

Chapter 10 —The Thirty Years’ War and the Revolution of 1848

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Note: This article appeared in the April 12, 1917 edition of *The Onaga Herald* (Onaga, Kan.). Sadler probably read a similar article in a Chicago newspaper.

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[The Thirty Years' War] was perhaps the greatest catastrophe of all the ghastly crimes committed in the name of religion.

It destroyed an entire generation,

taking each year for thirty years the finest manhood of the nations (G 165).

[contd] Two-thirds of the population of Germany was destroyed,

in some states such as Bohemia three-fourths of the inhabitants were killed or exiled,

while out of 500,000 inhabitants of Württemberg there were only 48,000 left at the end of the war.

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X — THE THIRTY YEARS' WAR AND THE REVOLUTION OF 1848

10:0.1 IN ALL the history of civilization

the Thirty Years' War stands out as undoubtedly the most devastating crime ever committed in the name of religion.

This awful conflict destroyed almost an entire Nordic generation;

and at that time these splendid Teutons represented probably the most noble, intellectual, and chivalrous group of Nordic descendants to be found anywhere on the face of the earth.

Each year, for thirty successive years, this struggle took the flower of the best Teutonic families¹ and virtually destroyed the vigor, valor, and manhood of the Nordic Germanic tribes.

10:0.2 The best authorities estimate that

about two-thirds of the population of Germany was thus destroyed.

In some sections, as in Bohemia, more than three-fourths of the inhabitants perished or were driven out.

At the beginning of the struggle Württemberg boasted of half a million inhabitants, and at the close less than fifty thousand were left.

SOURCE

Terrible as this loss was, the destruction did not fall equally on the various races and classes in the community. It bore, of course, most heavily upon the big blonde fighting man,

and at the end of the war the German states contained a greatly lessened proportion of Nordic blood.

In fact, from that time on the purely Teutonic race in Germany has been largely replaced

by the Alpine types in the south,

and by the Wendish and Polish types in the east.

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The worst part of it was not the fact that so many men were killed,

but the loss was borne, as usual, with disproportionate heaviness upon the Nordic stock;

that is, decidedly more of the blue-eyed blondes with long heads were killed; vastly more than there perished of the darker skinned and round-headed Alpines.

NORDIC RACE SUICIDE

10:1.1 In every great European struggle the Nordics have killed themselves off, and as the result, at the end of each succeeding struggle, the Alpines have found themselves increased in percentage among the remaining population.

And so ever since the Thirty Years' War in Germany, the Teutonic population has been steadily replaced

by the Alpine types and stocks of the south and east,

by the more or less pure Alpine stock of southern Germany,

and by the Wends and Alpine stock of eastern Germany.

SOURCE

This change of race in Germany has gone so far that

it has been computed that out of the 70,000,000 inhabitants in the German Empire,

only 9,000,000 are purely Teutonic in coloration, stature and skull characters.

The rarity of pure Teutonic and Nordic types among the German immigrants to America

in contrast to its almost universal prevalence among those from Scandinavia is traceable to the same cause (G 165-66).

The religious wars of France, while not as devastating to the nation as a whole as was the Thirty Years' War in Germany, nevertheless greatly weakened the French cavalier type, the "petite noblesse de province."

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10:1.2 This change of stock or race substitution has gone on in Germany with such steadiness for two hundred years that

at the present time the best ethnic authorities estimate that out of the seventy million inhabitants of the German Empire

there are left considerably less than ten million of the manifestly Teutonic type as regards skin coloring, stature, and skull index.

And to know that this is true, the reader only needs to recall the fact that

in recent years practically all of the German immigrants who have come to this country are of the round-headed type

and do not in any sense approach the older Teutonic or present-day Scandinavian type of men and women.

Of course, some of these earlier struggles also injured France and Great Britain,

but nothing like to the degree in which Germany was damaged by these terrible conflicts.

