

## Translator's Introductory Note

clearness of his intellectual outlook, his knowledge and insight into the issues at stake, and they will read with interest how impressions which he recalls confirm the opinions widely held in neutral States. There can be no doubt that his judgment, and not that of his opponents, will be the final judgment of the civilised world.

Besides the Letter and Memorandum, Dr. Muehlton has recently published two articles in the Swiss Press—"Zur Wahrheit" ("Towards the Truth") and "Deutschland und Belgien" ("Germany and Belgium").\* The first of these articles is a powerful rejoinder to official German denials of the facts revealed in the Memorandum, while the second is a vigorous defence of Belgium against the German Government's attempt to prove that she had failed to maintain her neutrality.†

The Diary itself was first published at Zürich. (Orell Füssli) in May, 1918, under the title of "Die Verheerung Europas: Aufzeichnungen aus

\* "Zur Wahrheit" was published in *Wissen und Leben* on May 1st, 1918, and "Deutschland und Belgien" in the same number of *Die Freie Zeitung* which contained the Letter to Herr von Bethmann Hollweg. Neither of these articles has yet appeared in an English translation, though extracts from "Deutschland und Belgien" were given in *The Times*.

† A good deal of the substance of Dr. Muehlton's defence of Belgium will be found in the Diary (see pp. 223, 224).