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Germany's action in driving into virtual slavery between 200,000 and 300,000 Belgians, who have been sent to work in Germany, has excited great interest in all parts of the world and may yet cause President Wilson to take pen in hand once more. Yet horrible as is this crime it is not the first time in the present war that Germany has enslaved enemy populations. Last April the French civilians of Lille, which is in German hands, were ordered to present themselves before the military authorities and then without warning were shipped back to Germany. Families were broken up; husbands and wives, mothers and children ruthlessly separated. Young girls by the hundreds were torn from the arms of their natural protectors and sent to unknown destinations with no better protection than that afforded by German soldiers. What was their fate can only be guessed from the occasional letters that have since reached France. One girl wrote to her brother, "We ask you only one thing, to be strong and avenge us." Another wrote to her betrothed, "You may show this letter to your comrades in order that all the soldiers may avenge us."

The Deportations at Lille.
So secretly was the work at Lille carried out that it was three months before the news reached the French Government. Then when there was a formal protest the German Government tried to justify itself by pointing out that France by making no protest for three months had tacitly acquiesced in the work as a necessary military precaution. It appeared, however, that protest had been made by the French Mayor of Lille and by the Roman Catholic Bishop of the city. They were treated with rudeness and contempt by the German officers. In Poland slavery was introduced shortly after the German invasion. The people were notified that everybody must work. Anyone not having a job would be provided with one in Germany. Anyone refusing such work would be imprisoned and otherwise punished. Those who provided food or shelter for any Pole voluntarily unemployed were also liable to imprisonment. Thousands if not indeed hundreds of thousands of Poles have thus been forced to labor for Germany. Stephen Lauzanne, editor of the Paris *Matin*, says in the course of an interview with the New York Tribune, that on the Western front Poles were found digging trenches and making fortifications for the German army.

The Modern Caesar.
The Kaiser seems to be emulating Caesar, of whom Antony said "He hath brought many captives home to Rome whose ransom did the general coffers fill."
Julius Caesar sold 63,000 slaves in Gaul, the proceeds of one victory, and Emilius Paulus, after his triumph at Epirus, sold 150,000 slaves. The only difference between these ancient conquerors more people, and has not held them for ransom. Instead of selling his slaves the Kaiser puts them to work for him; he uses them in his own establishment. There is also the slight difference that Caesar enslaved his victims fifty years before Christ, while the Kaiser has done his work some thirteen centuries later. But as M. Lauzanne says, why should anybody be astonished at this latest outburst of German cruelty and atrocity? It is only another provision of the Hague Convention of 1907 to be violated. One who knows the German character will not be surprised, however horrified he may be. The great pity is that the German character was formed before the war, was understood by many, and that the British people were deceived and blinded by their leaders with regard to it.

The Chosen People.
The Germans have been taught for a long time that they are the favored race of the Almighty, that they are the chosen people, preferred by God in the twentieth century, as the Jews were in the days of the Patriarchs. The French editor quotes from a speech made by the Kaiser before leaving his troops for a visit to Tanager in 1906.
"You must have the strong conviction that God would not have given Himself so much trouble for the German Fatherland, if He had not reserved us for a great destiny. We are the salt of the earth. God has called us to civilize the world; you are the missionaries of human progress." What the Kaiser then professors, preachers and newspaper writers, Pastor Loebel of Leipzig said: "Heaven cherishes the Germans and has designated them as the People Elect. We make war with the strong conviction that we execute the Divine Will in establishing our Divine Will in establishing our domination."

Germany to-day is a nation possessed of a demon. As the French editor says, savagery in the force back of the German arms whether manifested in the sinking of the Lusitania, the use of poisonous gas, or the rape of Belgium. The necessity for imitating the acts of the Hun was taught the German soldiers long before the beginning of the war. "True humanity," says one of their text books, "consists in proceeding without any regard for sentiment." Here is the idea again. It is not "humanity," which is an attribute of men, but "true humanity," which pertains only to the supermen of the earth, who are, of course, the Germans. Here is another paragraph: "The presence of women, children, old men, wounded and sick in a town which is being shelled may hasten the surrender of the place, therefore it would be a real madness on the part of the besiegers if they would refuse to take cognizance of such an advantage—women and children in front!"

Playing It Safe
A rising young artist was showing a lady through his studio.
"This picture," he said stopping before one of his early efforts "is one I painted to keep the wolf from the door."
"Indeed," replied the woman "Then why don't you hang it on the knob where the wolf can see it."

