

# GERMANY, IN FEAR OF NEW SLAV NATION, HAS GREAT WAR DRAIN

### Victorious Balkan Allies Believed to Be a Serious Peril.

It is not so many years since the Kaiser drew with his own hand a caricature showing United Japan and China, represented as a huge dragon, reaching westward to devour Europe, and wrote underneath, "Europeans, protect your most sacred possessions."

Today the yellow peril is forgotten in the presence of the new giant that has arisen in the east. It is the peril of the eventual Slav domination of Europe. This is apparent in Germany's great military preparation.

Since the days of Bismarck Germany has realized dimly the potentialities of the vast districts eastward, but it took the lessons of the Balkan war to awaken the Germans thoroughly to the possibilities of the rise of this great power in Asia and the near east.

And so, in days of great financial stringency, when the markets are already depressed and Germany and Prussia are floating loans of 550,000,000 marks, comes the startling announcement that 1,000,000,000 marks, or \$250,000,000, will be asked for immediate armament purposes and a permanent addition of 200,000,000 marks to the yearly military budget.

The immensity of the contribution asked can be understood when it is considered that the annual savings of the entire German people amount only to about 4,000,000,000 marks. The amount asked for military purposes, therefore, will absorb a quarter of this, to say nothing of the regular annual expenditure added to the permanent budget.

### Demands Stagger German Public.

It is not alone the immensity of the sum demanded that has staggered Germans and the whole of Europe as well, but also the recollection that when the addition of some 30,000 men annually to the standing army was asked last year the military authorities assured the nation that the increase asked would suffice to make Germany strong enough to resist all aggression that could be expected and to protect all her interests. Yet now they come with an unprecedented demand for 1,000,000,000 marks and an increase in the number of the army which it was at first understood would be 50,000 yearly, but now, it is understood, will amount to 84,000, raising the standing army to a peace footing of more than 800,000.

As an explanation of this the semi-official Cologne Gazette comes out with the statement: "For the present our armament is sufficient. What is asked is provision for the future. In the bloody hours before Kirk Killise the face of affairs began to change, and an alteration in conditions began which will become history with the signing of the peace treaty."

"This drives Germany to strengthen her military forces. It is not the sudden threatening turn in the aspect of affairs that demands a stronger military force than would have been necessary had things remained as they were before the war, but it is the fact that with the national and military rise of the Balkan states and the temporary elimination of Turkey as an armed power a shifting in relative strength has taken place to benefit the entire Slav nation."

# OF NEW SLAV NATION, HAS GREAT WAR DRAIN

### Kaiser's People Forced to Give One-fourth of Savings For 800,000 Army.

It is an open secret that the Kaiser has been averse to any increase in the army which might appear unwarranted. In fact, many army officers have been known, when conversing with friends on whose discretion they depended, to say more or less bitter things about the emperor's love for peace and to make dire predictions as to whether his very real aversion for war was likely to lead the country.

It is now reported, however, that the Kaiser has become convinced that the time to act has arrived and that the new proposal was inspired by him. It is fairly certain, in any event, that he is the author of the proposal that 1,000,000,000 marks be raised by taxation on the country's great fortunes and that the princes surrender for this purpose their ordinary exemption from taxation.

The emperor has pointed out that the year 1813 was a year of unexampled sacrifices by the people and that no better way could be found to celebrate the anniversary of the freeing of Prussia from the foreign yoke than by this sacrifice.

The extent of the sacrifice proposed can be judged from the fact that the entire taxable valuation of the German empire probably does not exceed 200,000,000,000 marks, or \$50,000,000,000. It is proposed, however, to exempt small fortunes up to perhaps 50,000 marks from the tax. This would eliminate a considerable part of the whole and impose a really tremendous burden on the richest.

### No Serious Objection.

The German nation has a right to be proud of the fact that thus far no serious objection has been urged against the scheme, although it must be admitted that the Prussian "junkie" organs appear rather lukewarm regarding the matter. In general, however, the response has been gratifying. But the effect on the financial situation of the empire and as a consequence on the financial world generally is bound to be to a considerable extent disastrous.

The money market is already very tight. Peace in the near east will give rise to new demands for money. Half the new Prussian and Imperial loan subscriptions, amounting to 275,000,000 marks, must be paid on March 27. A great many cities have been awaiting a favorable time for floating loans, which will now probably have to wait still longer.

The 1,000,000,000 marks asked for are to be spent mainly on fortifications along the eastern frontier.

### SAYS HE CAN CONTROL SEX.

### Paris Physician Astonishes Medical Fraternity With Alleged Discovery.

A controversy rages in Paris over the announcement of R. Robinson that he has found a way to control the sex of the unborn. His experiments have been made in collaboration with Dr. Carlo Basile of Rome.

Briefly, their theory is that an injection of lecithin or of cholin will cause the offspring to be a female, while the injection of adrenalin will incline the offspring to be of the male sex. Lecithin is colorless phosphorized fat obtained from the cells of animals and vegetables. Cholin is an alkaline from the bile of animals, and it is obtained also from egg yolk and from animal nerve tissues.

Adrenalin is an extract of the glands which lie above the kidneys without any known purpose. Lecithin and cholin, according to Robinson and Basile, destroy the male element in the maternal cells, and adrenalin destroys the female element in the cells.