SOURCE

In Germany this class had flourished, and throughout the Middle Ages contributed great numbers of knights, poets, thinkers, great artists and artisans who gave charm and variety to European society. But, as said, this section of the population was practically exterminated in the Thirty Years' War,

and the class of gentlemen practically vanishes from German history from that time on (G 166-67).

[contd (repeated from 9:2.1)] When the Thirty Years' War was over

there remained in Germany nothing except the brutalized peasantry, largely of Alpine derivation

in the south and east,

and the high nobility which turned from the toils of endless warfare to mimic on a small scale the court of Versailles (G 167).

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10:1.3 The chivalrous Teutonic knights, the spiritual-minded poets, the original thinkers and inventors, and the great scientists and artists of the Germanic Empire had their lines practically cut off and they largely came to an end, as the result of the devastation of the Thirty Years' War.

When this awful struggle was over²

there remained in Germany but a vanishing remnant of the wonderful Nordic people that formerly had extended her political influence over all of Europe.

But there did remain a large population of round-skulled, brutalized, Alpine peasantry

which had been gradually pushing its way toward the Baltic from both the south and the east,

and they, being a prolific race, in subsequent years overran all Germany with their inferior progeny.

GERMANY'S MORAL (RACIAL) BANKRUPTCY

10:2.1 The result of this Nordic loss and the consequent undue multiplication of the brutal Alpine type among the German people is shown glaringly in the present world-war.

To-day the ghastly rarity in the German armies of **chivalry**

You do not see in the German army today that olden-time military **chivalry** which characterized the Teutons of two hundred years and more ago.

In its place there is found the brutal German joy of battle, the love of atrocity, and delight in suffering and torture.

and **generosity toward women**

The German army today shows none of that **generosity toward and respect for women** that characterized the German armies of other days

and of knightly protection and courtesy toward the prisoners or wounded can be largely attributed to this annihilation of the gentle classes (G 167).

10:2.2 Today the Kaiser dreams a dream of an expanded empire and a political influence akin to the Germanic rulers of former days, but he has failed to recognize that the Germanic race that goes with that sort of an empire virtually committed suicide two hundred years ago; and that he does not have in his realm today the peoples that would make such an empire possible. It is a fact that must be borne in mind, that today only about ten or possibly twelve per cent of the Germanic peoples are really Teutonic or Nordic.

SOURCE

I, VI: RACE AND LANGUAGE (Grant 63)

The eastern half of Germany has a Slavic Alpine substratum which represents the descendants of the Wends,

who, by the sixth century had filtered in as far west as the Elbe, occupying the lands left vacant by the Teutonic tribes which had migrated southward.

These Wends in turn were Teutonized by a return wave of military conquest from the tenth century onward,

and to-day their descendants are considered Germans in good standing.

Having adopted the German as their sole tongue they are now in religious, political, and cultural sympathy with the pure Teutons; in fact, they are quite unconscious of any racial distinction (G 65).

The truth is that the dominant half of the [Prussian] population is purely Teutonic

and the lower half of the [Prussian] population

are merely Teutonized Wends and Poles of Alpine affinities.

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The whole eastern half of Germany is largely Slavic-Alpine.

They are the round-heads that moved into that region when the Teutons were engaged in the conquest of Rome in the sixth century.

In the tenth century the Teutons effected their military conquest,

and today their descendants are looked upon as Germans in good standing.

They are German in tongue, politics, religion, and culture,

but they are not Teutons in either intelligence or morals.

10:2.3 The upper class, or long, narrow-headed Prussian of today, is of Nordic stock,

but the rank and file of the Prussians,

with their round, broad heads (the Hindenburg type),

are nothing more nor less than Teutonized Wends and Poles of real Alpine extraction.

SOURCE

Of course these territories must also retain some of their early Teutonic population, and the blood of the Goth, Burgund, Vandal, and Lombard, who were at the commencement of our era located there, as well as the later Saxon element, must enter largely into the composition of the Prussian of to-day (G 66).

