

coldest of cold blood. The charge on which she was convicted was that she had harboured British, French, and Belgian soldiers, and had assisted them to escape from Belgium; and it was only a personal appeal to the German Emperor from the Pope and the King of Spain that saved two French ladies from sharing her fate. No wonder the women of Great Britain have begun to band themselves together in a league whose members pledge themselves never again knowingly to buy anything of German origin. It may seem to be a poor form of retaliation, but it is all they can do. No doubt we shall hear the usual protests against such reprisals, made by men who do not seem to understand that, in the case of Germany, the punishment must be made to fit the crime, and that retaliation is the only medicine that will cure *until such time as the German people see fit to repudiate and disavow the horrors which their rulers have committed in their name*. Meanwhile the blood of his martyred sister is calling aloud for vengeance to every British youth capable of bearing arms.

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DUPLICITY** Fresh evidence comes to light from time to time,—and there is probably more to follow,—as to the responsibility of Germany for bringing about the war. It will be remembered that the ultimatum to Serbia has always been represented as a purely Austrian affair, with which Germany had no concern. When the Serbian reply came to hand, granting almost everything that Austria had asked for, it was made the subject of a diplomatic conversation at Berlin, in the course of which the German Foreign Secretary (von Jagow) professed to be so uninterested that he “had not had time to read it.” Yet there has now been made public, as part of the correspondence between Austria and Italy, a despatch by the Austrian Foreign Secretary (Count Berchtold), in which he says, “We had, it is true, received the assurance from Germany that she would stand by our side if Russia should intervene.”

This is one of the ways in which war can be “forced on Germany!” If Sir Edward Grey had walked into the trap