

What the Germans Have Done for America

Historical Review in Outline of the Part Played by Germans in the Upbuilding and Development of the United States in Art, Science, Education, Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

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This year the Germans of Nebraska and western Iowa made preliminary arrangements for a grand home coming and celebration at the Deutches Haus and Garten, (German Home) on South Thirtieth street, October 3 and 4. But the war in Europe dissuaded the plans to some extent and the matter of a parade has been abandoned, but there will be concerts by the children, a musical program by the singing societies and each day a grand concert by a band of forty musicians and speeches in German and American. Many old veterans who fought in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 and 1871 will be present, also great-grandsons of veterans whose ancestors fought under General Blucher at the battle of "La Belle Alliance," which battle has been called by the English the Battle of Waterloo. In this engagement the English only had 21,000 soldiers in action, and the Netherlands and Germans 50,000, and General Blucher entered into action with 56,000 Prussian soldiers, when the allies had been practically defeated at 4 p. m. on the 18th day of June, 1815, ninety-nine years ago last June. German historians claim this should be a victory for the allies and particularly by the Prussians under the command of Blucher, and call it the battle of "La Belle Alliance."

The home-coming will be simple and unostentatious, yet impressive. The question will arise what have the Germans been doing for America, and what are our German-Americans doing? With the magnificent history in war and peace, the German people can and should hold their heads high. We wish to quote to some extent from an article which was written in 1913 by William W. Young, former editor of Hampton's magazine and later editor of the McClure newspaper syndicate. It will not seem boasting when coming from the pen of a true American. He said:

When You Want to Laugh--Eat

And If You Want to Eat Without Food Fears Take a Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablet After Each Meal.

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"My Old Grumpy Days Are Funny to Me Now."

Just make up your mind to help nature help herself. Give your body a chance to make good. Heal the raw edges of your stomach and give your blood the tools to make digestive fluids. There is only one way to make the body well-give it the chance to make it itself well. Harmful and strong medicines handicap the system. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets go into the stomach just like food. They are dissolved and there they strengthen the weakened juices of the digestive apparatus until the digestion is made normal.

brigadier general, when the conflict ended?

"Is that race stolid that has always throughout American history fought as well as pleaded for liberty, that all of the 70 men that, under Herkimer, fought the battle of Oriskany, the bloodiest conflict of the war for independence; that fought from the siege of Boston to Yorktown; that sent the first regiment to Washington when President Lincoln called for volunteers; that took the bridge at Antietam, held Cemetery Ridge at Gettysburg, stormed Fort Fisher and marched with Sherman to the sea?"

In music the Germans represent much. Greater New York City has 200 singing societies, Chicago over a hundred, thirty-eight in St. Louis, and the same ratio all over America. Seidel, Gerliche, Danrosch, Stock, Mahler, Stransky and hundreds of others. There are the noted professors in astronomy, painters, sculptors, designers, architects, engineers, and in fact, the Germans can and must be associated with all that is grand, uplifting and wonderful in America.

In the army and navy we find Rear Admiral Hugo Osterhaus, Brigadier General Theodore Schwan and many others. Adolphus Busch, millionaire brewer, and chairman of the art committee of the St. Louis World's fair. Wilhelm Funk, noted portrait painter; Carl Mueck, conductor of Boston Symphony orchestra; Prof. Kuno Franke, curator of Germania museum at Harvard.

There are more Germans in New York than any city in the German empire, except Berlin; there are more Germans in Milwaukee than in Bremen; more in Buffalo than in Heidelberg. Over 50 per cent of the population in Kentucky are German. Twenty-eight per cent of the population in Washington, D. C., are German.

truth is a German made the bargain. It was Peter Minnewt (Minnet in the usual spelling), a native of Westphalia. He was director general of the New Netherlands, and in 1621 closed the deal with the Manhattan Indians for the Dutch. He erected the fortification in the present Wall street region.

Another German, Jacob Leister, from Frankfort, was the first to arouse in the colonists that feeling of community interest which eventually led to the overthrow of British rule and the formation of the United States. And during the foment in the colonies caused by the crowning of William III the people of New York elected him temporary governor of New York.

The confidence which the Americans have in the Germans is wonderful. By the commercial world they are looked upon as absolutely honest. Every state encourages their coming, and millions have been spent to get them to settle and develop the farms and community. When one says it is a German community that is the stamp of honesty. Let it be said it is a German farming community and people will say they are prosperous and they want to do business there. The name German-American associated in business, whether banking, insurance or commerce, inspires confidence (even if the stock is controlled by Americans).

The old method of making a campaign tour in a private railroad train and speaking from the rear platform is superseded by the modern motor car.

Senator Beveridge is campaigning in an auto. Senator Beveridge makes a whirlwind campaign tour of Indiana in a new Oakland model 7 touring car.

There are approximately 40,000 Germans coming yearly. Compare them with other nationalities. In 1911 the class was as follows and that is a fair sample of what is coming in later years: Seven thousand three hundred and eighty were farm laborers, 1,356 avowed farmers, 1,728 merchants, 1,068 carpenters, 1,911 clerks, 737 bakers, 639 tailors, 353 musicians, 109 sculptors, seventy-three architects, 103 electricians, 285 professional engineers, 253 teachers in languages, etc.

While on the observation platform of the train, leaving the coast, he was one of the victims of two desperadoes who boarded the Pullman. But the Omaha man happened to have his watch and wallet in an inside pocket of his vest, and they escaped discovery by the robbers, who secured only some small change from Babbitt in their haste.

ARCHITECTS TO DESIGN HIGHWAY ACCESSORIES

The executive committee of the American Institute of Architects has proposed co-operative measures between itself and the Lincoln Highway association in promulgating the completion of the great way from coast to coast. The institute proposed that, upon receiving assurance that artistic control of all accessory work be given to the institute, the institute would design all bridges, markers, stations and monuments along the way without cost to the association.

PENNSYLVANIA THINKS HE HAS MADE A RECORD

European Toys Come Through in Spite of the Foreign Trouble

Despite the fact of war, Hayden Bros. department store has secured a shipment of 100 cases of toys and dolls directly from the war zone proper. What is more, they will continue to receive shipments according to the representations that carry on their foreign transactions.

are mechanical toys, dolls and novelties made in Germany, Austria, France and Belgium. In a letter from New Orleans D. Burns of the toy department is assured of future shipments, regardless of the greater expense in transportation brought on by the war and the difficulty occasioned the foreign representatives in obtaining the goods.

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The "Schulling Rupture Lock"

At a recent firemen's tournament held at Riverside, I. I., a new hook and ladder tractor recently placed in service by the municipality of Patchogue, L. I., attracted great attention, and comment.

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