

removed by the flight of these ships to Heligoland Bight. But coat it as they like, the fact is that the prize slipped under the nose of the British lion. The escape left only an unpleasant smell to say nothing of the one hundred and ten bombing attacks made on the ships while they were in dock.

On our home front we find the same story. Every day we see pictures and accounts of the tanks, planes, armoured cars, and what-not rolling off the assembly lines. We have an illusion of them rolling off in never ending numbers. But they are not rolling off as pictures and accounts have suggested. They are moving off very, very slowly. But here we are again carried away by the painted picture.

Are we children that we want our pills sugar coated? We can take the bad news with the good. I'm sure most of us prefer the cold facts to vague or false accounts. A common expression among the bombed Londoners is, "We can take it". Well, so can we. Our Canadian soldiers took it in the last war and recently got a taste of the blitz at Hong Kong. They will have to take it before this war is over. So let us have the facts, the bad news with the good. Surely we are not such babies that we cannot take the bitter pill of losses and defeat without the sugar coating of a false optimism.

THE NORDIC MYTH

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A most popular Nazi teaching to-day is that of racial supremacy. The doctrine, in brief, is that the Germans are the survivors of a great Aryan or Nordic race which has included all the more intelligent people of the world from pre-historic times down to the present day. It holds that members of this race have been responsible for most of the achievements of mankind throughout the century, and that all the great figures in history belong to it. Germans, then, are a superior people, and it is fitting that they should subjugate and rule all other nations. Hitler himself is an ardent believer in this doctrine, and by his hysterical rantings on the subject, has inspired his followers with a lust for world conquests, and a cruel, arrogant hatred for all defeated victims.

The theory is not original with Nazi leaders, but has been evolved by various European writers during the past hundred years. It has, however, no basis in fact. All men are recognized by scientists to belong to one race, and the different classifications of this race are referred to as types. Thus the nations of Northern Europe do belong to the Nordic type, but the contention that they are endowed with exceptional ability and have done more than others for the improvements of mankind is absurd.

History attests that the greatest contributions to civilization have come from the Near East, where the people are of the Mediterranean type, whereas the contributions from Northern Europe are about as significant as those of Ancient Sparta. It is found, moreover, that no men of the true Nordic type have been men of outstanding genius, and that the few celebrated Germans such as Kant, Beethoven, and others, did not belong to it.

Germany, to-day, is credited with great scientific and mechanical accomplishments. But most of her famous war weapons, such as tanks, planes, and submarines are inventions which she has stolen from other countries and developed. Few of the important inventions have come from Germany, and, except along lines of militarism, the German has seldom distinguished himself at anything.

Thus, the Nordic Theory has no authentic origin, it has no evidence to support it, and it may rightly be termed a fallacy and a myth.



Let us then be up and doing
With a heart for any fate:
Still achieving still pursuing
Learn to labor and to wait.

—Longfellow

Satan trembles when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees.

—Cowper