

The City of Termonde, Once a Thing of Beauty, Now a Mass of Ruins



Belgian Troopers on the Trail of Fire and Explosion left by the Kaiser's Army of "Culture," based on Brute Force, viewing what was left of the chief city square at Termonde. Since Belgium has been informally annexed for war purposes, almost every city and town in the "cockpit of Europe" is now in the hands of the Germans. Brussels was occupied without resistance. Ostend is guarded by Belgian troops and British marines. Antwerp is in a state of siege, and the Germans are approaching its forts from three sides, one of them directly from Termonde to the west of the city.

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The Haystack and the Corpse: Painted by the Artist, Modern War

THIS hayrick, built by French labour, still stands on the battlefield of the Marne. In its way it is as fine a piece of workmanship as the man that lies dead in the foreground. Had it been a cathedral, the Germans might have blown it to bits. Being a haystack, it might be useful in war, if they ever got a chance to use it. Peace gathered the haystack. War garnered the man. Next year it may be that a greener hay-crop will grow over the place where the dead soldier is buried, just as for years travelers saw a deeper green on the harvest-fields of Waterloo.

When the war has quit garnering in the corpses by hundreds of thousands in a single line of battle in one valley, the harvesters of peace will go over these battlefields of the Marne and the Aisne, sowing and reaping as they have always done since the era of agriculture began. Bismarck says, in his memoirs, that early in life he feared the German people would neglect the land to which he himself often threatened to return whenever he got tired of diplomacy. But the wealth of the land, the only basis on



This Man in Life, with his made-in-Germany outfit, was a magnificent worker. After the Battle of the Marne he was good for six feet of earth. He marched through Brussels on August 20th singing "Deutschland Uber Alles." In September he lay on the French hayfield, a corpse without a country.

which the world can quickly recover from the ravages of war is a greater force than anything in German philosophy.

Long before this war is settled in the courts of peace, those countries that are still rearing haystacks and shocking wheat instead of planting the harvest fields with corpses, will remain as the economic hope of the world. In this harvest of peace, made still more necessary by the waste of war, Canada next year will play a bigger part than ever. It is the business of the British Navy to keep open the trade routes from the fields of Canada to the markets and the mouths of England. Instead of less than 50,000,000 bushels of wheat exported in 1913 from Canada to England, we should send at least a hundred millions. With several millions of its working population bearing arms in the war, Russia will be unable to export wheat next year. The harvest fields of France and Belgium have already been ravaged by armies. The harvest field population of Germany and Austria are in the field of war. It is Canada's opportunity.