

claim for oneself the right to kill hundreds of civilians out of hand, but to brand as a *franc-tireur* the civilian who does not willingly submit to execution, amounts, in our opinion, to measuring justice with a different scale, according to whether it is to be applied to oneself or to another. This is, in our view, *arbitrariness* and *injustice*. And that touches us even in the midst of all the horrors of the war. It shocks the neutrals, and arouses fresh bitterness and hatred in the enemy."

A Swiss paper, the "Journal de Genève," denounces the German crime and says: — "It is monstrous to maintain that armed forces have a right to murder civilians but that civilians are guilty of a crime in defending themselves." The "Gazette de Lausanne," another Swiss paper, asks: — "What will the maritime neutral countries think of the principle in obedience to which Germany has shot a brave English captain"?

Mr. Asquith, speaking in the House of Commons, expressed the feelings of the British Empire when he said :