[!]

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Of course, the modern Prussian has some of the original Saxon element as well as that of the Goth, Vandal, etc.

10:2.4 In this study of the present-day Germanic peoples, the skull index—the fact as to whether they are long-heads or round-heads—constitutes an almost unerring clue as to the real character of the people, and also affords a basic ethnic explanation of the present-day spectacle of a supposedly civilized race suddenly lapsing into barbarism and savagery.

The truth of the matter is that the so-called Germanic race has been ethnically bankrupt for over one hundred years. The present military outbreak is but the evidence of this intellectual insolvency and moral bankruptcy, and the time has arrived for the whole world to sit as a solemn court of judgment and appoint a civilized receiver to either wind up or reorganize the national Germanic military establishment.

LONG HEADS AND ROUND HEADS IN THE GERMAN REVOLUTION OF 1848

10:3.1 I was recently asked this question: “How could the simple-minded, tender-hearted, home-loving German people that gave us the Christmas tree suddenly become so cruel and brutal?” The answer to this question we have just been reciting;

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Although as a result of the Thirty Years' War the German Empire is far less Nordic than in the Middle Ages,

the north of Germany is still Teutonic throughout, and in the east and south the Alpines have been thoroughly Germanized with an aristocracy and upper class of pure Teutonic blood (G 168-69).

III: ATAVISM (Thayer 24)

And yet the seeds of Liberty which the French Republic sowed throughout Europe sprang up during the next decades and they burst into brief flowering, in the revolution of 1848-49.

Even in Prussia, the masses rose to secure constitutional freedom, and frightened Prince William into an ignominious flight. Presently Reaction triumphed: the Liberals were defeated;

their leaders either fled to America

or were shot; the very name of Liberty was silenced (T 32-33).

but, in my opinion, there is still another reason for the moral and ethnic bankruptcy of the German Empire, and that is the Teutonic migrations which took place following the failure of the German revolution of 1848.

10:3.2 Notwithstanding the awful loss to the German people through the Thirty Years' War and other wars,

there still remained in Germany, especially in northern Germany, a goodly percentage of the noble Teutonic people.

These tall, blue-eyed Nordics have been for centuries the ruling classes of the world, and they did not take kindly to the governmental methods espoused by the autocratic German (Prussian) rulers.

The upheaval of '48 occurred.

The fight for liberty failed,

and these liberty-loving, courageous Teutons left Germany by the tens of thousands.

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They came to America to enrich our civilization, to contribute their sturdy Nordic characteristics to the last generation of Americans, and their offspring are with us today, constituting the superior group of so-called German-Americans.³

GERMAN EMIGRATION TO AMERICA

“LOYALTY OF GERMAN-AMERICANS TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT” (Collet)

My friends, I have been and am proud of my German blood, but I am prouder, intensely prouder, of my own country, my Americanism; and ... in the name of those of German blood who fought with Washington, for freedom and against autocracy; in the name of that great American of German blood who loved freedom and liberty, as no other man ever loved it more—Carl Schurz—

10:4.1 The men of the type of Carl Schurz when they emigrated to this country represented a great loss to the Fatherland and a great gain to America.

The German immigrant of that day was instantly loyal to the country of his adoption.

in the name of those brave heroes of German blood who fought “Mit Siegel” and Rosecrans, with the great Grant and Sherman,

They enlisted in great numbers in the Federal army

that this Union might be preserved, I appeal to you of German blood to be true to the loyal and glorious record that has been made by Americans of German blood in other times and in other days ... (C 7).

and fought for the preservation of the Union.

SOURCE

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And be it said everlastingly to the credit⁴ of the real Teutonic German that there is not a case on record, to my knowledge, where the German soldier of Civil War days, the long-headed, real Nordic, liberty-loving German who “fought mit Sigel,”

“ATROCITIES OF GERMANY: BUY LIBERTY BONDS” (Hillis)

A Catalogue of Crimes (Hillis 4)

[See 21:2.1.]

