

## Flotsam and Jetsam.

### *THE PUNISHMENT OF ATROCIOUS GERMAN CRIMINALS.*

The British Government with commendable promptitude appointed a Board of Commissioners to act with the Law Officers of the Crown, and in liaison with our Allies to inquire and report upon the individuals who have been guilty of atrocities during the past four years, with the purpose of making them personally responsible for such acts. The names are as follows:—

Chairman:—Sir John Macdonell, K.C., C.B.

Vice-Chairman:—Professor J. H. Morgan.

Members:—Sir Frederick Pollock, Bt., Sir Ernest Pollock, K.C., M.P., Sir Alfred Hopkinson, K.C., Sir John Butcher, K.C. M.P., Mr. C. F. McGill, K.C., Mr. H. F. Manisty, K.C., Mr. C. A. Russell, K.C., and Dr. A. Pearce Higgins, together with representatives from the War Office, the Foreign Office and the Admiralty. Their duty will be to report (1) As to the breaches of the law, and customs of the war, committed by the forces of the German Empire and their allies. (2) The degree of responsibility for these offences attaching to particular members of the German or other enemy forces, including members of the general staff, or other highly placed individuals. (3) The construction and procedure of a tribunal appropriate to the trial of these offences. (4) Any other matters cognate or ancillary to the above, which may arise in the course of inquiry.

The whole position was summed up by the Lord Chancellor at the Guildhall banquet, in the following words:—"We are face to face with the fact that the forces of our enemy have collapsed, and the duty now rests on us of seeing that international right is restored, and that the outrages that have been committed upon it are stamped with the disapproval which can only be adequately expressed by the punishment of those responsible."

Since the above was written it is announced that a large volume of evidence has been collected and a preliminary report is being prepared. This is engaging it is said the personal attention of the Attorney General of England. It is also stated that among the numerous criminals who are to be indicted are those of the Ex-Kaiser, Fritz, Turpitz, Generals Stein, Boehm, etc. The Belgians and French have their own lists as well.