

### AWFUL TREATMENT OF BRITISH WOUNDED

German Soldiers Testify Some Were Deliberately Done to Death

MOST of the newspapers reproduce the Tj'd's article dated Maestricht, October 14, in which its war correspondent says he saw at Landen wounded arriving in a train.

My attention was attracted to a riot before one of the last carriages. I shall never forget as long as I live what I saw. Would I had never seen it! Between some wounded French lay three severely wounded English on straw. They presented a very sad appearance. Their condition looked to me very serious.

#### No Food For 5 Days

I was told these men had had no food for five days, and now before the open carriage door stood two to three hundred German soldiers, some slightly wounded, who could still walk well, others, German soldiers of the occupation force, who had come for the serving out of soup.

And these two to three hundred stood raving and raging against the three unhappy, severely-wounded English soldiers who had eaten nothing for five days and lay helpless, stretched on some dirty straw in a cattle van.

#### Cruelty in the Extreme

The smoking casks of hot soup were held before them, and thundered at them were the words:—"You want to eat? Swine! Swine! Down with you! Strike you dead! Strike you dead! That's what you can have."

And while they said these last words they aimed their rifle on the unhappy, blood-stained, helpless, hun-



dry creatures. Others stood and spat on their clothes and in their faces, and foam stood on the mouths of the raging men.

#### Were Abusive

Meanwhile other soldiers passed before the three, all shouting most abusive words. One of them lay staring at his persecutors and then again turned a hungry look on the smoking soup. The other two had turned their heads away. Another party laughed and found sport in the helplessness of the three.

I stood there dumb, stupid. At first I could not utter a word. Then, however, trembling all over, I went up to the under-officer, who stood looking on and laughing, and said:—"What is occurring here is cruel. They also are men who have been obliged to do their duty the same as you."

#### Choked With Emotion

More I could not say. My voice choked in my throat. And what did I get for answer?

"What! They obliged to do their duty! No, they're swine, paid swine. They get money for their foul work, the swine!"

I waited for no other answer. I could not. But I stood looking still awhile at this beastly spectacle, only grieving that I was no Colossus who, with one hand, could hold down the assailants and with the other wash the parched, burning lips of the unhappy men.

#### None to Sympathise

What struck me most was that among the two or three hundred soldiers in front of the open cattle van not one man was found who would

### PATRIOTISM OF RIGHT KIND

On Saturday evening Messrs Purcell and Miller hearing that one of their former associate's wife and children were badly in need owing to their bread winner having gone to the front with our contingent, took up a collection which amounted to nigh \$10, which they handed to the woman who was grateful for this help in her hour of great need.

take the side of the unhappy men, not one.

I am fully conscious of the shocking accusations I make through this communication, but with the most solemn oath would I and will I swear that nothing, nothing in this accusation is untrue or the least exaggerated, and if the German authorities wish to make a serious and impartial inquiry I will furnish the following indications.

It took place at Landen on Friday, October 9, in a train with wounded who arrived there from the direction of Brussels and were fed about mid-day.

The correspondent adds, before he had this shocking experience, that Germans had told him in the train that they simply kill English prisoners. Others said this was not done in his detachment, but one said 26 had been done away with by his company.

### Spend Happy Night At the Nickel Theatre

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The shepherds watching o'er their flocks, Had heard the message ring. "Let earth be filled with joy and love, E'en as it is in Heaven above, And let it ring o'er land and sea, That men to men shall brothers be."

No more is Peace, on earth good-will. The angels cry, their voice is still, No more do men the harvest reap, No more the shepherds watch their sheep.

Now Man's sole object is to fight— Battling to make his wrong a right. Do you see the array of helmets bright?

And the bright spears flashing in the light? The bugle's call swells clear and loud As they march along—that mighty cloud.

And the banners of the nations' shine Bright in the front of that glimmering line; The fields of grain are charred and blacked And the cities deserted, destroyed and wrecked.

Come! Come ye valiant men and bold, Heave down your arms and cease to mold Those mighty guns, and swords, and spears,

And list' to the message of the years: Let each man every other love, Then earth shall be as Heaven above, And angels glad again will sing, "Peace! Peace on earth to men good-will."

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The Convention will not open at Catalina until the Ethie arrives.

We thank the Reid Nfld. Co. for their kindness in granting the request of the F.P.U.

### THEY PROMULGATE "LAW OF DEVILRY"

Says Dean Inge Preaching On Atrocious German Acts in the War

PREACHING in Westminster Abbey Dr. Inge, Dean of St. Paul's, said:—

We read our newspapers since the beginning of August and we can see nothing but triumphant and unpunished devilry. We refresh our memories, it may be, by reading that passage of Plato's "Republic" in which the pagan philosopher, 2,300 years ago, draws up his laws of civilized warfare:—

"Non-combatants to be spared, no houses to be burnt, no farms to be devastated, the dead to be honorably buried, no trophies of war to be placed in the temples of the gods, and then we read the exploits of the self-styled apostles of culture who dare to claim the favor of the Christian God; or we think of the horrible words of their accredited spokesman on the ethics of war:—

"Christian" Way.

"Cause the greatest possible amount of suffering. Leave to the non-combatants nothing but their eyes to weep with."

The law of Christian charity has no bearing on the relations of one nation to another.

"Shall I not visit for these things, saith the Lord and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?" If not surely brute force alone is king; Napoleon is too strong for Christ; the Corsican and not the Gallilean has conquered, and for us who have not worshipped this Moloch, who have kept on armaments at the bare limit of safety, is it possible our reward may be to see this Abbey share the fate of Reims, and Oxford that of Louvain?

### Savagery in History.

But after all, history is not a record of the triumphs of savage violence over civilization and humanity. The rule rather is that those who take the sword shall perish by the sword.

Eyen on the lowest ground I do not think that we need regret that we have not aspired to be the bullies of Europe.

We hope we may win through this war, but if not, be it known unto thee, O Emperor, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the blood-stained image of iron that thou hast set up. I hope that with the help of our Eastern Allies we may escape de-

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feat in this war, but we must face the very unpleasant fact that the free nations of Western Europe are not strong enough even together to resist the terrible military despotism which has grown up upon our flank.

### Outlook Not Bright.

"The outlook for democracy and liberty in the Old World is not bright. We had fancied that there was an automatic law of progress. Of course there is nothing of the kind. An unfortunate conjunction of forces might easily plunge us back into the Dark Ages.

For the present we must drink the cup that our Heavenly Father has given us, and if things go badly we

must remember that the true greatness of England has always been a moral and spiritual greatness founded above all perhaps on a definite and recognizable type of character—the lay religion of the English gentleman.

This I most earnestly hope we shall always cherish, with its fine flowers of honorable dealing in war as well as in peace, of justice, kindness, and respect for the rights of others. It is the best thing that as a nation we have to give to the world.

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