

BELGIAN TEACHERS THWARTED HUNS

ORDERS OF GERMAN GOVERNOR WERE IGNORED

Attempt to Teutonize the Schools Was Foiled by the Loyalty of the Professors.

The Germans while in Belgium left no stone unturned in their endeavor to possess themselves permanently of the country, by force or by fraud. Force, illustrated by terrorism, was first used, with the immediate effect that the country was almost entirely overrun, and, for the time being, stunned into apparent submission.

As months and years went on, seeing that the population, contrary to expectations, remained obstinately optimistic of deliverance and steadily hostile to the occupier, a new kind of oppression was begun, and this in spite of the fact that any interference with the internal laws of occupied countries, is in direct contradiction to the provisions of The Hague Convention, signed by Germany with the other Powers. It did not replace the old method, the militarists were too powerful to allow any relaxation of tyranny, but it came in addition to it. The new plan was to sow distrust of each other and of their allies among the Belgians, and to prepare for the future by working on the minds of the young.

In Belgium two languages are spoken, French and Flemish, but French has been largely predominant, especially in high education. In recent times the champions of the Flemish language, called Flammingants, have displayed considerable activity in demanding the practice and recognition of their language apart from French. One of the main points of their program was the establishment of a purely Flemish State university. French was the only language used for teaching at all the universities except Ghent where, in 1911, twenty-four out of 248 courses of lectures were given in Flemish. The Flammingants dissatisfied with this proportion, demanded either (a) an entirely new Flemish university at Antwerp; (b) the immediate transformation of the existing Ghent State university; (c) the duplication of all courses at Ghent, and an equal number being given in each language; (d) the gradual transformation of the Ghent university. Suggestions (a) and (c) fell through for lack of funds; (b) was considered too drastic, but the last proposition seemed likely to be adopted by the Belgian Parliament, when its success was interrupted by the outbreak of war.

Von Bissing's Decree Ignored. Baron von Bissing, from September, 1914, to April, 1916, governor-general of occupied Belgium, endeavored throughout the whole course of his administration to sow disunion among the people he was set to govern and whose patriotic feelings, as well as laws and institutions he had promised to protect. The Flemish university question was his first instrument, and as early as December 31, 1915, he issued a decree providing that Flemish should be the language used for teaching there. But a decree does not in a moment change a university. Professors would not teach, nor students learn, according to the will of a foreign governor. Further steps were taken to secure the adherence of the professors, and suddenly two of them, Professor Pirenne, the world-renowned historian, and Professor Fredericq, himself a pre-war Flammingant, were deported to Germany. Popular legend says that Professor Pirenne was personally offered the position of rector of the new university by the governor-general, to whom he replied that he could only accept if his appointment were signed by King Albert, and that his deportation was the consequence of his patriotic answer. Von Bissing in denying the story states that the two professors were deported "because they influenced their colleagues in a prohibited manner with the object of preventing them from carrying out their official duties." The fact is, the institution of the university under German patronage has raised a storm of protest from all classes and societies of Flemings, who announced that, whatever their aspirations toward a seat of Flemish learning might be, they would accept no gift from their enemy. The Germans, therefore, were determined to crush opposition in the university itself. Professor Pirenne was particularly well known in Germany, his portrait being published in the 1913 number of the Minerva, a learned German review, as "the great Belgian savant" and German honors heaped upon him. Since his refusal to co-operate in a German-Flemish university the German scientific papers no longer write of him as "a historian," but a "romanticist," and the only portrait given is a snapshot of him in his prison camp. Something more than German spite will be necessary to crush Prof. Pirenne's reputation, which is only enhanced, in neutral as well as in allied countries, by his firm attitude.

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On this account the keepers of such lighthouses and their helpers are changed as often as possible. It is really necessary. There were five attempts at suicide in one lighthouse within a dozen years.

It is said that no person is of such sound mind as not to show some signs of mental aberration after being cooped up for a few months in this way. Raving madness, sometimes homicidal, may follow—usually beginning with melancholy.

Among the worst are the lighthouses on the Florida reefs, which stand out in the ocean many miles from nearest land. They are erected upon steel piles driven deep into the reef-carol, and some of them rise 125 feet above the water. Others squat over the waves resembling gigantic iron spiders.

There is, of necessity, a house, with a big lantern on top. Beneath the platform that supports the house is another platform for the accommodation of boats and food-stores. The general effect is of a dwelling on stilts, uplifted above the sea.

The inmates have two things chiefly to fear—the hurricane and the tidal wave. Once in a while the former blows 125 miles an hour in that tropical latitude. The tidal wave seems to be the result of a submarine earthquake. It may attain a height of eighty feet. One of the kind destroyed the city of Galveston a few years ago.

The amphibious occupants of the reef lighthouses are thus liable at any time to be wiped out, either by wind or by water. If they do not lose their lives, they may at a moment's notice be robbed of all their food supplies, stored in the "cellar" below.

Twice a year they are visited by Government supply ships, which deliver what they are supposed to need (mostly canned goods) in the way of food. They enjoy no other means of communicating with their kind, save such as may be afforded by boat-trips now and then to the mainland.

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ORIGIN OF DRUGS

Strange Forms in Which Well-Known Medicines Reach the Market.

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Who, for example, would connect a great pile of dry, thin twigs, neatly tied into small bundles, with sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier? These twigs are the creeping roots and rootlets of a prickly shrub that grows in Jamaica, and they are worth 10 to 50-cents a pound.

Somewhat similar in appearance is ipecacuanha, which also comes to us in dry twigs, being part of the trailing root of a plant found in the damp forests of Brazil. These roots receive no preparation, save drying, before they are shipped off to Europe via Montevideo. They are packed in large sacks, and the workmen who open the bales must beware of breathing the pungent, irritating dust given off, which is productive of unpleasant results if incautiously inhaled.

Castor oil, too, is hard to recognize in the pretty little brown beans, spotted with black, and with polished skins that arrive in bags from India. They look far too attractive to suggest the much-hated dose of our early days.

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