Our Jazz Music Would've Saved Kaiser Wilhelm

So Says Berlin Satirist Who Tells Germans All About Ecstacies of American Syncopation.

By FRANK E. MASON.

Correspondent. Berlin, April 16. — Jazz music might have saved the kaiser from his fall. "Aber, Ach! he never learned it," regrets Hans Siemsen, the satirist, explaining jazz to Germany in the current issue of the Welt Buchne, or World Stage.

"America, so they say, has no more liquor," writes Herr Siemsen. which can make you drunk without alcohol. Jazz is a cross between European dance music and Ameri
"One Alatl Radicode. Mobilize Naval Communications." European dance music and American negro music.

There is a piano, a violin and perhaps a bass viol. But especially and a variety of nameless, highly fantastic instruments which, rather than producing music, cause a sort of musical din.

This and That.

"The fat man who plays these in-struments is the soul, the good spirit of the jazz band. He doesn't play them all at once; sometimes he uses this, sometimes that. When the table full of musical appliances doesn't suffice he grabs something from the wall. The pianist and violinist play-well, at least very uneuropean, but the fat man surpasses them all. He gurgles on a bassoon-like horn (the saxaphone is unknown to Germany) an independent base melody without bothering in the least about what his comrades are playing.

"Then he decides that for the next passage of music a flute melody is more suitable and picks up a flute. Or he tinkles a triangle. He always knows exactly what is necessary and supplies the music with any-thing it lacks, whether a boom, a shrill cry, or a deep-toned mysterious gong. And if he hasn't anything else to do he sits down beside the pianist, who for a single person is already doing pretty well in imi-tating a four-handed player, and plays whatever comes into his head -perhaps a cromatic scale. And at the same time he sings a negro

It Is Beautiful.

"Perhaps you think that this is tremulous. It is comical-but it is also beautiful. Like the cubist pictures of Picasso, or the acquarels of Klee. trality now became a consideration Seemingly senseless and not harmonious, in truth in its very discord | coast patrol was established. it has harmony.

This music, this rhythm which contradicts all common sense, is irresistible, like poison or like alcohol. Jazz music gets into your very bones, into your limbs. It sets those done. who really understand it into motion like marionettes. (But it must be a real jazz band. The fat man must be a musical genius. There are frightfully poor imitations. Anyone who has heard them must think me what I was doing.

The Monday following the break in diplomatic relations he appeared suddenly in my office. I was hard at work on plans, reports and orders. I told him what I had done, and what I was doing. an idiot. Beware of imitations.) Fall Under Spell.

"The couple dancing to this hypnotic music are not moving of their own volition, but are controlled by the music. At least, they are in the Some of the things the president the music. At least, they are in the power of the music if they dance well. They proceed slowly and calmly to the beat of the bass drum. penetrates their very bones, their steps with swaying bodies until the bass drum steadies them. Then comes the run on the clear of the possibility we must put our house in order and be ready for any emergency. comes the run on the clarionette and they turn about like a corkscrew. This music controls the dancers as if they were dolls jumping at the

pulling of a string.
"It's a wonderful sensation to surrender ,yourself to this rhythm with neither will nor reason. If you brandy; you need no gin.

"But the most beautiful characistic of jazz is its complete lack of dignity. Jazz destroys the last sem-blance of dignity, of stiffness and propriety. Anyone who fears to make himself ridiculous cannot dance to jazz. The German professor can't dance it; the Prussian reserve officer couldn't dance it. If only all the professors and privy councilors and ministers were com-pelled to dance to jazz. How hu-man, how amiable, how comical they all would become. The humbug circle of stupidity, vahity and dig-nity could not exist. If the kaiser had only danced to jazz, all this would never have taken place. Aber, ach! he never learned it. To be German kaiser is easier than to dance to jazz.

C. S. Kelly Relieved as

Chief Rail Mail Clerk Kelly, chief clerk of the second district of the railway mail service here, was relieved from duty last midnight, according to a tele-gram received by J. H. Musgrave, superintendent of the railway mail

service in Omaha.

