

GERMANY MUST PAY

Nation Will Never Be Able to Make Amends for Damage.

FERTILE SOIL IS DESTROYED

Innumerable Unexploded Shells Will Make Cultivation Precarious—Doubtful If Land Can Be Reclaimed.

By WRIGHT A. PATTERSON.

What must Germany pay for? That question can be adequately answered only when it is remembered that Germany started the terrible conflict in Europe for no reason other than that of conquest and loot; started it only to satisfy the selfish ambitions of a selfish people for world domination. That is being admitted today by what is left of the German nation; it is admitted by those who were directly responsible for the war. And it is because Germany started this conflict for no reason other than that of conquest and loot that Germany owes to the world full payment for all the devastation which the war has brought, not only in so far as she can pay now, but in so far as she can pay for generations yet to come.

Among the many, many sections of Belgium and northern France that I personally covered, following closely on the heels of the retreating Hun army, was that which lies between what were the cities of Ypres and Menin, approximately 20 miles apart. Here, before the coming of the invading Boche, was what was considered the most productive soil of the world, and the most intensely cultivated. Here in a number of farm villages lived the Belgian peasant families, happy, thrifty people, each family cultivating the small fields which it owned. No fences separated these fields, no hedges cut them off from the

and Menin, on both sides of that long, straight road, I am sure I did not see one square foot of soil that was not a part of a shell crater. What had once been the richest soil of the world is today but a waste, made so by the shells that fell upon it because Germany sought world domination. This soil has been destroyed by countless thousands of shells falling actually one upon another, each digging deeper into the earth until the very subsoil has been turned over and the land made worthless for cultivation for years to come, if indeed it can ever be reclaimed.

Unexploded Shells Buried in Soil.

There lie today on the surface of this land many thousands of unexploded shells, and there are buried in the soil many, many thousands more, each one of them a menace to any farmer who attempts to put a plow into the soil in an effort to reclaim it. And this land is destroyed, as the homes were destroyed, because of German ambition, of German cruelty, of German lust, of German wantonness and German brutality.

Who is to pay for it? Who is to risk destruction that it may again be put into condition for cultivation, that it may serve the purposes of the human race? Shall the peaceful Belgian peasants, who had no part in the starting of this conflict, suffer their loss without compensation? Shall these peasants who have endured more than four long years of homeless agonies, who have suffered not alone the loss of homes and land but the loss of relatives and friends as well, be the ones to risk destruction in the effort to again bring these lands back to a condition where cultivation is possible? Shall they be blown to bits by the bursting of these shells, hidden as they are beneath the surface of the ground, when the plow strikes and explodes them? If undisturbed, those shells continue to be a menace for years to come, but who are to risk their lives in removing them?

Could the American people generally, and especially the American farmers, have seen the sights I have seen

For Early Spring Street Wear



If it is to be a contest between the one-piece trottieur and the two-piece suit for springtime street wear, such handsome outfits as that pictured above will help the cause of suits immensely. Suits have turned in the direction of unusual lines. What with Chinese coats that have proved so effective in the popular short fur coats for midwinter, and the straight up-and-down models that have just appeared in the handsomest materials, and sleeves that flare at the wrist or go to the opposite extreme and are skin tight, suits have not by any means played all their trump cards. Skirts are narrow and plain, distinguished by many variations as to management of waistline and pockets. They are no longer than for some time, but, as to coats, one cannot generalize—there is too great a variety in them, too much individuality of design.

The chic suit in the picture is an example of an individual style, which manages an almost straight-line silhouette in spite of some fullness in its skirt. The broad, shaped girdle is placed somewhat below the waistline, fastening to the left with a buckle, and there is an odd group of tucks stitched in oblongs with parallel sides, which the tailor must have put in just to show how expert his work can be, or to make up for pockets which he has had the hardihood to omit. This omission is indeed unusual. Velvet in bands replaces fur as a trimming, finishing the pointed bottom of the coat and placed at the top of the small, close-fitting cuff. It overlays the collar at the back and part way down the sides.

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As simplicity is the keynote of fashion just now, it has developed naturally, if somewhat quickly, that women are paying very much more attention to the quality of merchandise. The finer cloths in all ready-to-wear apparel are appreciated most. Perhaps they buy fewer garments, but there is no doubting that the better ones are selling first.

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OLD PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK KIDNEYS

Have you ever stopped to reason why it is that so many products that are extensively advertised, all at once drop out of sight and are soon forgotten? The reason is plain—the article did not fulfill the promises of the manufacturer. This applies more particularly to a medicine. A medicinal preparation that has real curative value almost sells itself, as like an endless chain system the remedy is recommended by those who have been benefited, to those who are in need of it. A prominent druggist says, "Take for example Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a preparation I have sold for many years and never hesitate to recommend, for in almost every case it shows excellent results, as many of my customers testify. No other kidney remedy that I know of has so large a sale."

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Lights Beautify Garden.

