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Clear Case of German Slave Raiding in Belgium

Since the beginning of October the two provinces of Belgian Flanders have been the scene of tragic outrages upon the civil population. These provinces are in the army zone, and are thus subject to the military authority, whereas the rest of Belgium under German occupation is subject to the civil administration, of which Baron von Bissing is the head. On Oct. 3 a decree was placarded in the towns and villages of the region reproducing a decision of German headquarters which conferred upon the military authorities the power to compel, by force if necessary, all non-invalids dependent for their livelihood upon others to undertake work away from their homes. The decree was directed against the unemployed of all classes, and especially against the men thrown out of work by the closing of factories after the German seizures of all raw materials. These men, deprived of means of subsistence, became dependent for their food upon the local municipal authorities.

Rounded Up by Soldiers.
The publication of the decree was quickly followed by a notice warning all persons concerned to present themselves, on a given day and hour, at places named, and to come furnished with articles of kit that were minutely specified. Failure to comply with the notice rendered absentees liable to heavy fines and imprisonment. Simultaneously, the municipal administrations, which alone possessed lists of the men who had been thrown out of work, were summoned to hand over the lists to the military authorities. They refused, as they were entitled to do, and were at once dispossessed and replaced by German military representatives. In some cases the municipal officials who had charge of the lists were brutally arrested and thrown into prison. Not content with these arbitrary measures, the German authorities ordered the soldiery to round up workmen found in the streets and to drive them to a given point. Here the captives were penned up like cattle. The most able-bodied among them were told off, shut up in barracks, and sent on the morrow, under military escort, to a part of Belgium where a military position was being prepared.

Starved Into Submission.
Seeing that military work was required of them, these Fleming captives declined to do it. Thereupon they were imprisoned, and were kept without food of any kind until, in two or three days, hunger compelled them to submit. In one place, young men similarly collected were taken to camps near an aerodrome in course of construction, and compelled to perform military labor. In another place more than 2,000 men, rounded up haphazard, were segregated and ordered to sign a German form of agreement to work in Germany. The method was not identical in all places. In some towns the invalids, in others married men, were exempted, while the rest were told that they would only be employed on civil work, and that they would be paid 3d a day. But the trains—made up of trucks open to wind and weather—in which these poor creatures were herded together, started for Germany and the North of France. Each of these raids captured some 4,000 men. It was literally slave raiding.

Undaunted Prisoners.
Along the railway line scraps of paper thrown out by the prisoners have been picked up. They bear the words: "The young men of X, and the surrounding villages have been captured." "The unmarried comrades of Y, from the village of Z, from 18 to 30 years of age, are here together. We will never work for the Germans, and never sign their paper. Long live King Albert." "Van T. and De R. from X, were sent on October 19 to Germany, and arrived on October 20. If this note is found, please send it home to X." During the passage of these long slave trains their unfortunate but undaunted occupants were heard singing the "Brabanconne" and "The Lion of Flanders." The exact number of men thus raided is not known. The most trustworthy estimates put it at 15,000 at least a fortnight ago, says the London Times. The raiding has gone on throughout the whole military zone, and particularly at Bruges, Ghent, Courtrai, Alost (in Flanders), and at Tournai. The whole able-bodied male population, rich and poor, employed or not, has been affected.

Let Neutrals Speak.
The action of the Germans is a direct violation of engagements entered into and of the laws of war. There is reason to fear that it may be extended to the whole of Belgian territory under German occupation. The Vice-Chancellor, Herr von Helfferich, recently declared in the Reichstag that the inhabitants of occupied regions would be subject to compulsory labor, and the terms of the Ger-

man headquarters decree are intentionally vague. It is certain that Germany is short of men, and is determined to lay her hands upon all whom she can find. But will the neutral world watch impassively this revival of slavery and remain silent while citizens of occupied countries are treated like beasts of burden? The German Governor, General von Bissing, has constantly declared in public that no service contrary to The Hague Convention would be required of Belgians. What has now been done is in flagrant contradiction with the spirit and the letter of these conventions. Can it be that all the efforts of civilized peoples in Europe and in America to formulate international law should end by allowing the male population of an unhappy country to be compelled to work in German factories, or behind the German front, for the destruction of their own children?

