

visit to England. In an article in the *National Review* he severely criticised German administration of justice. We took occasion to refer to this in a previous number (ante p. 401). His prophecy of a speedy outbreak of war has been fulfilled. Captain Shaw also referred to the injustice and cruelty of German officials, which was entirely alien to the usages of civilized countries. We see in recent accounts from the front of the awful cruelty and barbarism which seem to be the heritage of the German people. Their hideous atrocities in Belgium and France are simply unspeakable. The tyranny of militarism by a certain class in Germany has been utilized by the Kaiser to feed his insane ambition, and this may account for much of this barbarism. It may be that the people themselves will put an end to this tyranny. Civilization demands a radical change. German methods are a blot on civilization and therefore those who practise them and who countenance fiendish acts towards women and children which would shame the worst barbarians, must be blotted out, or taught a lesson which they will never forget.

On a recent occasion, Lord Rosebery, in a public address, spoke as follows:—

"This is a war which must be fought out to the bitter end. It is a war for supremacy, the supremacy of liberty, of all we hold sacred, and is conducted by the Christian faith against a barbarous paganism. That being so, we cannot afford to lose. All we have in the world is at stake, the empire, country, honour, our place in history, and in the nations of the world. So placed as we are we can neither flinch nor come to any patched-up truce. This devilish thing we are fighting must come to an end forever."

The British army has fought for the establishment of our nation, and on all these occasions it is known that the discipline which exists in that army has not destroyed its spirit. It is, thank God, what it was, still; and they will meet again with the same spirit when called on on a future occasion, and I hope and trust, whether men mean it or not, no man will be able to render a British soldier other than he is, one of the most respectable.—Best, J., *King v. Burdett* (1820), 1 St. Tr. (N.S.) 55.