F. B. Eastland, former clerk in charge on Union Pacific trains Nos. 5 and 2 on the Ogden-Omaha division, has been named successor to Mr. Kelly. Mr. Eastland has been in the railway service for 36 years. his appointment to succeed Mr. Kelly was officially approved by Postmaster General Will Hays.

Essay Contest to Be Held by

Company at Building Show
An essay contest will be conducted at the building show by the Foster-Barker company. Insurance totaling \$8,000 will be given the person writing the best essay on "The Best Reason for Insuring With Foster-Barker." Announcement of the award will be made at 9:30 the last night of the show. Details of the contest may be obtained at the Foster-Barker booth at the show.

Garden Invites Mothers

This is Mothers week at the Fm.

Admiral Mayo had notified me that he planned to bring his gunnery exercises and maneuvers to an end by April 5, and to start north for home waters. We were anxious to interfere as little as possible with the important practice work off Cuba, but when it was settled beyond reasonable doubt that we were to become a belligerent, we decided to call the Atlantic fleet northward at once. So, following the March 20th meeting. I dispatched an order which headed the fleet for Hampton roads.

This is Mothers week at the Empress Rustic garden. Manager Ledoux invites all Omaha mothers to visit the garden and judge its atmosphere with respect to their sons and daughters. No tickets are necessary, he declared, and there asked the board, in the name of the are necessary, he declared, and there asked the board, in the name of the asked the board, in the name of the secondary mission of each vessels are ordered to a secondary mission of each vessels are ordered to sel, in case vessels are ordered to a secondary mission of each vessels are ordered to sel, in case vessels are is no red tape. All a mother has to president, to draft at once recom-do for admission is say she has a son or daughter interested in dancing. The president of the lattice of the serious strip ship, shall be to store its sur-mendations for some means more plus supplies, equipment and mate-or daughter interested in dancing.

Atlantic Fleet Placed on War Basis 60 Days Before Congress Did Declare War on Central Powers Says Daniels

(a) Escort vessels to deep water

from our ports, and similary from

French governments for the convoy

(c) Merchant ships to proceed on

the high seas from points of leaving

(d) Arrange with British and

nals to be used in directing mer-

chant ships as to routes to be fol-

(e) Establish a patrol of the At-

(f) Recruit up to the limit allowed

All Ready for War.

Obviously some of these recom-

mendations could not be put into

effect until a state of war existed.

ordered the office of naval opera-

tions to be ready to act upon them

And now · I want to give you a

printed before. It is the text of the

mobilization plan sent to every com-

mander of fleets or vessels and to

every district commandant. The ar-

rangements were so complete in

every detail, and every commander

and official knew so well what to do,

that it was necessary when war was

declared only to telegraph them to

mobilize in accordance with this

NAVY DEPARTMENT

rom: Secretary of the Navy.

Washington, D. C. March 21, 1917.

fidential Letter of December-

(c) Mobilization Order No. 1 of February 5, 1917.

1. The following instructions for

mobilization replace references (a),

received, no report of that fact need

2. Mobilization sheets will be pub-

lished from time to time giving the

ting out bases and other information.

sheet for any force shall remain in

effect until replaced.

war in the Atlantic:

Patrol Force: As ordered.

Destroyer Force: With battleship

Mine Force: With battleship

Atlantic Coast Division: Phila

delphia, Pa.
Pacific Coast Auxiliaries: As di-

rected by commander-in-chief.
Philippine Divisions: As directed

Naval District Forces: Each force in own district units at ports as di-

8. The assignment of a vessel to navy yard for fitting out shall not

be construed as an order for that

vessel to proceed to the yard designated to strip and fit out, but as an

order to call on no other than that

yard for aid in fitting out for war service, except by permission of Navy department. The principal mission of each vessel shall be to

rected by district commandant. For Swift Movement. 7. Plans shall be developed by all officers concerned to provide for the utmost expedition and efficiency of

by commander-in-chief.

present.

Conn.

3. Whenever a new mobilization

Strictly Confidential.

11, 1916.

instantly when occasion arrived.

document which has never

lantic coast.

(b) Arrange with the British and

deep water to our ports.

