and it is the duty of Russia to compel them to accept the truth. This is a more powerful factor than is generally recognized. The Brer Reagan has been a successful hypnotizer for 50 years, but he has "dun los" his rabbit foot. We ain't a-gwine to let him any moah. The judge has held office long enough.—Cooper (Tex.) People's Cause.

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In Europe we have passive war although she has been free from active war about as long as the United States. But her constantly armed position with every threatening presence of active war brings in its train high and grinding taxes, low wages, misery to the poorer classes, leading them to socialism in Germany, communism in France, nihilism in Russia, threatening revolution and often repudiation. In our own country we have peace so far as a dead force is concerned. Under normal conditions we have order, abundance, low cost of production and in comparison to the European laborer high wages, good houses, security, contentment and welfare. The conditions in America in the last year have been abnormal.

In Europe there is a population to square mile of about 145 persons; in United States 15 persons. In 1880 the debt of Europe per person was \$74.70, in the United States \$33.35, in 1860 but in 1880 had been reduced to \$25. With this armed condition of the nations of Europe taxes can not be reduced. One man in twenty in Europe is under arms; in the U. S. one in 400, in 1880, and the proportion is less now. Each regiment passed by twice so far as our real military cost is concerned, including every item that is expended in this way by our national government, pensions, standing army, Indian

troubles, etc., it is as high as Germany with all its militarism, but this is because the German soldier only receives about 5½ cents per day with clothing and board, while the pensioning of old soldiers, so far as I know, is unheard of in Germany. Our cost is mainly that of peace and permitting our vast army of old veterans to enjoy the blessing of peace which their presence stimulates while each nation of Europe under present circumstances is compelled to maintain her armed thousands as long as her Amazon sisters present the same front. War need not be expected this year.

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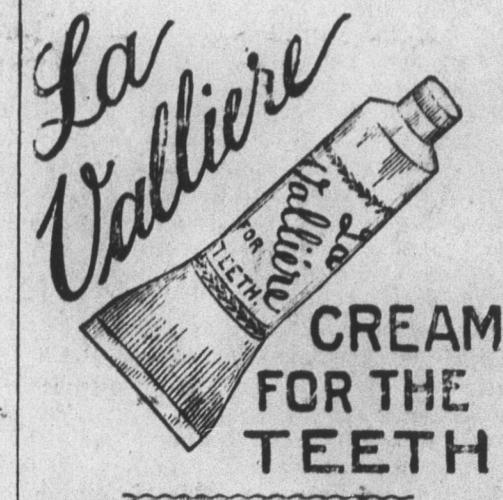
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