

PRINCESS OFFERS ANYONE \$25,000 TO STEAL HER AWAY FROM GERMANY

LONDON, July 28.—Of individual tragedies connected with the war there are none so pathetic as the life of Princess Pless is enduring at present. She always has adored her English family and England, out of which she has never been really happy. She is shut up in Germany doing her duty towards the wounded as best she can and no better than a prisoner, watched day and night by spies. All her letters are opened, those she receives as well as those she despatches, and the sick she tends and even her own household look upon her with a certain suspicion. Again and again she has wished to be dead. She and the haughty Kaiser never did hit it off because of her intense love for England and her capacity for bolting over here every time the spirit moved her. "You belong to the Fatherland now you have married one of us," he would say to her, and her reply was "No, I am English, where I'm not Irish." The princess is a sister-in-law of Lady Randolph Churchill, Mr. George West, Lady Randolph's late husband being her brother. One of the Cornwallis West family was telling me recently that Princess Pless offered \$25,000 to anyone who would steal herself across to England just for a few hours' stay with her people. A young journalist swore he'd arrange this for the lovely princess, but was caught planning and taken prisoner.



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NO FREEDOM OR INITIATIVE FOR GERMANY UNTIL EVERY GERMAN NOW LIVING IS DEAD

LONDON, July 7.—The latest issue of The New Witness, edited by Mr. Cecil Chesterton, contains the following strong article on "The Devil and all his works," by E. Nesbit.

In the first flush of England's ignorant enthusiasm they were not wanting men who, almost before a shot had been fired, foretold for our arms the simplest and speediest of victories, and exercised a blunt blundering imagination on details of the punishment which our nation, easily victor, should inflict on the Kaiser at the end of the war.

None of us talk like that now. Our hopes and dreams, our labors, and our denunciations, all center on one object, the defeating of our enemies. If we will matter, the Prussians once beaten to their knees we shall ring bells, wave flags, make speeches and leave the settlement of the terms of peace to the irresponsible politicians who even now, see no reason why all Prussians should not be members of a British Parliament.

SHOULD GERMANY WIN That the Germans may not be beaten, that we may come to stand where Belgium stands, is a possibility which the nation refuses to contemplate. And rightly. For if that most awful of all conceivable disasters were to befall us, no forethoughts, no prudences, no careful provisions could serve us. Therefore let us think on that which should be our fate, would be for those who love England the end of life, of any life for which a man need take thought. But a minute consideration of the just and wise course of action which we should pursue in the event of victory is of the strongest moral obligation on those who think at all.

In our muddle-headed way we are doing our best to win. We are making such sacrifices as never nation yet made, in the face of a peril such as no nation ever faced till now. If the Prussians overcome us, Antichrist will have come into his kingdom, and everything that we prize, our freedom, the clean love of wife and child and father and mother, the ideals of justice and mercy, our very life itself, will be trampled under the hoofs of a Power that stands for all that which with our last conscious breath, we will stand against.

AFTER VICTORY IS WON But if we win? If such a victory be ours as shall give the Allies power to decide the fate of their inhuman foe, how shall we use that power? We hate the Prussians in a sense which the Prussians cannot understand. We do not hate them in the sense of desiring to be revenged on them, to mete out to their wives and children the measure that

they have meted to the wives and children of the Flemish and the French. We do not desire vengeance. What we desire is to wipe out, to obliterate for ever, a nation which can do what the German soldiers have done. Our plain duty is to make it impossible for such horrors ever to happen again. And the only way to do this is to destroy the nation whose soldiers are steeped in lust, cruelty and filth, and whose civilians applaud, or at least excuse, the acts of the soldiers.

SONS OF DEVILS OR MANIACS How can this be done? Fire from heaven will not come down, as it came on Sodom, and lick the foul brood off the face of the land, leaving a clean country where men of clean races can live clean lives and die clean deaths, and go before their Maker with no sins sinned except the sins from which no mortal man of us all can be free. For the sins of the Prussians are the sins of Devils or Maniacs.

No great wave will submerge Prussia as it submerged Atlantis when Atlantis ceased to honor the gods. We cannot put a whole nation, a conquered and submissive nation, to the sword.

THE CRIMES OF A NATION Yet there is a way. Before considering the course which it may be possible for us to pursue with a defeated foe, let us contemplate for a moment the qualities which that foe has displayed in this war and before this war, the crimes he has committed, the virtues in which he has shown himself to be lacking.