The terrace in front of a large laundry plant has been beautified with a peculiarly beautiful sign which is the combined product of an electrician's and a gardener's skill. Each letter is outlined in electric bulbs set in a sheet metal frame which is painted white on the inside to reflect the light.

In the area inclosed by each metal letter geraniums have been planted. The sign is very beautiful by day, and doubly so at night when the lights illuminate the flowers, according to Popular Mechanics Magazine. The electric bulbs are covered with ordinary jelly glasses, to protect the flowers from the heat and the bulbs from the weather.

Dawn of a Great Peace.

When the last draft age limits were fixed an Emporia colored man who has been in jail several times for failure to support his family went to work in order to claim dependency. Monday morning, when he heard the peace news, he quit his job.—Emporia Gazette.

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Won Gratitude of Yanks.

Downmore, a little village in the interior of the island of Islay, Scotland, has won the everlasting gratitude of survivors of the American troopship Otranto, which went down off the island as a result of a collision.

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Ground Pulverized by Bursting of Big Shells.

roadways, and the families that cultivated the fields lived not on the little farms but in closely built villages of from 100 to 500 people each.

Devastation is Complete.

It is hard to realize today that these villages ever existed, that the land along this long, straight road was ever cultivated, ever produced foodstuffs for a people. In fact, it is hard to realize today that this was ever an inhabited country.

Of these peaceful villages, the living places of these farm people, there is no trace left. There are not even piles of debris, of broken brick and stone and lumber, to mark the spots where they stood. There is no single thing by which the returning peasants, weary dragging themselves back to that spot which had been home to them and to their ancestors for almost countless generations, can mark the place where not only their home but their village had stood.

I have seen old men and women, wearied by four long years of exile, stand beside this road and gaze longingly over the devastated landscape, in an effort to locate some familiar object that would remind them of the spot they had known all their lives, and then turn away with tears on their cheeks because they could not find even one small object that would tell them of the homes, the only homes, they had known.

It was German ambition, German cruelty, German lust, German wantonness, German brutality, that were the cause of the destruction of these homes, of the agonies of a peaceful, thrifty people.

What can possibly compensate these people for their loss, for the misery they have suffered and must still suffer, for the homes and the associations that are gone forever? No, Germany can never pay in full, but she can continue to pay and pay until there has been bred out of the German people that desire for war, that love of conquest, that brutality, that it has taken centuries, almost, to breed into them, and which has resulted in laying a whole world waste.

In all that 20 miles between Ypres

along this long, straight road between Ypres and Menin, they would say, as I say, it is the German who must pay; it is the German who must risk destruction in the effort to put this land again into condition for cultivation.

I believe that one condition of the peace treaty should be that Germany, either as one nation, or proportionately from the several small nations that may be formed out of the German empire, should call its military classes to the colors each year as it has done in the past; but in place of putting guns into the hands of these men, and training them for the purposes of war—a war of conquest—that it should put these men into the territories she has devastated, to reclaim the soil and to rebuild the villages, the towns and cities the Huns have destroyed. Let these Germans, under guard of Belgian troops, take the risk of destruction; let them guide the plow that may strike the unexploded shell, and let Germany pay them the meager wages of the German soldier while they are doing this.

Should Pay and Pay and Pay.

That would be the nearest thing to an accounting that Germany can render to the world, but she should pay all that it is humanly possible for a people to pay who have so ruthlessly despoiled the world. Her people should pay, and pay, and pay, until they have learned beyond the shadow of a doubt that war for the purpose of conquest, for the purpose of loot, for the gratification of selfish ambitions, is the most unprofitable business they could possibly engage in.

And remember that the devastation to be seen along the road from Ypres to Menin is but an example of all the terrible destruction to be found throughout Belgium and northern France and Serbia and other countries that have been overrun by the conquest-seeking armies of the Boche. And remember, too, that it is not alone the devastation that is to be paid for, but it is the work and the tears and the economic loss of every nation that was called into the struggle to defeat the selfish purposes of a selfish people, that the world might be a decent place in which free men might live.

Three Hats for Southern Tourists



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side, reveals a facing of brilliant slipper-straw, bound at the edge with a narrow fold of satin. The crown is entirely covered with satin, draped over it and tied at the back in the most casual way imaginable. At the front a basket of flowers is embroidered on the satin. This simple-seeming hat is, in reality, a difficult affair to make, for each separate little straw has to be placed in position with perfect accuracy. A hat of this kind might be made in any of the fashionable suiting colors with facing in black.

At the left a satin-covered hat in black has a crown beruffled with hair-braid lace and a border of it falling from the brim edge. A bouquet of spring flowers is posed against the side crown. It is a picturesque and summery creation—a forerunner of wide brimmed models that may be expected to arrive in force next summer.

The sailor shape with soft crown, shown at the right, has no adornment but a big tassel. It is developed in beige color, with braid brim and satin crown. The wide scarf, has a long turned-back velvet collar and is gathered at the back, from which long, heavy silk tassels are suspended.

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