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The Atlantic fleet, under Admiral Henry T. Mayo, went on a war basis at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of February 3, 1917. At the same hour of the same day President Wilson delivered his message to congress severing relations with Germany, and the depart-

ment of state handed Bernstorff his passports.

I had just finished sending out a one-line dispatch ordering the mobilization of naval communications, when a summons came to me But they don't need it. They have to attend a conference with the president at the White house. He had finished the delivery of his message and returned to his official residence.

"Secnav" is the code word for for protecting American shipping there are symbals, triangles, drums secretary of the navy. The order entering European ports. was sputtering out by wireless as I recommendations which it had made walked over to the White House. on February 4, as follows: I found the secretary of war had also been summoned.

Fears German Plotters. The president was anxious concerning the safety of military and of our merchant ships through the naval property. We knew enough barred zones. about German plotting to feel the very real cause for this anxiety. and receiving escorts, depending upon their guns for protection, and There were thousands of aliens in the United States, none of whom upon changes of course to follow alcould be interned legally unless or ternate routes. until war was declared. What might happen under the provocation French governments a code of sigto alien sentiment which had been given in severing relations with lowed and points of meeting escorts. Germany none of us could teil; but obviously the situation was perilous, and demanded the taking of ex-

traordinary precautions. by law for emergencies in order to Orders were immediately sent to provide crews for patrols and auxi!every naval and military plant and jaries, and to fill battleship comple station in the United States, Hawaii, ments which have been depleted. Alaska, Guam and the Philippines, to bar all visitors and to strengthen guards. The guard for the Panama canal was doubled.

The publication of the movement of naval vessels and of the daily orders to naval officers was discontinued, in order to prevent informa-tion of a nature useful to the potential enemy reaching German ears. The ships we had maintained along the coast to enforce neutrality regulations were increased in number, and this consideration for neu-

for our own safety and a virtual Wilson Keeps Close Watch. The president watched every step

during these days with closest at-tention. He was not satisfied with plan—and mobilization was accom-The Monday following the break

what I was doing. He suggested we go together to Subject: Mobilization Plan. the War department. The secretary References: of war was there, and the three of

(a) Chief of Naval Operations Con-fidential Letter of April 27, (b) Chief of Naval Operations Con-

said to us are indelibly impressed upon my memory. He told us the breach in diplo-Suddenly the shrill tone of the flute matic relations did not necessarily mean war, but it brought us so close

(b) and (c). Destroy references (a), (b) and (c). If either reference (a) or reference (b) has not been re-He was concerned about the personnel in our respective departments.

"Each of you must surround yourselves with the ablest men you have," he said, and, turning to me, he asked whether I felt that my immediate advisers-the chief of naval organization of the fleet for war, fitoperations, the chiefs of bureaus and have a jazz band you need no the officers in important commands sheet for any force is received the old mobilization sheet for that force shall be destroyed. The mobilization afloat-were the right ones to retain in these positions. "Get and Keep the Best."

"They are the best in the navy," I

He asked the same question of Secretary Baker, and he replied that his men knew their jobs, and were going ahead with them. Some were necessarily slated for early retire- dezvous, at the earliest possible date, ment, but to anticipate this, he thought, would be unwise, occasioning needless alarm and disturbing morale.

The president listened intently to its, and reiterated his desire that only the ablest, most alert and energetic men should be put in places.

dezvous, at the earliest possible date, ready in all respects for war service.

5. Order of ships in divisions as well as details of organization not otherwise provided for shall be prescribed by the commander-in-chief, or, in case of vessels assigned to naval districts.

getic men should be put in places naval districts.

of responsibility.

6. The following rendezvous are "Get and keep the best," he said, designated for mobilization in case of

Battleship Force: Chespeake Bay after April 5. Until then-as at We continued developing our plans along the indicated lines. On the same day the order was issued Scout Force: Division 1—Canal Zone; Division 2—Home Yards; mobilizing communications I had sent a dispatch requiring every ship of the three fleets—Atlantic, Pacific and Asiatic—to report immediately

Scout Force: Division 1—Canal Zone: Division 3—San Francisco; Division 4—Canal Zone. on its readiness for war. The condition of the ships, guns, machinery and personnel, together with what repairs or additions might be needed, were imperative matters for needed, were imperative matters for this disconnection. information. As a result of this dis-patch we knew very quickly precise-ly where we stood, and were able Train: As ordered by train com-mander. Submarine Force: New London, to meet promptly and effectively the conditions which required attention

and remedy. Events Move Rapidly.

