

nations were expected to draw was that when a German submarine sank a British hospital ship, the latter would have deserved her fate! Dr. Dryander, the Court preacher at Berlin—who would long ago have withstood his imperial master to his face, if he had had any spark about him of the soul of a John Knox—exclaimed in the course of his recent birthday sermon: “God cannot, He will not permit the German people to go down.” We, on the other hand, are distinctly of the opinion that there would be something wrong with the providential government of the world if the Germans were allowed to remain up! They have taken as their guiding principle the motto that whatever advances their cause is holy and right. That covers on this continent their attempts at arson and incendiarism, the bombing of merchant shipping, the destruction of property, and all the nefarious schemings of their Boy-eds, their Von Papens, and their Bopps. As regards the new submarine warfare, they are behaving like pirates and assassins; and we do not wonder that an American journal, in recording Mr. Wilson’s decision to sever relations, should have said that it was more than a political act: it was a “stroke of spiritual deliverance.”

**OUR
PRISONERS
IN
GERMANY**

Now that Ambassador Gerard has left Berlin, our hearts are stirred with anxiety and apprehension for the ultimate fate of our prisoners in Germany, civilians as well as prisoners of war. We don’t want to be “down-hearted” in this or any other matter connected with the war. Nor do we wish to pose as prophets of evil. But it stands to reason that, with such a people as the Germans have shown themselves to be, the lot of our prisoners is not likely to improve, to put it mildly. Already a number of British civilians released from internment at Ruhleben have placed on record their conviction that “unless all are immediately released many will not survive, and the reason and health of a large majority of the remainder will be permanently injured.” It has since been stated that an exchange of civilian prisoners over forty-five years of age