

Yet it must be remembered that Belgium with her brave army still victoriously facing the common enemy, is in a peculiar position compared to Great Britain, France and Canada. She is deprived of all her resources, in the hands of the enemy. Her soldiers are fighting a stern battle but cannot get news of their families still in occupied Belgium. Husbands, fathers and sons have fought for over two years and a half without ever having heard of their own, without knowing whether their wives, daughters or parents are still alive or whether any of them have fallen victims to the vile activities of the Germans or been deported.

Hence where the Belgians themselves cannot help their own, any of the following funds may appeal to Canadians:

ASYLUM FOR INVALIDED BELGIAN SOLDIERS.—The aim of this fund is to gather and maintain under the most favorable conditions Belgian soldiers incapacitated through wounds received or illness contracted in campaigning.

BELGIAN SOLDIERS' COMFORTS (Union British Gifts for Belgian Soldiers).—The Belgian Soldiers' friends and families are in Belgium unable to send them comforts so dear to the soldiers in the trenches. The Belgian soldiers are thus deprived of this little luxury unless some kindred soul will think of and help them to bear the hard trench life.

Remember the Belgian army was the first in the field and has been there ever since!

BELGIAN RED CROSS.—This Fund is along the lines of the British and Canadian Red Cross funds with this difference that the Belgian women are unable to help their soldiers boys at the front. They are separated by a chain of iron and fire and thus again the Belgian "Tommy" has to look to the outside world.

BELGIAN PRISONERS' FUND.—In the first advance of the German armies rushing to the conquest of the world, to the annihilation of France and the defeat of England, the Belgian army alone stood in their way and defeated their object. Faced by vastly superior numbers, threatened with being surrounded more than once, the Belgian army fought on a gallant time-gaining battle, but in the process not only lost an appalling number of killed, but also had to abandon wounded soldiers and lost a great number of prisoners. For three years these have suffered in silence in camps