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## STREETS OF BELGIAN TOWNS RAN WITH BLOOD OF CIVILIANS

**Germans, Furious at Being Checked by the Belgian Soldiery, Vented Their Spleen on the Inoffending Non-Combatants—Details of Slaughter Bear Witness to Horrifying Barbarities of Kaiser's Men**

(By Jacques Obels.)  
**R**OOSENDAAL, Holland, via London.—I have inspected many Belgian ruins and talked with many desolate Belgian people. Readers of my despatches may not suspect, I hope, that such anti-German sentiments as I have would lead me to suppress or distort the facts. Certainly I have tried to play scrupulously the part of an impartial correspondent.

It is my duty to chronicle certain facts relative to military methods of the Germans in the early stages of the invasion. These were almost unobtainable heretofore, because every witness shuddered at the idea of incurring German displeasure. You could question them, but they answered not a word. This silence is gradually being broken and the truth is bursting all bounds.

Possibly the Germans are not concerned enough to deny stories of military ruthlessness. As I understand it, they say that their "methods of frightfulness" are necessary to bring people of the invaded country to a proper sense of the fact that disasters must be visited upon anyone opposed to the German advance.

**Resistance Made Germans Furious.**  
Andenne is a pretty little town on the Meuse, half way between Liege and Namur. I went there to investigate. In some streets every house was burned. Wretched persons were digging in the ruins in search of some treasure which they thought might not have been utterly destroyed.

Alfred Lens, a well-known business man, who managed a hotel in Chicago several years ago, said: "The Germans came on August 20, bent on crossing the Meuse on a bridge commanded by this town. The Belgians, entrenched, strove heroically to stop the onrush, but it was a pitifully unequal task. As they retreated they blew up the bridge, seriously checking the German advance."

This angered the Germans fearfully. On reaching the shore and finding themselves baffled, the Germans raised a mighty shout of indignation and threatened to wreak vengeance on the civil population. I, with other citizens, was brought before the commandant, who said there was ample proof that civilians had destroyed the bridge.

All denied the charge energetically without result. The commandant stated that summary justice must be done. Small detachments of soldiers were sent about the streets to round up the inhabitants.

**Shot Down and Bayoneted**  
As these issued from their dwellings many were shot down without mercy. In a half-hour's time the streets and sidewalks were littered with bodies. The majority were killed with the bayonet and many lifeless persons were trodden by soldiers. The shooting and bayoneting began at 7 p.m. and was finished by 10 the next morning. It is known there were 400 victims, among them a dozen big manufacturers.

Included among the victims were M. Gillet, consulting engineer; M. Camus, a doctor and Mayor of Andenne; M. David, an alderman, and seven members of his family; M. Lallemand, town clerk. A solicitor named Froidbiz informed me that his father, aged 83, was among the victims. The chief of police informed me that sixty-five civilians were locked in a church and told they would be shot in thirty minutes.

**Increased Their Agony.**  
Every five minutes soldiers entered to remind them that they had so many minutes longer to live. When the half hour expired all were brought out, led before a file of soldiers and lined up. Some wanted to close their eyes, but the soldiers forced down their arms with bayonets. They kept this agony up for another half hour before the order was given to fire. These dead were hardly recognizable. Anyone who showed signs of life was despatched with the butt of a rifle or the bayonet.

Blood flowed in the gutters along the wall behind where the people were shot. I counted 221 bullet holes in one window shutter. The town was thoroughly looted, soldiers sparing not even poor homes, and 250 houses were set on fire.

I counted in a ditch 238 civilians who were shot. I spoke to a woman, who asserted she had been repeatedly attacked by soldiers.

**Some Tales of Horror.**  
Continuing my journey, I came to Huy, where the same tales of horror were repeated. It is alleged the first Germans who entered the town were sent to be under the influence of drink. They immediately began to commandeer large quantities of wines and choice liquor.

Certain inhabitants who were reluctant to obey were marched into an adjoining field and shot. Twenty-one met their end this way. Their houses were ransacked and burned.

At Wepion, some distance toward Dinant, evidence was abundant of grave looting and much slaughter of innocent people. At the castle of Count De La Vaux all the silverware and costly ornaments were taken away and priceless old masters were slipped from their frames and sent to Germany. Seven civilians, it is alleged, were shot because as the Germans approached they hid in their cellars. Among these were M. Bouchat and his two sons and Chapelle De Jehay, a caretaker.

**Men Shot Before Wives.**  
In Dinant civilians perished by hundreds. Perhaps 1,000 were killed. Men were shot in the presence of their wives and children. The commander adopted a lofty tone, asserting that these methods were necessary, that the Belgian nation might properly be impressed to refrain from acts calculated to prolong the horrors of war. He declared the Belgians killed enough unsuspecting soldiers to warrant "any sort of retribution whatever."

I found Namur thoroughly repaired and strongly fortified. A shed capable of holding two Zeppelins was erected near Cogneulle.

Everything points to energetic defenses along the Meuse.

## TRAIN GOT IN 7 YEARS LATE

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After hours of terror the passengers made their escape through the mud. The engine and four cars were abandoned, and remained a landmark. Eventually the affairs of the railway company revived. The road was rebuilt, and at last the rails from either end were connected with those under the long overdue train. At first it was proposed to tow the weather-beaten equipment to its original destination, but the engineers looked over the rusty locomotive, and pronounced her fit to complete her journey.

The news was telegraphed to Port Bolivar, and when the train, more than seven years late, arrived, half a dozen of the original passengers assembled to greet it, and the fact that it had actually reached its destination was telegraphed all over the country.

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