

WHOLE LIFE OF A NATION IS ARRESTED

Says a British M.P. Describing the Scenes of Desolation in Belgium

DUMB SUFFERERS BY THE ROADSIDE

Peasants Are Without Food Supplies and Situation is Growing More Acute

London, Oct. 2.—A graphic picture of the desolation of Belgium was brought to light by J. H. Whitehouse, member of Parliament from Lanarkshire, who has just returned from a tour around Antwerp for the purpose of assisting in the relief measures.

Mr. Whitehouse said: "Hundreds of thousands of trees had been cut down, so that at some points of our journey we had the impression of passing through a wilderness of roots. The tree trunks had all been removed, so as to afford no cover to the enemy. All houses had been blown up or otherwise destroyed. Later we passed through the country which had been flooded as a further measure of defence. The damage resulting from these precautionary measures alone amounted to £10,000,000 sterling (\$50,000,000). In the villages, all ordinary life was arrested. Women and children were standing or sitting dumb and patient by the roadside.

Termonde Destroyed
"I had read newspaper accounts of the destruction of Termonde and had seen photographs, but they had not conveyed to my mind any realization of the horror of what actually happened. Termonde a few weeks ago



was a beautiful city of about 16,000 inhabitants.

"I went through street after street, square after square, and I found every house entirely destroyed with all its contents. It was not the result of bombardment; it was systematic destruction. In each house a separate bomb had been placed which had been placed which had blown up the interior and set fire to the contents.

"This sight continued throughout the entire extent of what had been a considerable town. A blind woman and her daughter groped among the ruins. They were the sole creatures in the whole town.

"I inquired what had become of the population. It was a question to which no direct reply could be given. They had fled in all directions. Some had reached Antwerp, but a great number were wandering about the country, panic stricken and starving. Many were already dead.

Famine Stalks Abroad
"What had happened at Termonde was similar to what had happened in other parts of Belgium under the military occupation of Germany.

"The whole life of the nation has been arrested. Food supplies, which would ordinarily reach the civilian population, are being taken by the German troops for their own support. The peasants and poor are without the necessities of life, and conditions of starvation grow more acute every day. Even where there is a supply of wheat available the peasants are not allowed to use their windmills.

"We are, therefore, face to face with a fact which has rarely, if ever, occurred in the history of the world: an entire nation is in a state of famine, and that within half a days' journey of our own shores.

"To the conditions of famine and homelessness which exist on such a

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