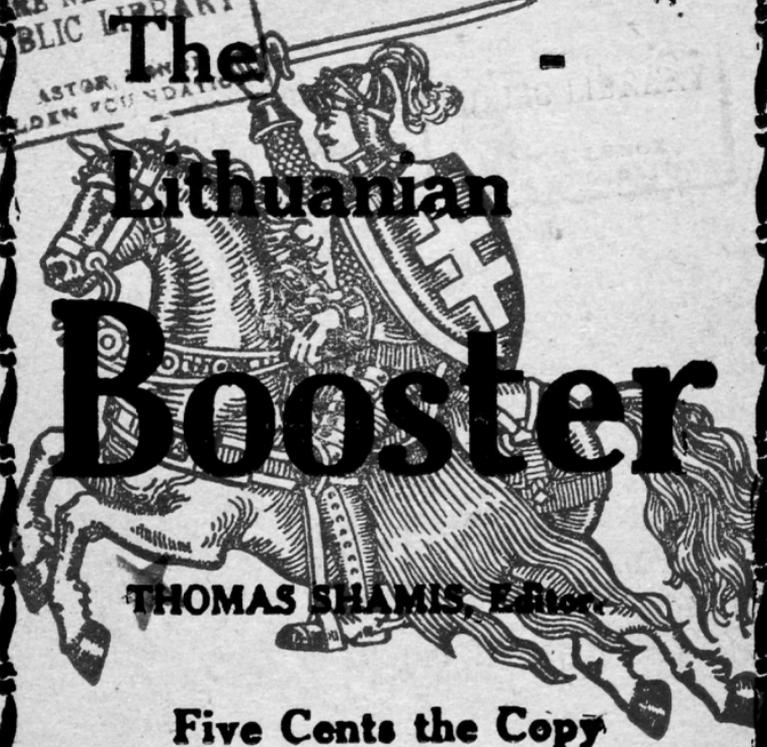


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VALEDICTORY

FIGHTING against great odds. The battle is won. The first appearance was not met with friendliness and support but with sneers, and "kicks." Soon the field was blocked off ready to wreck. And they wrecked what? Themselves. THE LITHUANIAN BOOSTER showed to the world that Lithuania is for Lithuanians and Poland is for Poles. And the Poles got mad at the Truth. After hammering down the gates of misunderstanding I go to the forces fighting for Democracy.

THOMAS SHAMIS.

LITHUANIAN ARMY

THIRTY-FIVE thousand Lithuanians, the bulk of them Russian veterans, led by General Klimaitis are reported to be marching on Petrograd. The Bolsheviki troops are said to have been defeated at Vitebsk and to be retreating in disorder. Dr. Szlupas of Scranton, Pa., who recently returned to the United States from Europe, when interviewed by a representative of this magazine verified the news sent from Paris.

Sovereign of Lithuania under the title of King Medove by Duke William Urach of the House of Counts (of no accounts) of Wurttemberg, fifty-four years old and a widower with twelve children was selected to head the "new" Lithuanian independence. Germany wants that a Lithuanian monarchy should be established in accord with her wishes. Bachelors, widows, monarchies, studded crowns and all ilk is being sent to the scrap heap. Lithuanians do not want

any king or prince and less of the one with a wagon load of "anointed" kids. New Lithuania will be governed by Lithuanians themselves, and all the "fabulous" historic ties never will tie Lithuania no more. Pan Pole take notice. Free Lithuania for Freemen—Lithuanians.

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If a French lass or laddie asked our boys who are "over there" who are they? The answer would be: Lithuanien (lituanjen). Where their fathers came from would be: Lithuanie (lituany). And if still wanting more information he would say; Je suis lithuanien, mais je viens de l'Amerique. And would add: La rue est la fleur nationale de la Lithuanie.

ARYANS

NIEMEN, fair Niemen
 In the beautiful land—Lithuania;
 Your waters flow wide
 The waves they are calling:
 Return son of Lithuania
 To thy forefathersland,
 Return fallen star as
 Return the leaf on tree.

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Lithuanians are coming
 Lithuania will rescue,
 Where Gediminas stood;
 Where Skirisgaila fell.
 Torrents of blood
 To hold Freedom from tyrants might
 Thru the long centuried night.

THOMAS SHAMIS.

BRITISH LABOR

IN the British Labor's message we find the champion of Lithuania. Here it is:

"We adjure the peoples of Central Europe to declare themselves or make their government speak for them in answer to Russia and ourselves. We call on them to renounce annexations in Europe with the same good faith in which we are renouncing them in Asia. We call on them to give the same self-determination to the French, Alsatian, Italian, Polish, and Danish members of their States as Russia has given to Finland, Courland, Lithuania, and Russia Poland."

"The Evening Post" of New York sees the ending of the war with a still larger *a la* Balkans.

"A new swarm of small nations have been brought into being—Poland, Finland, Ukraina, Lithuania, Mesopotamia, Armenia, Palestine. If the old rules of national competition are to persist, if the old diplomacy is to maintain itself, the opportunities for mischief will

have been many times multiplied, and an immense new reservoir opened up for the woes of the world. It is not only that these new nationalities will be exposed to the ambitions of their powerful neighbors; they will develop their own imperialisms and rapacities if exposed to the old evil tradition. Poland will clash with Lithuania over the Lithuanian populations within the confines of Poland, and with the Ukraina over the Little Russians of the frontier regions."

