

be measured by the restraint which it shows when it has both opportunity and provocation. I believe that the British armies as a whole will show that they have an understanding of the duties imposed by civilisation which will differentiate them sharply from the Teuton war machine.

It is, of course, inconceivable that Great Britain should forget herself to the same extent as Germany, and should commit acts of slaughter and destruction where no military advantage other than terrorism could be gained. On the other hand, vengeance is a very human quality, and however safe German women and children, burgomasters and civilians may be, it will undoubtedly be hard to prevent acts of revenge upon German soldiery. Let those upon whom rests Great Britain's reputation spare no endeavour to keep British hands clean of such acts.

Civilisation is largely an appreciation of the rights of others, and under the breadth of this definition no one could claim that Germany has shown herself civilised. The invasion of Belgium was one of the most uncivilised acts of history, and no sophistry or casuistry can make it other.

The temptation to Great Britain to violate Holland has been enormous, but no one has ever suggested that Great Britain do so. The chances