

Commerce Chamber Protests to President Against Minister's Attack.

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Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst was the subject of a communication mailed to President Wilson by the chamber of German-American Commerce.

The part of the Parkhurst letter which drew forth the complaint read as follows:

When a mad dog runs amuck, the policemen shoot him on the spot—not by way of revenge, but as a humanitarian contribution to the security of the public. Now has a more rabid creature than Emperor William ever run amuck through the peaceful and prosperous domain of Europe? The policeman makes no argument with the dog and enters into no compromise with him, but deals with him in exclusive regard to the requirements of society, and simply blots him out as a public menace; deals with him exactly as Germany dealt with Poland at the time of the partition; deals with him as Germany meant to deal with France in the war of 1870, when she intended to impose a war indemnity so heavy, and so to cripple her military means of offense as to crush her as a military power and render Germany invulnerable from the side of France.

Now the same kind of medicine that Germany has administered to Poland and France is exactly the kind that should be administered to her. It may not be necessary to strangle her, but her claws should be clipped and fortifications dismantled to render her teeth filed, and enough of her harmless, and as heavy a war indemnity imposed as will not drive her to absolute penury. This policy should be adopted in no spirit of revenge, but in pursuance of a policy essential to universal security, comfort and well-being. Anything less than this will necessitate the eventual repetition of the present tragedy.

In its letter to the president the chamber says:

It seems to us that no Indian savage was ever animated by a more brutal spirit than this Christian minister. Can it be expected that the men of German birth and descent with red blood in their veins will remain cool and passive if confronted with continuous provocations of which this is a flagrant instance? Is there no way of preventing malicious and vindictive affronts of this character? Let us assure you that the very moment these outrages of German feelings are stopped all German resentment for protective purposes will instantly cease. We are not the aggressors and only on the defensive, but we cannot be expected to have no self-respect.

"It is an outrage to permit such things to be printed," said Heinrich Charles, secretary of the Chamber of German-American Commerce, "and we hope and believe that the letter to the president will prove to him that such unnatural utterances as those of this minister are not to be tolerated."