Common-sense will tell the writers of "The Evening Post" To slave under a foreign national yoke or to live one's own national life. Which?

The Lithuanians will not tolerate any of the old rules of national propaganda, or the olden diplomacy better known as: "secret diplomacy" must go.

LITHUANIA

LITHUANIA'S land along the Baltic Coast
 Once a thriving nation now a helpless ghost,
 Reduced to slavery by wanton bands
 Who robbed and plundered her fertile lands.
 Despite her suffering despotic ire,
 Her sons are filled with freedom fire;
 They've drank the bitter with the sweet
 And shed their blood on plain and street.
 Her right to freedom none can deny
 Though ruling kings heed not her cry;
 A day will come it surely must
 When right ascends to crown the just.
 Then all the clouds and mists of years.
 Will clear away and dry her tears;
 God's sunshine will appear in place
 To brighten Lithuania's race.

JAMES H. KENNEY.

VIEWS

AS IT IS NOW

Kaiser Wilhelm, in a message of cheer to the East Prussian Diet, paid tribute to the great "German" philosopher Emmanuel Kant, who was born in Königsberg in 1724, and died there in 1804. The local compliment: "The province of East Prussia is especially dear to my heart. In this war it has made great sacrifices, and therefore, it will gladly acknowledge the hand of God as now shown in the East. We owe our victory largely to the moral and spiritual treasures which the great philosopher of Königsberg bestowed upon our people."

AS IT WAS THEN.

"As for religion, Kant, tho he influenced the thinking leaders of all creeds, clashed fiercely with Frederick Wilhelm II. and with the Lutheran hierarchy. The first half of his 'On Religion Within the Limits of Reason Alone' having been published in the Berlin

Journal, the publication of the second half was prohibited by the Government, and Kant printed and published at Königsberg the whole work. For this he was forbidden to write or lecture on any religious subject, and for years the expression of his thought was hampered by German autocracy."

AND THE TRUTH.

As a matter of fact Kant was not a German at all, though he is always claimed by the Germans; he was a Lithuanian—a member of a race totally distinct from the Huns. We will admit that Germany has been guided by the philosophy of Kant, but not by that of Kant.



TYRANNY

THE slavery that Lithuanian farmers will be subjected to, should Germany win, may be like that which the German is imposing upon the farmers in Ukraina. That great section of Russia made "peace" with Germany, only to be ground under the iron heel of the Kaiser. He is forcing the Ukrainian farmers and peasants to give him all their grain, and to plant a larger area under penalty of death. The brave farmers of that country are revolting against such tyranny, but with only partial avail. Their government has been stamped out of existence. The extent to which the Germans are going in their atrocities among the peasantry of Ukraina is said to be even worse than their rapine in Belgium. The only way to insure the small and subjected nationalities against similar slavery is to whip the German to a finish.

UKRAINIANS

THE Ukrainians who have allied themselves with the Cossacks, live mainly in Ukrainian Russia Galicia and Bukowina, between the Caucasus, the Black sea, the Karpathian mountains and the San river. A few Jews, Poles and Russians are scattered among these people in these districts but the Ukrainians, numbering some 33,000,000, constitute the great bulk of the population. The total area of Ukrainian territory is greater than that of France.

Ukrainian was founded by the Rurik dynasty and later passed under the control of the Cossack republic. The Cossacks whose precepts were obedience, piety, chastity and equality recognized only one authority—the assembly, called rada, in which all classes of the community were represented. Their hetman (headman) was elected by the assembly and was responsible to it for his acts, subject to removal from office if he offended. Republican institutions gradu-

ally took root in Ukrainians and many people went there from surrounding territory and even far-way Ireland to settle and enjoy the advantages resulting from the free Ukrainian institutions.

Ukrainia was conquered by Lithuania. Ukrainia's condition grew worse and worse her rights were gradually taken away and in time her name was well-nigh blotted from the world's memory.

Under the constitution of 1905, the fruit of the first revolution, the Ukrainian peasantry was given representation in the дума but the bureaucrat and pan-Russians with the help of the socialists euhred them out of this boon by "explaining away" the constitution; no Ukrainian party was represented in the third дума. Confiscations, prohibitions, arrests and exiles were then inflicted on the Ukrainian and an anti Ukrainian propaganda did much to efface the world's recollection of the Ukrainian nation and nationalism.

The Ukrainians who have lately regained their independence are essentially democratic, they are by

no means pro-German—indeed those who know the Germans best like them least.

Black soil overlies three-fourths of the Ukrainian territory which produces two-thirds of all the cereals grown in the whole of Russia. Twenty-seven per cent of the grain produced is exported, constituting nine-tenths of all that is sent out of Russia. Ukrainia ranks highest of all of the countries of Russia in agricultural production, its annual yield of the staple crops, wheat, rye and barley, amounting to one-third of the total Russian output. Sixty-two per cent of all the pig iron and 58 per cent of all of the steel turned out each year in Russia comes from Ukrainia.

The Ukrainians are deserving of self government
The right of all nations to live and let live.

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