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Sale of British and French Treasury Bills to be Discontinued

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The abandonment by J. P. Morgan and company of the proposed sale of a limited amount of short-term British and French treasury bills at the request of the allied governments, announced here to-day, came as a surprise to the financial community. The announcement, issued from the Morgan offices, stated that the action of the British and French governments was taken out of regard for the attitude adopted against the sale by the federal reserve board. The surprise was heightened by the fact that all arrangements for the offering had been perfected.

Arrange Other Credits.
Other plans to finance the pressing needs of the British and French governments are already under way, it is understood, but they have not yet reached a definite stage. A member of the Morgan firm informally stated that no other plans had been formulated, but it was learned from reliable sources that the denial had been made as a matter of policy. The plans under contemplation it is intimated, will involve a large amount of "dollar credits" available to Great Britain, if not to her chief ally.

British institutions and private investors still retain large amounts of American securities, although they have been largely mobilized by the British treasury. There have been no cancellations of orders for war supplies or any other materials to the countries of the Entente Allies, according to the bankers acting for these interests, and no appreciable diminution of orders is expected. The British government continues to hold large reserves of gold in Canada and the more remote colonies and these reserves, it is believed, will be employed to meet immediate exigencies, including stabilization of exchange.

Morgan Statement.
The announcement was contained in the following statement:
"We have been instructed by the British and French governments to withdraw their treasury bills from sale.
"We have accordingly expressed to those institutions and investors which had already placed orders with us for these securities that the sellers wish to be released from the obligations to deliver, and they have been good enough to accede.
"This action is because, as explained by the British chancellor of the exchequer and by the French minister of finance, these governments desire to show every regard to the federal reserve board, a governmental body of which the secretary of the treasury and the comptroller of currency are ex-officio members.

No Essential Scheme
"We may add that the sale in limited amount of these treasury bills, payable in dollars in New York, has never been an essential part of the allied governments' financial plans, but has for some time been under consideration with a view to furnishing a credit medium that would accommodate the American banking demands for an instrument could always undertake to lay down gold in New York sufficient to meet the matured bills.
"It was believed further that these bills would have furnished at the end of the war an excellent measure of protection to the American financial situation, inasmuch as these steadily-maturing obligations of the foreign governments would have tended to prevent heavy drafts of gold from this market."

High Price Boycott Is Now Talked Off
Organization by the women of St. John of some movement to combat high prices was intimated to the Globe to-day by several ladies with whom the Globe discussed the food situation. Women engaged in patriotic work say their activities will be seriously curtailed if friends who have so loyally helped in their many activities are compelled to use living expenses money heretofore devoted to patriotic endeavours.

Philanthropic workers say the difficulties of the poor will be many times multiplied, and that churches and other organizations will find it increasingly difficult to get money for the relief of distress. To-morrow's meeting of the St. John Local Council of Women and a meeting to be held later in the week by the I. O. D. E. are expected to discuss the situation and the adoption of measures such as inaugurated by women in other communities.
A boycott of articles selling for high prices in the hope of forcing reductions is talked of and may be organized if the women show a disposition to co-operate.

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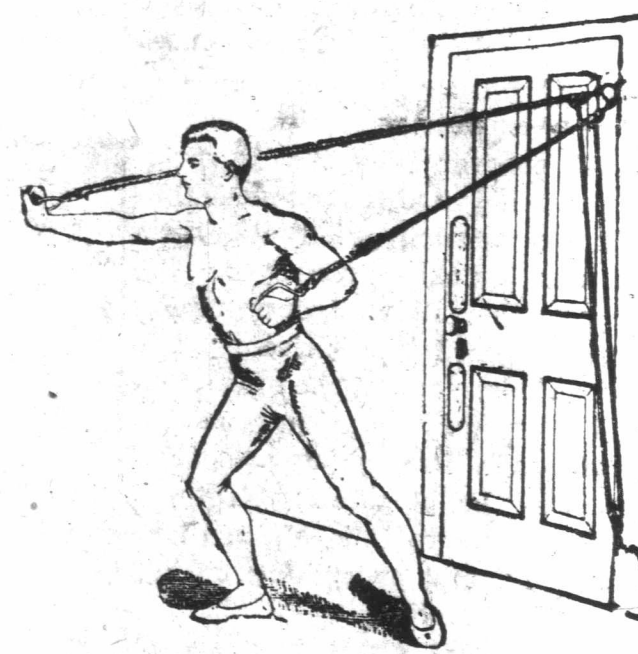
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