It should be remembered that in the war of 1870 mercy and chivalry were still alive; such crimes as were committed, such cruelties as were practised, were the work of Prussian soldiers as isolated individuals, not of the Prussian nation as a whole. The crimes of this war have been the crimes of a nation.

REPORT OF BRYCE COMMISSION. The Germans prepared for this war by long-continued espionage under the cloak of friendship; they inaugurated it by cynical repudiation of the laws of honor; they continued it amid a ceaseless firework of display and of carefully manufactured lies. They have behaved in France and Belgium with a calculated cruelty and insolence of which the like has not been recorded in the pages of history since Assyrian artists graven on the imperishable stone the monstrous record of Assyrian kings. Any serious reflection on our duty, a conqueror to conquered Germany must be preceded by free access to the Report of the Committee on "Alleged German Outrages." The members of the committee

were: The Rt. Hon. Viscount Bryce, O.M., The Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Pollock, Bt., K.C., Sir Alfred Hopkinson, K.C., Mr. H. N. L. Fisher, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sheffield, and Mr. Harold Cox.

Its sources of information are the sworn evidence of doctors, soldiers and civilians of France, Belgium and England, and the diaries of German soldiers picked up on the field of battle.

PUTRID WITH FILTH "I say 'access to.' I do not say 'the reading of,' because it is almost impossible to read this report from beginning to end. I, at any rate, could not do it. What the German soldiers could do and are doing, what the German civilians could tolerate and even applaud overcomes an English reader with a mental, moral and physical nausea indescribable, and so intolerable that the endurance cannot be prolonged through the reading of 196 pages. These pages are drenched in blood, hot with lust, putrid with filth. As you glance at the pages you see each page strewn with the severed breasts of women, the severed hands of children, with the severed feet of old men who sought to fly, the severed heads of old women who thought to hide.

WERE DELIBERATE ACTIONS These are not crimes perpetrated in the fierce fever of battle or in overfurious resentment at resistance or insult. They are the deliberate actions of German officers and men and are not only cruel, they are explainable; they are the sins of lustful perverses. We have in this terrible book the record of lust, cruelty and perversion reduced to a system—the German system. Officers in charge of these men have themselves explained in the hearing of witnesses that in the commission of these outrages they were only "obeying orders and would be shot if they did not carry these orders out."

The crimes which reek to heaven from every horrible page of this report are not the crimes of sane men. They are the crimes of men whose mental and moral balance has been overturned, and overturned, as we know, by the order of the Kaiser and the governing class for their own end—the conquest of the world. They are always particularly pleasing to the mental deficient, and the performance of disgusting actions in public is another mark of the mentally alienated.

HAPPENED SINCE 1870. Now in 1870 the German nation was not mentally alienated; the condition of mental and moral alienation has been induced by the education to which the German children of the last 27 years have been subjected. And at the same time the poison of open perversion has been at work. The school teachers have been forbidden to teach any history but the history of the Hohenzollerns—the old, gentle folk stories and songs have been thrust aside to make way for stories of blood and pillage, songs of battle and victory. And in German schools, hate has been taught, and lying, and implacable obstinacy, taught just as calmly and systematically as ever were taught, in a girls' school, arithmetic and the use of the globes.

terms, then I answer that unless we can enforce them, this war will have been waged in vain, and I say that if the Devil is not to be master in this world, we must fight until we are strong enough to enforce these terms on an enemy who will grow weaker as we grow stronger.

POISONED IN CRADLE What, then, is to be done with a nation that has been poisoned at its cradle, inoculated with vice, cruelty and double dealing by the vicious will of an ambitious degenerate? One thing only can be done. Education—save the mark—has brought the German nation down to the dung-heap of degradation wherein it festers—fulfilling the best of frightfulness from the lips of the "All Highest."

As if the Allies conquer in this war by the blessing of God they will conquer, Germany should be allowed no freedom, no initiative until the time when every German man, woman and child now alive is dead and be formed to manage the affairs of Germany, to manage her schools, her universities, her finance, her commerce and her agriculture.

