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KRUPP DIRECTOR KEPT A DIARY

It Was Brought Across Swiss Frontier and Made Public

Germany Willed the War, and Could Easily Have Prevented it Had She Chesen to do So

London, May 23-The Daily News London, May 23—The Daily News has received from Berne, Switzerland, a diary compiled by Dr. Muehlon, one of the directors of Krupp's during the first three months of the war. After laying undisturbed in Germany for three years the diary recently has been brought across the frontier and will be published next week. The text remains unchanged, but Dr. Muehlon is withholding from publication sections of his diary dealing with the activities of Krupp's firm. The names of personalities mentioned in the diary are also withheld, but they all, as can easily be understood, figured and still figure among the greatest in Germany.

The diary was compiled by one who was head of the political department at Krupps, and it will help historians not only to fix the responsibility for the war, in so far as that has not been settled by Prince Lichnowsky, but to know, also, the sentiments which prevailed in high German circles at its outbreak. I have been permitted to read the manuscript, and I send in summarized form a few entries. The first gives at somewhat greater length the text of Dr. Muehlon's well-known charges against the German government. Others are:

Aug. 16—News from Berlin—A man who has just conferred with the naval and foreign office secretaries and military chief tells us all are in high spirits. Evrything goes like clockwork, and in a few days the German army will be has received from Berne, Switzerland, a

Excrything goes like clockwork, and in a few days the German army will be all over France. He says the German fleet has looked for the British fleet in

Aug. 27—Under the direction of the foreign office great and unscrupulous efforts are being made to capture governments, deputies, writers, journalists and all neutrals. I will not speak here of the methods, but I doubt their success.

Aug. 28—I spoke yesterday about my doubts with a large circle of prominent men, but nobody shared my views. "We must win the war by any means," is their refrain.

Sent. 5—I had another conversation

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Sept. 5—I had another conversation with the great industrial magnates about the division of the spoils. An unabashed robber policy prevails. One speaker declared that his industrial colleagues, Thyssen, Stinnes and Kirdorf, have thrown all their influence upon the side of a policy of force.

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Sept. 29—Laconic, but informing messages from the front, from a man who has come from headquarters where the emperor received him, says the outlook is unsatisfactory. I need not go into the disputes, but it is clear the German higher command did not reckon on a serious opposition from the French near Paris and had not seen an enemy army which hurled our army back. which hurled our army back.

Oct. 4—An important man who has returned from general headquarters says the emperor is seen there only for a fact time daily. Von Moltke is somewhat apathetic. The real motive force and the coming man is von Falkenhayn, who is supported by all.

Oct. 5—I have had a talk with one of our best known financiers. He says he "only" wants Longwy and Briey from France because of their ore wealth and the greater part of Belgium, including Brussels and Ostend. The present imperial chancellor and foreign secretary seem to him unfitted for obtaining such terms.

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