

GERMANY'S PEACE PROPOSALS.

Among the subjects to be considered after the Huns submit unconditionally to the Allies is the advisability of teaching the former to behave like human beings instead of like wild beasts, and how best to keep them in mind of their atrocities. A contemporary suggests that this might best be done by turning Berlin into a heap of ruins, similar to the ruined towns and villages of France and Belgium. Christianity and all that it teaches being unknown to Germany, the sight of their capital city reduced to chaos might in time cause them to put together in proper sequence; "Be done as you did," and "Do as you would be done by." The Allies would not, of course, in preparing this object lesson, follow the example of the Hun by murdering innocent women, children, nurses, and wounded men, but would give ample notice of the destruction of the city so that the inhabitants might save their lives by leaving before the mines exploded. If Cato had reason to advocate the destruction of Carthage, a thousand times more would it be reasonable and, in the long run, merciful to take some such action as has been suggested.

There is another matter which must engage the attention of the Allies. The devilish atrocities of German leaders and their soldiers, quite apart from their barbaric mode of warfare, cry to Heaven for punishment and should not be ignored when the time arrives. There have been crimes committed in cold blood, with the approval, and often at the instigation of German officers and officials, for which death is the sentence in all civilised countries. These cases should be tried and the criminals and every accessory should be hanged like other criminals.

The following is taken from the *New Republic*, one of the most conservative and perhaps the leading weekly in the United States:

"The greatest crime of this war is likely to be that Germany will not be sufficiently punished. Cannot the Allies hand out to the Germans what the Germans would hand out to us if they could win? Kill every German willing to fight for the war-lords, and when through let Germany and what is left rot! Impose a peace and make it in such a form that the German cannot ever lift his head or hand again. "Are the American boys going over to make the world a safe place to live in? Well, if so, make a clean job of it in the peace terms . . . Germany ought to be crushed out of existence as a nation."