

# KAISER IS MAD, SAY TORONTO GERMANS

Would Like "To See His Moustache Trimmed" by the Allies

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Men. Otherwise, Would Kill Them; Hope for Republic

In the opinion of a number of Toronto Germans, the Kaiser is "crazy" and as a result of his madness Germany will before many years take her place in the ranks of the world's republics.

One German, who has a very successful butcher and grocery store on Queen street west, was very sharp in his criticism of Wilhelm II.

"He is stark mad," he told The News. "I think he has bitten off a larger lump than he can chew this time, and I tell you things look pretty bad for him. But do not think that if Wilhelm gets beaten Germany will suffer. Far from it. Instead, it means the salvation of the country, for rest assured that if the Kaiser gets his moustache trimmed, the Socialists in Germany will complete the good work by taking it off entirely."

Another German with whom The News conversed is an ardent Socialist. He has been in Toronto for over thirty years, having left Germany when he was seventeen years of age. He places little faith in the French or Russian armies individually, but has a wholesome respect for the British navy. His comment on the cause of the war and its probable results, was very interesting.

### Wants Granary of Europe.

"Germany has no quarrel with England," he said. "All she wants is Russia's grain supply and France's vineyards. That is why the Kaiser started the war. Although I am a German, I, like the majority of my countrymen in Toronto, have no sympathy with Wilhelm in this war. We are not sorry, however, that it has broken out, for the simple reason that our hopes of a German republic being formed hinge on this war. Mark my words: if the Kaiser loses, Germany becomes a republic.

"And, to tell the truth, I do not see how Germany can do anything but lose. She is capable of beating France and Russia, but she cannot beat the world. Already she is experiencing difficulty in provisioning her troops. I have it on good authority that the German soldiers are starving. The reason why the German commissariat department has proved unequal to the occasion is because they have never yet really fed the soldiers. During peace time in Germany the soldiers are fed by servant girls. I know, because I saw a little service before I managed to get away. The Germans, however, cannot take their servant girls with them during the war, and the troops have had to feed on raw potatoes.

"In the last letters I received from Germany, prior to communication being cut, I read that all the officers in German regiments had been transferred to other regiments.

### Would Kill Officers.

"This change had to be made because, given the first opportunity, the rank and file would kill their officers. The latter have to answer for many indignities which the soldiers were made to undergo, and the German soldier has a very long memory.

Continuing, this outspoken German said that he had been told by a German Congressman some time ago that if Germany warred with anybody it would be just to see what her real strength was.

"Germany and the United States do a great deal of business with each other, and this Congressman told me that if Germany got the worst of matters, the United States would intervene and arbitrate between the warring countries."

"Remember," said the German, in conclusion, "Germany and England have no quarrel. They are almost blood brothers, and that is the reason why the German navy is still in existence. England is sending a small army over to Europe to keep up to the treaty which she made with France, that is all. Anyway, I hope the Kaiser gets beaten, for then Germany will surely become a Republic, and I will be able to get back my farm in Bavaria."