

# HINDENBURG, HEARTLESS AND SOULLESS, CREATURE OF CRIME

## Polish Countess, Former Canadian Girl Reveals True Nature of German Commander in Chief, Who Today is Typical Above all Others of Spirit of Prussian Culture

"I should say Hindenburg was a great brute—so ruthless, so terrible." Thus spoke the Countess de Turcy now in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, shuddering as she spoke, as if a horrible black cloud had for a moment shut out the face of the April Sun streaming in through the windows, as she recalled the awful memories of life in a country occupied by the merciless "hero" of Germany and his dissolute cruel butchering men.

"There was a great scattering of officers when he arrived at my house," she went on, "yet I could not bear to look at him. I felt as if I saw people being killed—being mercilessly crushed to death. He's just like his picture—very big, very red, very ugly, very horrible. He drinks so terribly—oh so terribly—but they all do, for that matter. Nothing is too tiny for him to attend to, no humiliation so small that he will not find pleasure in signing.

"One night I had to get up at 2 o'clock in the morning to make coffee for him and the staff, she went on. "They ate and drank all the time. Every day a mountain of

bottles had to be taken away." Hindenburg was always polite to the Countess, although he refused the only request she made to him. Two of her maids had disappeared, one of them a sweet girl of seventeen. Waiting on the "great brute" at table one day a menial in her noble husband's house, she gently begged that they might be restored. He refused.

Countess de Turcy now was formerly Miss Laura Blackwell, of Georgetown and St. Catharines. She became a grand opera singer and while touring in Europe met her husband, a Polish nobleman, at present Inspector-General of the Sanitary Division of the Russian Army. She settled down with him at Suwalki in Poland, just on the borders of East Prussia, happy with her little girl, Wanda, and her two boys, Stanislaw and Iladislav, when war came.

These boys are now in a little school near New York. The mother could not tell where. It was a secret. She had received letters from Germans since she came to America hinting at terrible things, and it was better to keep silent about the

### SIMCOE SOLDIER SONS



SIGNALLER GORDON KEITH TOMLINSON, of the 134th Gordon Highlanders, son of Mr. W. B. Tomlinson, Simcoe, Ont.

### NEWS OF NORFOLK

#### L. E. & N. to Cultivate Waste Land at Simcoe ACTION ALSO TAKEN

#### To Procure Use of G. T. R. Unoccupied Acreage

#### FIRE LOSS ESTIMATE Figures Already Named May be High

Simcoe, April 20.—From our own correspondent—Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Eaid, left for Jarvis on Wednesday just as the firemen were getting the flames at the factory under way. They attended the wedding there of the former's sister, Mrs. John Stodder to Mr. Andrew Rogers, both of Jarvis, and had hardly cleared the way road on their way home when the depot staff and section men of the L. E. & N. will cultivate considerable the unoccupied area of the yard, east of Chrystal Lake.

A request has been sent to Grand Trunk Headquarters for permission to crop the Company's acreage south of West Street and at least this is granted the ground may be ploughed out free of charge to residents of the Ward, on condition that the plots be thoroughly husbanded throughout the summer.

Estimate of Fire Loss Possibly Conservative

We learned yesterday evening that the tin plume, stored in the basement of the damaged block at Dominion Cannery, totals \$600,000. Several about town unhesitatingly expressed their opinion that the gross estimate at half a million is ridiculously high. It will be some time before the condition of the tin plate will be known. It may be totally or partially unfit for use; but the insurance company's fifteen per cent in this item alone would mean more than the total loss has been estimated by a local publication. With the fact back consequent upon the fire the tin plate will doubtless be many times more than those that look at the block externally, not much the worse in appearance.

The insurance inspectors are expected here to-day to appraise the damage.

It is quite possible that the north-western part of the market square will grow vegetables this year. For some years orchards have contemplated opening a way from the scales directly across to Market St. and closing the western route across the square.

The present market committee is said to be of the opinion that a summer's gardening would leave the soil in good condition and it is probable that the weigh-master and fire-hall keeper will unite in gardening there.

Pte. Stanley Hammond, son of Mr. Harry Hammond, has received a compound fracture of the left arm. He is the youngest of a family of four or five sons fighting in France, and enlisted a little over a year ago. He worked behind the counter in J. A. Calder's store after serving his apprenticeship on the delivery wagon.

The usual advice reached here this morning; Pte. Wm. George Peachey, slightly wounded in leg, and in hospital in France.

Pte. Jack Watts again wounded, this time in eye.

Pte. Davis killed. There are four of the name Davis from here. Will give more particulars to-morrow.

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## Saturday Specials FOR Saturday Buyers

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Taffeta Skirts promise to be as popular as ever. We have a splendid assortment of these made of soft chiffon taffeta, gathered at the waist line, finished with heading and two fancy pockets, colors black, navy, brown, also black and white, navy and white checks. Sizes up to 30 in. waist Special at..... **\$6.50**

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6 Dozen Ladies' House Dresses of plain chambray or percale with short sleeves, convertible collars full range of sizes 34 to 46, special..... **\$1.25**

Special sale of **Ostrich Boas**, in black and colors, at **\$10.00, \$8.00, \$7.00, \$5.00, \$3.50** and..... **\$2.50**

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27 inches wide Corduroy for Coats or Suits, in black and colors, regular \$1.00, special..... **75c**

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Foulard Silks, 27 inches wide, neat small patterns, choice range of colorings, special at..... **33c**

**Habutai Silk, 59c.**  
36 inches wide White Habutai Silk for waists or underwear, Special at..... **59c**

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40 inches wide Silk Crepe de Chine, in black and colors, best of dyes, worth and is sold elsewhere at \$2.00, special for..... **\$1.50**

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All Wool French Coating Serge, 52 in. wide, in black, navy, green, grey, brown, best of dye and worth \$2.00, special for..... **\$1.50**

**New Coating for Spring Coats**  
New Spring Coating in plaids, checks, and plain material, correct for sport coats, special at **\$3.00, \$2.50** and..... **\$2.00**

**New Plaid Silks**  
New Plaid Silk for Separate Skirts, choice colorings, 36 inches wide, special at **\$3.00** and..... **\$2.50**

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Special, 2 for.....

