

But, as we write these lines, the occupying Power proposes to replace "the period of a year," by "the whole duration of the war!"

Poor little Belgium! What has she done to rich and powerful Germany, her neighbour, to be so trodden under foot, tortured, calumniated, exploited and ground down by her?

If we had to furnish a complete statement of the decrees and acts by which, to our knowledge, the occupying Power has contravened the Hague Convention, we should have to quote again *the abuse of requisitions in kind* contrary to Article 52; *the seizure* of funds belonging to private companies, the requisition of railway lines for hundreds of kilometres; the seizure of arms, deposited, by order of the Belgian Government, in the town halls—an abuse of Article 53; *the total disregard*, especially in the matter of the penal law, *of the laws in force in the country*, contrary to Article 43.

But we cannot say all here, nor quote all.

If, however, our readers wish for the proof of the accusations merely indicated in this final paragraph, we shall be glad to furnish them. There is not in our letter, nor in the four annexes, one allegation of which we have not the proof in our records.