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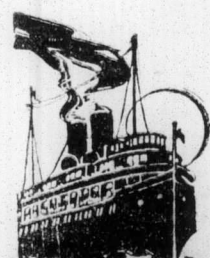


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## People of Brussels, Sure of Allies' Victory Soon, Ignore German Invaders

Brussels is not depopulated; the invasion was so rapid that it arrived almost as soon as people had begun to fear it. Few inhabitants had time to flee.

There are crowds in the streets; the shops are open; Brussels does not present the same aspect of abandonment and desolation as other Belgian cities, such as Antwerp and Liege.

But its life has a strange, unfamiliar appearance; it causes an indescribable feeling of suspension, pause and expectation, and at the first moment one does not understand when comes this impression of immobility and stagnation.

It comes from the lack of vehicles. The first thing that arouses wonder at Brussels is the silence. When one awakes one always has the illusion that the city is still fast asleep.

The crowd moves about, quietly, without forming groups (prohibited), and the long, modern streets, clear in the middle, but bordered by tatters and dark lines of people on foot, are pervaded by a sad calm, as if they were in expectation of a State funeral.

The disappearance of vehicles is not absolute; the invader has reserved for himself the monopoly of rapid locomotion. Only motor cars driven by German soldiers in uniform are allowed to circulate. Automobiles are prohibited for the rest of humanity.

MOTOR CARS COMMANDED. Superfluous prohibition! It had been preceded by such a diligent and complete requisition of motor cars and all the means for their production that there is not one, even in the form of a motorcycle, at the disposal of intending transgressors.

The use of the bicycle has also been prohibited and cyclists have been advised by edict that they will be fired on at sight, to say nothing of being punished by fine and imprisonment in the event of their not being killed.

The requisitions of course, have been extended to the horses, and some interesting experiments in the breeding of Barbantine stock are proceeding in the Rhemish and Westphalian fields.

But age and infirmity have saved a small number of horses from the German recruiting, and the traffic of the capital is exclusively confined to these few invalids.

And Brussels, which, as it has no motor cars, has also no telephones (reserved for the military authorities), no telegraph (except with many), no trains (one cannot leave the city without an exceptional permit) has assumed its present tranquil, collected, lazy, provincial air.

Soldiers, stolid Teutonic types, with broad shoulders, wearing high boots and the spiked helmet or the round police cap on their blond and shaven heads, pass in little groups among the people. They carry rifles and cartridge belts; a strict order prohibits the soldiers from circulating in Brussels without their complete armament. They must always be ready to fire.

Not a glance is turned on the Germans. Without any arrangement, by instinct, the crowd has no desire to see them. For them it has no demonstration either of sympathy or disdain. It is as though they were not.

After having battered down fortresses and conquered cities, they have arrived on the threshold of the unconquerable. In the centre of the vanquished country they are nothing more than exiles. Worse still, they are non-existent. Wherever they go they find a glacial, unalterable impossibility.

The Germans detest Brussels. They find her docile, but feel her to be irreducible. They have disarmed her, even taking away all the means of rapid communication; they keep under direct control, man by man, all the males capable of bearing arms; and yet they fear her.

NOT HOPE, BUT CERTAINTY. They would understand a sullen submission, the murmuring of an impotent revolt; they would understand manifestations of fear or hatred; but they cannot understand this serenity which is not resignation, this implacable, intangible indifference which is not surrender.

The German would like to know what lies beneath the proud and quiet quality of Brussels, and they remain on guard. It is prudent that the soldiers should never lay down their rifles; there are not too many of them in Brussels, even if people are disarmed.

The people are without arms but something impenetrable unites, sustains, strengthens them. To say hope is little. The people of Brussels have certainty.

They placidly accept all sacrifices because they are sure of the end. So far as they are concerned it is the enemy who deludes himself. The more he rages the more he piles up his own account. And the day will come when the account will be paid.

Nothing depresses them. In all the papers they read news of French English and Russian disasters, but they do not believe any of them. They wait in darkness, but as one awaits at night the coming of the dawn.

NEWS IN DEVIANT WAYS. News in which the people have confidence rarely arrives. The introduction of foreign newspapers, except German is strictly prohibited. A few days ago an unscrupulous youth accused of distributing forbidden journals, was followed on the Boulevard Anspach and struck down among the crowd by a revolver shot.

Running enormous risks, concealing themselves with the precautions of coiners, certain daring people compile stencilled extracts of news from the English and French papers and cautiously distribute them. Each copy costs \$2.

Families unite to read them in secret, trembling like conspirators, and the sheets covered with blue characters, pass from hand to hand in a silence full of emotion. But in view of the price, this news is the privilege of the few.

The German authorities have an unshakable faith in the power of the placard. The city is plastered with manifestoes. Every day there is a new crop.

There are official notices, proclamations, prescriptions, prohibitions, interdictions, instructions printed in three languages—Flemish, German and French. Everything is provided for and regulated.

By way of salutary admonition some of the punishments inflicted are placarded, especially if they happen to be capital. One day a Belgian guard succeeded in meriting five years' imprisonment, and for each year the city was fined 1,000,000 francs—total \$1,000,000.

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Ossining, N. Y., Aug. 5.—Charles Becker was the 117th man to be put to death in the electric chair.

The chair was first used July 28, 1891, twenty-four years before Becker lost his last chance to escape the death penalty.

While the chair has been in use 166 men and one woman have been in the death house. Of this number 116 have paid the death penalty, 32 have got out by new trials, 17 have had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment and 2 created the law by attacking keepers and escaping.

Those who broke out were Calliser and Rohl, who escaped in 1893. A week afterward their dead bodies, with a bullet hole in it, were found floating in the Hudson River.

Albert T. Patrick, the lawyer, had the longest record of service in the death house. After six years there his sentence was commuted, Roland Molinoux and Dr. Kennedy were the two foremost prisoners to be released by new trials. Mrs. Madeline Ferola, the only condemned woman ever committed to Sing Sing, has had her sentence commuted by Governor Whitman.

The first man to die in the chair in New York State was Harrison Smiler. He was executed by Warden Brown on July 28, 1891, with James Slocum, James Wood and Skiskeeck Juggis. William Langely of The Bronx was the 100th man executed.

**BEALTON**  
[From Our Own Correspondent]  
Mr. and Mrs. C. Anderson of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. M. Anderson of Brantford spent Sunday at W. Miss Violet Robinson is visiting in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith and Miss Smith visited at Mr. W. Campbell's of Lower Oakland on Sunday.

Mr. Percy Shay of Ancaster is visiting at his home here.

Misses Lottie and Annie King will entertain "Our Class" and the "C. I. C. Class" on Thursday evening of this week.

Mrs. A. Smith is visiting at Waterford.

Mr. W. Taylor of Flint, Mich., visited at J. C. Davis' and Mr. W. Taylor's last week.

We understand Mr. G. E. Davis has offered Mr. M. Fields the sum of \$2400 for his farm.

Mrs. C. Rice, of Townsend Centre, Mr. and Mrs. C. Snively of Waterford, visited at Mr. J. W. Messer's one day last week.

Miss L. Linden of Nover, spent part of last week the guest of her cousin, Miss Mary Bradshaw.

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