

and suffering not knowing what was going to happen, you could not help thinking what might be the future. If Loyd Geroge and Wilson had been willing to stand up to Clenenseau I'm sure the German people never would have gotten into a situation like that. But the devil had another man prepared.

This The interesting thing is that this man had told exactly what he wanted to do and everybody could know exactly what he planned to do but everybody disregarded and paid no attention to it. I sat in the boarding house where I was eating my lunch one day in 1931 in Berlin and the people said (one said), the way everything is just going from bad to worse here. They said, Any time Hitler will come into power; and within six weeks he'll make such an utter failure of trying to improve things that the communists will then come into power and take us over!

Most of the Germans considered Hitler kind of a fool thing that would never get anywhere or accomplish anything. But the people were in such a condition of misery that anybody that had any leadership, that had ability, that had charisma would or could take over. And who would think that that comic ~~an~~ awkward figure of Hitler with that little moustache would ever be able to be a real leader! But you can't judge people by their looks. Hitler was one of the able people of history, and Hitler when he was in prison wrote his book Mein Kampf in which he told exactly what he wanted to do. He wanted to conquer the world; to destroy every Jew.

He wanted to establish situation that seemed like utter dreams. You would think that any man -- he's crazy ideas he had would be like everybody in Germany expected that within six weeks (months) he'd make a failure of it and the communists would take over. But Hitler worked to get into power most cleverly, and gathered around him a group of able men who were utterly subject to him and ready to do whatever he said. He was able to take that nation by grabbing them one by one and putting them in concentration camps. Grabbing the people who might resist him he was able most cleverly to get himself into complete control of the nation. Then with his men he was able to organize them into the greatest striking force the world has ever seen.

We in America thought what a lot of foolishness! This crazy fellow Hitler will never get anywhere. We passed a neutrality act: we would never interfere in any way and we took this strong stand that we would keep out of the European situation. But Hitler proved to be clever beyond imagining. He proved to have an ability to crystalize masses of people to where they hardly realized what they were doing in their readiness to do what he said.

He took able men and put them in positions of leadership where they would do things they would never have thought of doing because Hitler ordered them to do it. He got ~~sixteen million people~~ when == 60 million people even when they greeted each other to say, Heil Hitler! instead of saying Hello! That takes somebody of very remarkable ability to take over a great an able and hard working people in the way he did. It was all written in his book. It was all perfectly clear what he planned to do. But nobody thought he'd ever actually do it. He broke all the restrictive things of the