

## PREFATORY NOTE.

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THE contents of this pamphlet are a translation of part of the Introduction and of the whole of Chapters X. and XI. of a much larger work entitled *LES DÉPORTATIONS BELGES À LA LUMIÈRE DES DOCUMENTS ALLEMANDS*, by Fernand Passelecq. They constitute a complete and convincing account of the systematic and deliberate steps taken by the Germans to bring about unemployment and the paralysis of Belgian industries and so prepare the way for deporting workmen to Germany. German excuses for this barbarous procedure are examined in detail, and their hollowness is proved by reference to the matter published in Germany and elsewhere.