

flees back to Paradise to cry out "at the feet of the Christ God: 'O, Christ God! Can'st Thou not save even now?'"

The reply is: "I have offered them My Last Weapon for more than nineteen hundred years. If they refuse it I have no other!" And England and Germany are left each in possession of Powers' "last weapon," the newly discovered "Hellite" ready to hurl each other to final ruin.

Germany, The Next Republic? Carl W. Ackerman. George H. Doran Company, New York, 1917. 292 pp. \$1.50 net.

The author believes the title he has given his book must be the battle cry and goal of the United States and her Allies in this war. He was an accredited representative of the United Press in Germany for two years and more prior to the breaking of diplomatic relations and has had, it is said, exceptional opportunities and facilities for knowing the real facts about Germany. Permanent peace will follow the war, in his view, only in case of the establishment of a German Republic. The world cannot afford to consider peace with Germany until the people rule. This book will help, he believes, as no other, to show Americans why autocratic Germany hates and fears democratic America and why we must defeat the Kaiser and his generals. The sooner the United States and her Allies tell all this frankly and officially to the German people the sooner we shall have a trustworthy peace. "I believe," he says, "that the United States by two years of patience and note-writing has done more to accomplish the destruction of militarism and to encourage freedom of thought in Germany than the Allies have done during the three years of fighting." "The seeds of democratic thought which Wilson's notes and utterances sowed in Germany are growing." But only one thing now will make the people realize fully that they must think and act for themselves if they wish to exist as a nation and as a race, and that is a military defeat, "a defeat on the battlefields of the Kaiser, von Hindenburg and the Rhine Valley ammunition interests." Only a destroyed German army leadership will embolden the people to overthrow the group of

men who do Germany's political thinking today. The book is full of ardent and informed patriotism and will help to a better understanding of the war situation of today.

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Petain, the Prepared. By Edward Earle Purington. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York, 1917. 49 pp. 50 cts. net.

A single slogan of the war has done much to make the subject of this sketch immortal, "They shall not pass." Verdun was Petain's hour, and it found him prepared to meet one of the most terrific tasks ever set a human being—that of stopping the best equipped army the world had ever known. "They must not pass," said General de Castlenan. "They shall not pass," answered General Petain, who had been decided on as the man to defend Verdun, and they did not pass. It was no run of luck. It was not because it was Petain, but it was because Petain was prepared. The story of the man and his preparedness is told in this little book in a way to call forth from General Leonard Wood an appreciation in which occur these words. "'Petain the Prepared' voices the cry which is almost as old as spoken language, the cry which has been shouted from the hilltops by thinking men for thousands of years, but too often unheeded to be remembered only in the throes of war." It is the story of a life which was made to tell—made marvelously efficient—not by any accident of birth, not by any magic or wizardry, but by means attainable in the necessary degree and kind to every one of us—by being prepared when the hour came. It is good reading for all, but especially for the young.

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What Did Jesus Really Teach About War? By Edward Leigh Pell. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York, 1917. 180 pp. \$1.00 net.

Mr. Pell is not a pacifist nor a militarist. He tries to find the reality of things, the truth in the midst of so much vagueness and vapid teaching. We have here robust piety and sturdy patriotism that appeal to the conscience.