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private motor cars—the best private market of the American industry—the United States exported last year 80,850 motor vehicles, aggregating in value \$96,595,861. This was an increase of 16,892 vehicles during the year, and an increase in the value of exports for the year of \$1,711,468.

There was a decrease in exports of trucks from 22,094, valued at \$59,329,331, in 1915, to 18,903, valued at \$52,870,774, in 1916. But the shipments of passenger cars to foreign countries increased from 41,864, worth \$35,045,090, in 1915, to 61,947 cars, worth \$43,725,087, last year.

In addition to complete vehicles, there were exported in 1916 automobile parts to the value of \$24,001,060; tires worth \$15,211,943, and automobile engines to the value of \$2,480,650, making a grand total of \$138,289,514, as compared with \$125,306,568 the previous year.

Only ten other grand divisions of American exports exceeded in value the automobile exports last year. All the other kinds of vehicles—steam and electric cars and locomotives, carriages, wagons, motorcycles, bicycles and aeroplanes—amounted to only \$45,668,245. Shipments of horses and mules were valued at \$90,761,874.

France was the largest buyer of United States motor vehicles last year, to the value of \$23,279,846, mostly trucks, England's purchases, amounting to \$17,082,616 and also mostly trucks, were only half as large as in 1915. Sales to other European countries decreased

from \$22,490,725 in 1915 to \$14,519,483 last year. European Russia was the third most liberal customer in Europe, taking \$8,546,563, representing government purchases almost exclusively.

Canada was a good neighbor taking cars to the value of \$8,965,200, very nearly double her 1915 purchases, and almost equal to the purchases of all the rest of the western hemisphere combined, \$9,567,167. The antipodes provided a fine market also. Australia bought our cars to the value of \$5,727,232; the British East Indies, \$3,359,378, and other Asia and Oceania, \$10,842,305. Thus the other side of the globe is a better market than the new world, exclusive of the United States and ranks second only to Europe.

### SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN WEST LAND REGULATIONS

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place lest Hun fiendishness hurt her through them. She is now touring in the interests of the Russian Red Cross and British War Relief, and lectured before the Women's Canadian Club in Toronto.

The things this young-fair woman, whose fair hair has turned white through suffering, could tell of Prussian fiendishness are unprintable. The things she has seen in Germany since she came to America hinting at terrible things, and it was better to keep silent about the

"When the Germans arrived at my home I said, 'I'm an American; you can't intimidate me.' Next day the prisoners began to arrive. What hideousness! What terrible sights. Men driven along through the streets like dogs in the slush. Russians were taken to the gas. No; they did not all die, some few came out,—a very few.

"Oh, if people could only know about life under Prussian rule. Girls disappeared. Sometimes they were never seen again. Sometimes they did come back—unrecognizable. Occasionally their masters led them out for an airing, to keep them alive, just like animals.

"The German idea is to rule by terror. Every day was a lifetime. Children died like flies from disease. They tied the Russian priest and Jewish Rabbi together and dragged them down the street. Some Russian nuns were imprisoned there. Their sufferings were awful."

Germans Encouraged to Debauch  
The German system is curious, according to the Countess. The officers are severe beyond measure with their men, but at times give them permission to indulge in unlicensed quantities of liquor, which makes them insane and commit acts of cruelty to the conquered people.

At last, after seven and a half months of terror, the Countess secured leave to go to Berlin. When the military train in which she traveled reached Margrabowa, near Berlin, she and her children were taken out on the platform. One of the boys lay almost dying in her arms. "Poor little dearie," she murmured, forgetting herself. "English woman!" shrieked a German woman standing near. "Not English, but American," she replied, but they cursed and spat on her. "If they ever start a revolution in Germany," she remarked, "the women will be fiends."

Identified in Berlin  
In Berlin she was identified as an American by a member of the Embassy who had heard her sing nine years before the American National Anthem at an American Thanksgiving dinner in Berlin. Small things change fate. She had to destroy the copy of her marriage certificate, which stated her Canadian birth.

"The Russian people will never consent to a separate peace," she said in conclusion. "They have been too martyred. I think though that it was a mistake, too optimistic, to release so many political prisoners at once from Siberia. They will be a constantly disturbing element. The prohibition of vodka was a serious thing. It is one of the curses now in Poland, where the Germans have re-introduced it."

### AUTO EXPORTS ON INCREASE

#### Trade Expansion is Observed in Spite of War EMBARGOES FAILED

#### To Diminish the Automobile Trade

A New York despatch says: Last year the American automobile industry maintained its record of expanding despite unexpected obstacles. During the year, Great Britain and Italy prohibited the importation of automobiles, and France raised the duty on them to seventy per cent. Freight congestion at Russian ports made it almost impossible to ship cars and trucks to that country except for government use. At the same time ocean freight rates were abnormally high and cargo space to Europe and the far East was very difficult to get.

Despite these obstacles which cut off most of the European market for

ANTI-JESUIT LAW  
By Count Leo von Witzleben, Amsterdam, via London, Apr. 19.—A Berlin despatch says that officially announced that the British agreed on Thursday to the decision of the reichstag to abolish anti-Jesuit law. The abolition of imperial coalition law, which has been passed by the Reichstag, was also decided upon.