MORE HONOURS FOR 'OURS'

Yesterday His Excellency the Governor was advised that Capt. Wesley March had been awarded the Military Cross and that Captain Bertram Butler had received an additional Bar to his decoration, both awards coming to the brave recipients for conspicuous gallantry in the field.

The distinguished Conduct Medal has also been awarded to 267 Lanre Corporal Peter Samson, Fox Hr., P.B.
824 Corporal Cyril Gardenr, British Harbour.
1071 Private William Bennett, Stephenville.

We must heartily congratulate the young heroes mentioned on the gallantry which earned for them such signal recognition from the military authorities and especially to Captain Wesley March, so well and favourably known in this city and who for such a lengthy period was one of the most popular officers of the Methodist Guards and who was highly esteemed by the members and officers of the sister brigades.

In a letter from Rev. Father Nangle not long since published full particulars of the brave action of March on October 12th past, which earned for him this coveted recognition. The bravery and daring of these four young Newfoundlanders should make their countrymen thrill with pride and should be incentive to all eligible young men to put on the armour of the Empire and engage in the struggle for Justice and Liberty, in which their fellow-countrymen in the battle front are taking such a prominent and heroic part.

WOMAN'S NARROW ESCAPE.

The danger of boys handling firearms was made apparent a few days ago at Nagle's Hill when a lad named Baird entered the residence of Mrs. Bell, an old lady of that place. The boy had been out shooting and imagined that all the cartridges held in the chamber of his rifle had been used. Shortly after entering the old lady's residence he was handling the rifle and pulling the trigger, there was an explosion and the bullet ploughed the floor not a foot from the easy chair in which Mrs. Bell sat. The old woman swooned with fright and it was sometime before she recovered her senses. Just before the accident occurred another woman had stood in the spot which the bullet hit. The incident goes to show that boys should be prohibited from the use of firearms.

The funeral of the late Joseph Collins will take place at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow from his late residence, Fergus Place, The L. O. A., of which Mr. Collins was a member, will attend the funeral of their deceased brother member.

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A German Threat

LONDON, Dec. 1.—A despatch to the Wireless Press to-day from Stockholm, reports the issuance of an official statement at Berlin regarding the acquisition of supplies from Entente sources by the Scandinavian countries and Holland. The German Government, according to the statement, is firmly resolved not to allow Sweden, Norway, Denmark or Holland to contract through the medium of Great Britain or other Entente Powers for any purchase or provisions of raw material, the acquisition of which would tend to deprive Germany of these necessities.

German Home Army Bill Passed

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The German Home Army Bill, as adopted by the main committee, has passed its second reading in the Reichstag, according to a Berlin despatch. All Amendments were rejected. The Socialists and Labor members voted in the negative.

Serbian Success

PARIS, Dec. 1.—A violent counter attack was made by German and Bulgarian troops yesterday on the Masredonian front near Grunishite, east of the Cerna River Bend. The War Office announces that the Serbians succeeded in retaining all their positions except one trench.

Gets Safe Conduct

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The impression here is that Great Britain has acceded to the second request made by Washington for a safe conduct for Count Adam von Tarnow, recently appointed Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to the States.

Entente Troops Land at Piraeus

LONDON, Dec. 1.—A detachment of Entente troops disembarked at Piraeus, the port of Athens, at three o'clock this morning, according to a wireless received to-day from Athens.

DEATHS.

COLLINS.—Yesterday, after a lingering illness, Joseph Collins, aged 36 years, leaving a wife, three sisters and three brothers to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Sunday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 9 Fergus Place. Friends and acquaintances please accept this the only intimation. (Montreal papers please copy.)

LOCAL ITEMS

The schr. Jennie E. Duff sailed from Grand Bank to Oporto with 3260 qtls. codfish.

