

German soldier, then there is no reason why they should not be employed in some other capacity.

As to the question of international law, the War Office has the honour to submit that in a life-and-death struggle such as that which we are compelled to wage, and in which our enemies, disregarding international conventions, shrink at nothing, *Germany must likewise make the utmost use of every means of defence at her disposal.*

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The *Volksrecht*, commenting on these last words: "every means of defence at her disposal," says that here is brutality naked and unashamed. "We are glad," it continues, "that the acting German Minister of War has frankly avowed the principles on which Germany wages war. The pity is that he should have done this merely in a secret document. Here, however, is at least a frank confession that as for international law so called, the Germans snap their fingers at it; while all the time doing everything possible, by means of diplomatic notes and well-turned speeches in the Reichstag, to prove beyond all doubt that it is the German Government which, during the last three years, has been the true guardian angel of that international law which other nations are for ever trampling under foot."