

On page 46 he tells of the conduct of Prince Eitel, the Kaiser's second son. He had stayed for several months in the Chateau of Avricourt, the sort of building protected by treaty between Germany, France, the United States and other countries. When leaving this place he took away all the historic objects, and then set fire to the building and had it completely destroyed.

On page 55 and 56 we are told that German soldiers who have syphilis are not permitted upon pain of death to go with one of the Comp women. These infected soldiers then use by force Belgian and French women; and, after using them, they cut off a breast as a warning to other German soldiers that these women are now diseased, and no longer safe companions.

Page 49 gives this: "Her own foreign secretary expressed it publicly in one of her state papers, 'Let the neutrals cease chattering about cathedrals. Germany does not care one stray if all the galleries and churches in the world were destroyed, providing we gain our military ends.'"

The author of *Ecce Homo* said: "Every crime against culture that has been committed for a hundred years rests upon Germany."

Goethe, Germany's greatest writer, said: "The Prussians are cruel by nature; civilization will make them ferocious."

Heine, himself a Prussian, a noted writer, said: "Then—and alas! this day will surely come—the old war gods will arise from their legendary tombs, and wipe the dust from their eyes; Thor will arise with his gigantic hammer and demolish the Gothic cathedral." Further, he said: "As to the Prussians, nature made them stupid; science made them wicked."

On page 66 we are told that Bernhardt said to an American diplomat: "After this war there will be no international law. Berlin will decide laws that are best for the rest of the world."

A German proclamation contained these words: "Let no building stand, no vine or tree. Before retreating see that the wells and springs are plentifully polluted with corpses and with creosote."

On page 20 Hillis declares that "Allen White and Arthur Toynbee are doubtless right in asserting that most of the attacks upon little girls and young women were made by German officers; nevertheless, all must confess that the German soldiers were not less culpable, as they pillaged the land, guided by the deliberate, cold, precise, scientific, ordered policy of German frightfulness."

We may speak, therefore, of Germany and the German mind, as led by the German war leaders, in the words of Dante in his "*Inferno*": "Abandon hope all ye who enter here."