They crucified Canadian officers and Roman Catholic nuns.

They bombed hospitals and Red Cross buildings (H 6).

[See 17:5.1.]

Documented Atrocities (Hillis 10)

A Belgian babe, skewered upon the bayonet, driven through his stomach, with his little dead head and hands and legs dangling as the German proudly carried it through the street of a village (H 10).

I say there is not a case on record where these Germans destroyed property, poisoned wells, ravished women,

crucified officers,

bombed Red Cross hospitals,

used poison gas,

scattered disease microbes,

or marched into a conquered village with a four-year-old babe held aloft on the point of a bayonet.

No, these were the Germans that we are proud to claim connection with. They are the Saxons of other days. They are the same Germans as the chivalrous knights of old. They are of the kind-spirited people that gave us the Christmas tree with its tender sentiments and spiritual associations.

SOURCE

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10:4.2 And these are the Germans that will be found more largely loyal to the land of their adoption in the present struggle;

[!]

whereas the disloyal element of German extraction which we may have to contend with today will be found to consist more largely of the round-headed type of more recent immigration, the type which enjoys brutality and worships tyranny, the type which has become more common in the Germany of today, with its sterner and more brutal home discipline, all of which has no doubt contributed to the fact that

XII: THE PLOT TO GERMAN AMERICA (Thayer 172)

The number of child suicides in Germany, far exceeds, *per capita*, that in any other country (T 195).

child suicides are to be found in greater numbers in Germany than among any other civilized nation on the face of the earth.

THE GERMAN PEOPLE AND THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT

“NOT AGAINST THE GERMAN PEOPLE” (Anonymous)

In his address to Congress [on April 2, 1917, calling for a declaration of war against Germany] President Wilson was particular to make plain that the United States is warring,

not against the German people but against the German government (A).

10:5.1 President Wilson has said that this country is engaged in a war,

not against the German people but against the German government,

SOURCE

[*Compare:* Our President, in a spirit of magnanimity, patience, and good will, distinguished between the Kaiser and the Prussian Government, and over against them put the German people. But Germany's Chambers of Commerce, Hamburg's Board of Trade, and certain popular assemblies, would have none of this, and in the fury of their anger passed resolutions, saying: "What our government is, we are. Their acts are our acts. Their deeds and military plans are our plans" (Newell Dwight Hillis, "The Scourge of God").]

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and in a certain sense this is undoubtedly true, and I gladly subscribe to the sentiment, but in another sense it would be a great mistake if the American people accept the idea that the heart of the German people is not in this struggle.

This round-headed Alpine we have been studying makes probably the best soldier in the world to occupy the rank and file of the army, and with a ten or twelve per cent Nordic stock for leadership, Nordic stock, as we shall see subsequently, which has rejected all the ideals and sentiments which have intellectually characterized the Nordic people for centuries, I say, under such conscienceless but able leadership these round-headed Alpines make ideal soldiers.

10:5.2 By teaching, training, and religious admonition these Alpines have been carefully prepared for their part in the present struggle. The larger part of the German people who would rebel against the Kaiseristic autocracy emigrated to America fifty or seventy-five years ago, and the Alpine civilization which constitutes the rank and file of Germany today looks with almost worshipful reverence upon the marvelous prowess, the extraordinary efficiency, and the wonderful mechanistic precision with which the German administrative and military machinery is operated in the present struggle.

He really believes that “might is right,” and, in my opinion, is not likely to change his mind unless he is confronted either with sheer defeat or unless, perchance, there shall arise some great Germanic political Moses who could lead him out of his present Egyptian tyranny into the promised land of liberty and democracy. It may be difficult to get a new idea into the head of a typical round-headed Alpine, but when a given idea does get into his head, it is exceedingly difficult to ever get it out.

