# POOR DOCUMENT

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### BERMAN SOLDIERS SENT TO FRONT UNDER GUARD

More Guards Than Men in One Detachment Referred to in Letter Found on Dead Teuton

French Front, Dec. 20—(Correspondence)—German soldiers from some of the towns of Prussia are sent to the front under armed guard "as criminals are led to the executioner," says a letter found on a dead German soldier, who was killed in a recent battle on the French front. The writer had given a vivid description of the scene at the departure of a detachment of reinforcements from Saarlouis, a town in Rhenments from Saarlouis, a town in Rhen-ish Prussia. The recruits were intend-ed to fill the gaps in a battalion which had suffered heavy losses. The writer

says:
"The first battalion is ordered to furnish a reinforcing detachment of ninety-nine men. To escort them to the Saar-louis station 300 men have been ordered out, some of them with arms to march alongside the men going off and others to act as pickets on the way to the station. The men were all ready in the afternoon and had to wait some time for another squad of comrades from the first company of convalescents, who eventually arrived.

"What a scene! Ahead marched a "What a scene! Ahead marched a squad of guards and to right and left of each file two armed guards, while another squad of guards brought up the rear to guard these German soldiers—our brave soldiers in field-gray who, according to the magnificently phrased stories of the newspapers, dash forward full of joy and sustained by love of Fatherland to destroy our enemies.

"The detachment moved off with a band playing a march. The guards were so numerous that there was one for

band playing a march. The guards were so numerous that there was one for every two men of the departing detachment. Is it not a scandal that our children in field-gray should be led to war to fight and shed their blood in the same way as criminals are led to the executioner or, still worse, like cattle to the slaughterhouse? It was not sufficient that for hours beforehand—in fact from the moment of the announcement of the departure of the detachment—even soldiers who did not belong to it were prevented from going into the town by sentingle posted every five yards. No, it was considered necessary to submit the men to the shame of marching to the depot under guard.

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"Do not the magnificent mendacious articles in our papers represent in a false light our brave boys in field-gray going to fight and destroy the enemy for the love of the Fatherland, while such things as these are happening? Verily it is a voluntary sacrifice!"

John McPherson.

Amsterdam. Dec. 20—(Correspondence)—A gloomy picture of Germany's future was painted by Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz in a recent speech in Essen, according to the Hamburg News. Regarding a successful economic war against Germany after the war he said: "Imagine the position if we simultaneously have to bear the burden of taxation which must fall on every German and, despite the faller value of Germany's future was painted by Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz in a recent speech in Essen, according to the Hamburg News. Regarding a successful economic war against Germany after the war he said: "Imagine the position if we simultaneously have to bear the burden of taxation which must fall on every German and, despite the faller value of Germany's future was painted by Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz in a recent speech in Essen, according to the Hamburg News. Regarding a successful economic war against Germany after the war he said: "Imagine the position if we simultaneously have to bear the burden of taxation which must fall on every German and, despite the faller value of Germany's future was painted by Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz in a recent speech in Essen, according to the Hamburg News. Regarding a successful economic war against Germany after the war he said: "Imagine the position if we simultaneously have to bear the burden of taxation which must fall on every German and, despite the faller value of Germany after the war he said:



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