A NEW GENERATION Every penny that is left over when the Germans are fed, housed and clothed should be used to pay the indemnity that must be exacted. We can teach the New Germany to look forward to a time when it will once more be free, when the rotten generation that has outdone Assyria in its cruelties has passed away, and when a new generation trained in the principles of honor, truth, mercy and love shall have grown up to take its place. Education has worked this horrible miracle on a simple and gentle people. Education can work the greater miracle of making the children of our foes decent and honest citizens. But so surely as we stop short of absolute control of all German institutions, most of all the schools and universities, so surely will our children have to face the same horrors that today sicken us only to read of.

FOR FIFTY YEARS For 50 years, or until the land is purged of the present generation, Germany should be allowed no army and no ships. We hate our enemies but we do not hate the men they might have been, the men their children's children may by God's grace some day be. They desire to dominate us, they may destroy us. We desire now that we know the thing they are to dominate them, that we may save them, or at least save their descendants. If it be urged that we shall not be strong enough to enforce such

POWERS OF GOOD AND EVIL. We must not sheathe the sword for an hour till we can force our enemy to sheathe it for a lifetime. And the fight is not only between opposing armies, between conflicting guns and men-of-war and airships. It is a fight between the powers of Good and the powers of Evil. It is not the fashion nowadays to quote poetry, or to rejoice openly in the splendor of the might of God. But in our hearts we still believe it to be true that—

"Thrice is he armed that has his quarrel just,"

and in the welter of sorrow and loss, of sacrifice and endurance, where we now struggle for England's very life, we can still, thank God, say: "If the Lord be on our side who shall be against us!" We have that to lie warm against our hearts. Our enemy, or at least the class which is the brain and motive power of our enemy, has only the cold void of an insane and thwarted ambition.

DISGRACE TO THE NATION The Bryce report is a disgrace to German arms. The following statistics taken from Dr. F. T. A. Smith's recently published "Soul of Germany," are a disgrace to the nation:

Table with 3 columns: Category, Germany 1897-1907, England 1900-1910. Rows include Murders, Rapes, Incest, Malignous and feloniously wounding, Illegitimate children, Divorce petitions, Malignous damage to property.

MYSTERY IN ST. JOHN ST. JOHN, July 26.—A young woman who gave her name as Mrs. Frank Conway, and Sussex as her home, was detained at police headquarters last night and was an occupant of one of the cells. From what needs investigation by the proper authorities. When the train arrived in the Union Depot late yesterday afternoon from Sussex, one of the agents of the Girls' Aid Association found the young woman wandering about the train shed. She is only about 18 years of age and her actions quickly attracted the attention of the agent. When questioned she said her name was Mrs. Frank Conway and that she had come to St. John to meet her uncle, who was a soldier. As the supposed uncle did not put in an appearance, and the young woman was without

WHEN BUYING YEAST INSIST ON HAVING THIS PACKAGE ROYAL YEAST CAKES. Includes an image of a yeast cake package and the text 'DECLINE SUBSTITUTES'.

money, the agent of the Girls' Aid Association took her in charge. There is no home in the city where such young women can be cared for and there was nothing left for the agent but conduct her to police headquarters. After being questioned by the agent for some time the girl told a story, if true, is rather of a sensational nature. She said her grandmother resides in Sussex. That she was married to Frank Conway, who was a sergeant in the 55th Battalion, but who was now locked up in the Hampton Jail from Sussex. She was formerly a resident of the United States and came to Canada about three years ago. For some time she worked in a laundry in Amherst, N. S., and then married Frank Conway. While in Sussex she met a soldier of the 55th and the soldier told her to come to St. John and he would desert from the ranks and would follow her here. He told her where to meet him in St. John, that he had some money and when he joined her they would elope and go to Boston together. It is believed that the young woman is not telling the truth. The woman, however, admitted that she was a German and when she was locked up in a cell last evening she said that she would kill herself. An occupant of a cell was William Kreins, a German, who was detained on Friday night last for failing to report since May. It did not take Kreins and the woman very long to get acquainted and although they could not see each other they could hear and they kept up a conversation in German for hours. Kreins, who sports a name similar to the Kaiser, was a seaman on board the Black Diamond Liner Louisburg and was discharged from the ship while she was in this port three or four months ago. His discharge papers mentions his conduct as having been very good, and states that his birthplace is Holland. The authorities however say that the man is a German. Captain Peters who is in charge of the Home Defense squad was notified about the man but says that he cannot do anything with him. The police are detaining him for further instructions and some disposition of the man may be made today.

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