

## Editorial Efforts

### Three Years of War

ON August 4th, 1914 (three years ago to-day), Britain declared war on Germany. Three days previous to this (August 1), Kaiser Bill had launched upon the world the most bloody struggle in its history. On that date he started to clear the way and make preparations for what he was pleased to call at the time "his Christmas dinner" in Paris. The account of that advance has partially been written, but the world does not know half the atrocities that were committed by the German army on that occasion. The first act of the Hun was the violation of all international laws and treaties by the invasion of Belgium. By this act the German Emperor has been stamped with the brand of Cain upon his forehead, and the German people will for ever be loathed and shunned by the whole civilized world.

The story of the invasion of this beautiful little country reads like a horrible nightmare. We are told how the Belgium Army stood at the gate while France was preparing her forces, and Britain getting her "contemptible little army" across the channel. King Albert and his heroic band, held the German horde at bay for days, giving way step by step, each day witnessing the destruction of their homes, their mothers, wives and sisters ravished and murdered, their children mutilated, sometimes beyond recognition, and their priests slaughtered. In the face of all this, they held the German brutes in check and thus saved the situation.

What happened since then will appear when the history of the war is written, and it will not be pleasant reading for the German people. Even in the first period of the war when victory smiled upon them, instead of bringing out the spirit of chivalry and true manhood as in other nations, they developed a lust for everything inhuman, murderous and contemptible, that would bring a blush of shame to the face of the unspeakable Turk.

On the other hand the Allies can look back upon their record with pride. They have ever been true to their manhood and their principles. They have fought the German at every turn and beaten him. No matter whether the war lasts three months or three years longer, Germany will not only be defeated, but she will forever be a discreditable nation in the eyes of the world.

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