10:5.3 And this is why I fear we are in for a long war. It is time that the American people arouse themselves to an appreciation of the Power we are fighting, its resources, its ambitions, and last but not least, its racial origin and moral ancestry.

THE TEUTONS TRAITORS TO CIVILIZATION

10:6.1 I am so frequently asked this question: “If the Nordic races are a superior people, and if the upper or ruling classes of Germany belong to this Nordic class, then why is it, if they are such a liberty-loving, high-minded, and civilized people, that they have become the teachers and instigators of all this brutal, undemocratic, and uncivilized regime?”

10:6.2 The answer to this question is that the Nordic race is not only a high-minded and highly civilized race, but that it is also the most ambitious and adventurous of all the human races.

SOURCE

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10:6.3 Again and again in the past history of the world have military adventurers belonging to the Nordic race dreamed a dream of world power and conquest.

[See 7:3.2.]

In fact, the great conquerors of the world, from Cyrus on down to Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Charlemagne, and Napoleon Bonaparte, belonged to the Nordic peoples.

The real situation in Germany today is that the military, ruling, and teaching classes of the empire have become nefarious traitors to the civilization which they represent and of which they are a part. They have seen a vision of world empire. They have dreamed of universal conquest. They know better, but they have hardened their hearts and seared their consciences with the hot iron of principle-less ambition and merciless conquest. Figuratively speaking, they have deliberately gone to the devil and are taking the vast round-headed and comparatively stupid Alpine peoples with them.

10:6.4 The long-heads of Germany today know of a better way than that which they are traversing—the less keen, more stupid round-heads do not. The Teutonic long-heads of Germany today have ceased to keep step with the Nordic race as found in other lands in its march toward democracy and the liberalization of human thought. They have chosen to conduct a government and to plan conquests in harmony with the belief and practices of their race as they functioned hundreds and thousands of years ago.

SOURCE

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In fact, they have gone back to the days of Joshua to carry on their military struggles under the patronage of a tribal god who countenanced unspeakable cruelties on the part of the chosen people in the treatment of their ignorant and inferior opponents belonging to an inferior civilization.

10:6.5 The German conundrum of today is due to the fact that the ten per cent Nordic long-headed, ruling class that dominates the Germanic peoples has sacrificed its intelligence, its conscience, and its largely superior culture to its inherent ambition, love of leadership, and dominating tendency to conquer, exploit, and rule—traits not at all new in the Nordic race, but tendencies which have been, in later years, suppressed and held down in behalf of the higher, more noble civilized culture which characterizes the white nations of today.

10:6.6 We have now completed the study of the past history and development and anthropology of the Germanic peoples, and will next take up the consideration of *Germany as a world menace*.

1. [*Compare:*] During the siege of Jerusalem, ... all of Golgotha was covered by thousands upon thousands of crosses upon which, from day to day, there perished the **flower** of the Jewish race (187:1.5).
2. [*Compare:*] When the numbers of this new and superior group grew great, war, relentless war, broke out; and **when the terrible struggle was over**, not a single individual of the pre-existent and ancestral race of dawn mammals remained alive (62:3.4).
3. The second edition of *The Passing of the Great Race* (published in 1918, after *Long Heads and Round Heads*) says this about the German immigrants:

The German immigrants who came to America about the same time [i.e. the mid 19th century] were chiefly enthusiasts who had taken part in the German Revolution of '48. In spite of the handicap of a strange language they formed a more docile and educated element than the Irish and were more prone to scatter into the rural districts.

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Neither the Irish nor the Germans played an important part in the development or policies of the nation as a whole, although in the Civil War they each contributed a relatively large number of soldiers to the Northern army. These Irish and German elements were for the most part of the Nordic race and while they did not in the least strengthen the nation either morally or intellectually they did not impair its physique (pp. 86-87).

4. [Compare:] Andrew and Peter were very unlike in character and temperament, but it must be recorded **everlastingly to their credit** that they got along together splendidly (139:1.6).