

have loyally obeyed the Prussian call to arms. Whether living abroad or in the country, they made no attempt to evade the stern duty which was imposed upon them of fighting against their natural friends on behalf of their natural enemies. While the mobilization was in progress, this loyalty was rewarded by the arrest of all the prominent Danes, both men and women, in North Sleswick. The intention of the Prussian authorities was to strike terror into those who remained at home.

North of the river Eider, the old frontier between Denmark and Germany, there stands beside the parish church an elder-tree, about which there is a local prophecy that, when it is large enough for a horse to be tethered to it, then the King of Denmark shall keep tryst here with the King of the Germans, a man with a withered arm; and then the frontier line shall be fixed in peace and amity. The elder-tree has long since reached the girth demanded by the prophecy.