

in all German documents, official and unofficial alike, with a monotonous regularity that reveals a word of command from higher up; just as if the Germans imagined that the world could be brought to believe what they said if they only said it often enough. At the council-table the first step must be to tear away this disguise. Behind it will be discovered the skulking forms of the war-party at Berlin, who advised the Kaiser. "We willed this war," Harden has truly said for them: "we had to will it"—or rather we thought we had!

The words used quite recently by the German author of the anonymous book entitled "J'accuse" will stand as true: "Never in the history of the world has a greater crime been committed. Never has the crime, once committed, been denied with greater effrontery and hypocrisy."

ALONG with the lie there went a prayer, the original form of which was "God punish England!" This, too, must have been a *mot d'ordre*, prescribed for his deluded subjects by the "all-highest," or by his servile officers. And with that prayer to God upon their lips, the Germans went forward to do the devil's work in Belgium and elsewhere. They may belittle as they like the damning evidence produced by various Committees of Investigation—English, French and Belgian. But it is too strong for them, and the weight of it will hang round the German neck for centuries. From the collection of facts which Americans will be surprised to hear is referred to in Germany as "Bryce's lies," it is enough to make one extract. This is the translation of what was found written in his field notebook by an officer of the 178th Regiment, xiith (Saxon) Corps: "Every house in the whole village was destroyed. We dragged the villagers one after another out of the most unlikely corners. The men were shot *as well as the women and children* who were in the convent, since shots had been fired from the convent windows; and we burnt it afterwards. The inhabitants might have escaped the penalty by handing over the guilty and paying 15,000 francs!" The