### ONLY GIRL BABIES WANTED

### Evidence of Female Superiority Shown In Odd Way.

An extraordinary manifestation of the alleged growing interest in the superiority of women was told to the woman's party at Chicago recently by Mrs. Julia Way, superintendent of the Illinois Children's Home and Aid society.

"We find now," said Mrs. Way, "that there is no demand for boy babies. Families that wish to adopt babies invariably ask for girl babies. The hospitals and asylums are full of healthy boy babies, but no one wants them. Girl babies are as scarce as feathers on a cat. They are seized in their swaddling clothes by persons anxious to adopt them."

"What we shall do with the male babies is a pressing question that has found no solution as yet. I know it is heartless to discriminate against them, but such is the fashion of the day."

# SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

### All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

### REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

### Farmers Busy in Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Morrisville will organize a village improvement society.

After cutting tombstones at North Wales for forty years, James Billiard is retiring from the marble business.

Eggs are a drug in the West Chester markets, and are selling at 17 and 20 cents.

"Congress rules the country and drives prices up," said Joseph Brower, of North Coventry, under Court examination for naturalization.

Perkasie demands a town flower, and to get the sentiments of citizens the First National Bank has sent out blank coupons.

Building permits for work aggregating \$150,000 have been issued since the first of the year by Building Inspector T. T. Williams, of Chester.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Easton, has purchased additional ground adjoining its property for a larger church.

Robert Klotz, member of a prominent Easton family, is under arrest on a charge of embezzling funds from an insurance company.

At West Chester, Burgess Jeffers caused the removal from billboards of pictures advertising the Rosenthal murder case at a local moving picture show.

Charles Tate, a grocer at Devon, was arrested for selling an adulteration called olive oil, that contained 95 per cent. cottonseed oil, and was fined \$60 and \$14 costs.

Quakertown High School students have been offered a prize of \$2 by the Woman's Club for the best essay on "How to Make Quakertown an Ideal Town."

Having been arrested for embezzlement, ex-Prothonotary Stephen K. Atkinson, of Newtown, pleaded guilty to the bill in the Judge's chambers and sentence was suspended.

Water mains burst at Yardley, and it was necessary to shut down for a time the powerhouse of the New Jersey & Pennsylvania Traction Corporation, the building becoming flooded.

A bad landslide occurred on the Eastern Pennsylvania Street Railway between Mauch Chunk and Nesquehoning, delaying traffic for several hours.

Raymond Cattell, a young man of West Chester, has brought suit against the Sharples Separator Works for \$5,000 damages for injuries received when his arm was badly mangled in a machine.

West Chester residents say that among the most pressing needs of the town are: Trolley connections with Wilmington. Government by commission. Terminal facilities for trolley freight. More prompt payment of small bills. "Dry" weather at the clubs. Four playgrounds at different sections of the town. More strict enforcement of the anti-cigarette law.

Walter Rose, of Tarentum, has departed for South Rumania, Europe, where he is to be in the employ of the Standard Oil Company to look after its interests in the oil fields. Mr. Rose will have charge of the drilling and teach the art to the natives of that country. He sailed from New York yesterday, and it will require 12 days to make the trip. Mr. Rose has a three-year contract with the Standard Oil Company.

Harry Painter, a 23-year-old Perry county citizen, had his first ride on a railroad train to Harrisburg. He has lived all his life just outside of New Bloomfield, where he has heard the locomotives on the Susquehanna & Western Railroad, but he never wandered near enough to use the trains. What makes it all the more remarkable is that Perry county has had railroads for almost three-quarters of a century, and New Bloomfield has been a railroad station since before Painter was born.

The report of the city superintendent shows that 1,000 pupils were absent from the public schools of Chester in one month on account of the measles.

Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty, of the Knights of Columbus, will be one of the guests at the Knights of Columbus convention, to be held in Scranton in May. He will attend the banquet to be given May 12 by the fourth degree members of the order. Mr. Flaherty has not been in Scranton in ten years.

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A Belgian chemist, Effront, has succeeded in making artificial meat, according to the testimony of several prominent doctors. They say the new product is easier to digest, more nourishing and far cheaper than the real thing. It tastes about the same. Beef, mutton and pork can be turned out to order.

The component parts of "vrandin," as it has been christened, are hardly appetizing. Malt is the main ingredient, and it is treated with various chemicals.

A test is about to be made in regard both to taste and nourishing powers.

# WHO WILL BE THE THIRTEENTH WHITE HOUSE BRIDE?

Who of the Misses Wilson will be the thirteenth White House bride. They are all charming girls and of eligible ages. The record to date is:

- 1811—Lucy Payne Washington to Judge Todd.
  - 1812—Anna Todd to Representative John G. Jackson.
  - 1820—Marie Monroe to Lawrence Gouverneur.
  - 1826—Helen Jackson to John Adams.
  - 1829-37—Della Lewis to Alphonso Yver Pageot, Mary Easton to Lucien B. Polk and Emily Marlin to Lewis Randolph.
  - 1842—Elizabeth Tyler to William Waller.
  - 1874—Nellie Grant to Algernon Sartoris.
  - 1878—Emily Platt to General Russell Hastings.
  - 1886—Frances Folsom to President Cleveland.
  - 1906—Alice Roosevelt to Representative Nicholas Longworth.
- Next?

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