After the cabinet meeting of March 20, when decision was reached that congress should be asked to declare war, things moved

roads.

Plans to Protect Shipping.

mandants or flag officers or com-manding officers concerned. Vessels shall not strip unless ordered to do so when mobilization is ordered.

9. When the requirements of vessels as to personnel, material. facilities, or repairs, in fitting out for war service, conflict, they shall be given precedence in the alphabetical order of their assigned precedence letters.

Must Report Promptly. 10. Upon receipt of message tion plan was first sent to the fleets. Charge of the liability and bond de-partment. He was formerly with be made immediately to the depart-struction of which is ordered above. Love-Haskell company.

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far as material is concerned, for war purposes. These reports shall, for each vessel, consist of name of vessel and date. The message "Alnav availability" calls for a report, but availability" calls for a report, but should never be construed as an New Insurance Agency order to take any steps whatever towards mobilization.

11. Comments and suggestions plan outlined in the mobilization sheets and in this letter are request-

Acknowledge this letter by radio or wire. As a matter of fact the drafting and issuance of this mobilization

program had been anticipated in

ment by the officer designated on The thrilling days of the Sussex Two Wireless Receiving Sets the mobilization sheet of the esti- crisis-which carried us to the very mated earliest date when each ves- brink of war and were more thilling sel could be ready in all respects, so for us in Washington than the gen-

useful in perfecting the mobilization pany, opening a new general insur- one for continuous 600 metres water ance agency, was formerly the in-surance department of the D. V. receptions. incorporated in January, 1921. Ar- working on press news for six hours thur B. Dunbar, president, is the fire continuously, giving ample time for a underwriter and engineer. He was ship in distress to founder without fire insurance inspector for the Ne- any of its calls for help being heard braska inspection bureau for nine by ships in the vicinity. the Navy department by almost a years and is president of the Omalia year. It was immediately after the Association of Insurance Agents. sinking of the Sussex—on April 27. Rowland P. Thomas, vice presisinking of the Sussex—on April 27, Rowland P. Thomas, vice presi-1916, to be specific—that a mobiliza-dent of the new company, has

London, April 16 .- The Association of Wireless Telegraphists issues a demand for the increase of methods for securing safety at sea. It is suggested that in order to carry out the provisions of the International Radiographic convention in London it is necessary that two sepa-Is Incorporated Here rate receiving installations be pro-The Sholes, Dunbar, Thomas com- vided on liners doing special work The mayor stepped.

Sholes company, realtors, and was It is said that often the wireless is

Even Mayor in Tulsa

Gets "Move On" Order He recently complained to the po-

were not enforcing the "move Asked by Radio Men by the law," the mayor commanded, Stopping to talk to an acquaint-ance a little later, the mayor rested on a box in front of a clothing store. What's the trouble?" asked a patrolman who "butted in." "Are you

"Nope," replied the mayor, "All right, then, move on and step ively," said the "cop.

Man Confesses He Killed Major on Captain's Orders

Tacoma, Wash., April 16.— Roland P. Pothier, charged with slaying Major Alexander Cronkhite at Camp Lewis in October, 1918, confessed to federal authorities that he was ordered by his superior officer, Captain Robert Rosenbluth, to bring out a loaded gun and "get" Cronkhite, it was an-nounced today by Proescutor J. W. Selden, who disclosed five alleged



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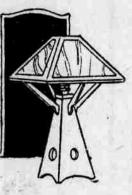


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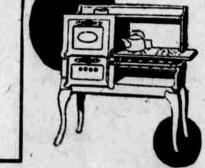
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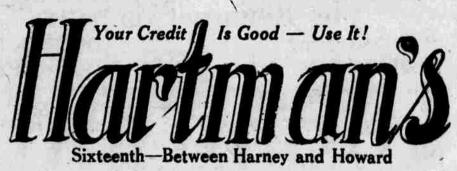


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