

"That the rules and usages of war were frequently broken, particularly by the using of civilians, including women and children, as a shield for advancing forces exposed to fire, to a less degree by killing the wounded and prisoners, and in the frequent abuse of the Red Cross and the White Flag."

Many of us may have been disposed to consider a good proportion of the charges that had been made to be unthinkable, unbelievable; but one has only to glance at the evidence upon which the report is based to see that such evidence does not merely support the conclusions, but is overwhelming.—*Law Times*.

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND SUBMARINE WARFARE.

The note sent by the President of the United States to Germany on the question of International Law as touching the lives and property of American citizens thus speaks of the difficulty arising from the use of submarine warships: "The Government of the United States therefore desires to call the attention of the Imperial German Government with the utmost earnestness to the fact that the objection to their present method of attack against the trade of their enemies lies in the practical impossibility of employing submarines in the destruction of commerce without disregarding those rules of fairness, reason, justice and humanity which all modern opinion regards as imperative. It is practically impossible for officers of submarines to visit a merchantman at sea and examine her papers and cargo. It is practically impossible for them to make a prize of her, and if they cannot put a prize crew on board they cannot sink her without leaving her crew and all on board her to the mercy of the sea in her small boats." International law, after this war is over, will be as much shreds and patches as Germany's broken treaties.