In the Police Court to-day there was a clean docket. An affiliation case came before Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., at noon.

The Prospero left St. Anthony at 1 p.m. yesterday, bound north; and the Portia owing to the storm lay up at Gaultois last night, left English Hr. at 9 a.m. to-day and is due here to-morrow night.

The American schr. Lewis R. Sylvester is at Woods Isld. to load herring for Gloucester. The boats in the Arms at Bay of Islds. had from 5 to 10 tubs of herring yesterday.

To-morrow afternoon the T.A. & B. Society will hold their nomination meeting and Sunday week next the annual meeting will be held and the election of officers take place.

The boy Kennedy who was run down by Mr. J. Clouston's motor was from Monday afternoon till Thursday unconscious. He has now regained his senses and it is only a question of time when he will be fully recovered and can leave the hospital.

An old and respected resident of Portugal Cove in the person of Mrs. Greely, wife of Mr. Robert Greely, died there yesterday. Mrs. Greely who was in her 70th year was a charitable and kindly woman, a good neighbor and a sincere friend and will be sincerely regretted by all the people of the place.

Day and night classes for instructing policemen will soon be provided in Harvard university. The course deals mainly with the matter of organization, the keeping of station records, identification systems and psychology as it relates to the questioning of prisoners arrested. It is believed that this is the first course of its kind ever offered by a university in the United States.

Must First Get Special Permission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—No one henceforth will be allowed to go from the United Kingdom to Spain, Portugal or South America, without special permission, according to an announcement by the British Foreign Office made public to-day through the State Department.

Roumanians Retire In Dumbovitz Valley

BUCHAREST, Dec. 1.—After an infantry action was evacuated Campulung, and are retiring in Dumbovitz Valley where before we had been violently attacked.

An Unconfirmed Report

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Cologne Gazette publishes an unconfirmed report that Russian troops have arrived at Bucharest.

A Splendid Tribute

The following letter received by Mr. James Norris, of Three Arms, is a tribute to his son which cannot improve on:

Dear Mr. Norris,—I have just been given your address so I want to write and offer you my deepest sympathy in the death of your son on Oct. 11th. He was killed instantaneously by a big shell just as he was trying to rescue a man who had been buried in by another shell. His platoon had had a particularly bad time through very heavy shelling, and there were only three survivors, and your son stuck to his trench in the most gallant manner. He was a most promising officer and I deeply regret his loss, and the only consolation I can offer you is that by his fine example he helped to hold our trenches under a most severe shell fire, and this enabled us the next day to make our successful attack, in which the Regiment gained great credit, and your son by his death contributed in no small measure to the success of the Regiment. With my deepest sympathy to you, believe me,
Yours sincerely,
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SCHOONER BURNT, CREW SAVED.

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, C.M.G., had the following message to-day: "The schr. Rupert, Capt. G. Vardy, caught fire on the 29th in Trinity Bay while on a voyage to St. John's. She sank near Random Head. Schooner and part cargo are insured. Crew saved."

ANOTHER VESSEL GETS DRUBBING.

The schr. "Ceybele," Capt. Thos. Dunné of Riverhead, Hr. Grace, arrived at Malaga on Wednesday with 3,500 qtls codfish shipped at Makovic, Labrador. The vessel got a drubbing in one of the recent storms on the Atlantic and is considerably damaged, but to what extent has not been ascertained.

LAST NIGHT'S STORM

As a result of the Southerly gale of last night little or no damage is reported. The wind blew with great velocity and there was torrential rain, the latter tending to clear the streets and make them clean and wholesome. A good deal of silt and sand was brought down the steep streets to the lower level and some of the thoroughfares were cut up, though not to any great extent.

A parcel containing woollen yarn picked up by Mr. Joseph Long, of the Mail and Advocate, on Church Hill yesterday can be had by the owner at this office.

The schr. Lowell F. Parks has sailed for Gibraltar with 2900 qtls. codfish shipped by Geo. M. Barr.

His Lordship Bishop Power of St. George's arrived here by the express last night on a visit to the city.

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