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RUSSIA V. GERMANY

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"This is not the place," says the Review, "in which to embark upon an appreciation of Russian art, Russian music and letters, Russian civilization and the Russian mind."

GERMAN CRUELTY

Almost daily we read of German atrocities, cruelties, and unthinkable crimes against the unoffending and the innocent. Many of these reports are doubtless exaggerated.

There are unavoidable cruelties connected with war always. The grim game cannot be played on soft and sentimental lines.

We incline to the belief that it is both. In 1874, in his "Fors Clavigera" John Ruskin wrote this on the Germans: "For blessing is only for the meek and merciful."

morally and physically, leaving behind them misery, vice and intense hatred of themselves, wherever their accursed feet have trodden. They do precisely the same thing by France—crush her, rob her, leave her in misery and rage and shame, and return home smacking their lips and singing Te Deums."

That was Germany forty years ago; it was Germany eighteen centuries ago, when their ancestors the Goths and the Huns ravaged Europe in pretty much the same spirit as they are today ravaging Belgium and France wherever the opportunity presents itself.

SECURING THE PRESS

That Germany, long ago, began making preparations for "the day" that has come at last, is now pretty well proven.

A Parliamentary paper has just been issued containing reports from the British Embassy in Berlin "respecting an official German organization for influencing the Press of other countries."

On February 27 the British Ambassador reported to the Foreign Office:— A short time ago a meeting, of which the secret has been well kept, was convened in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of which Dr. Hamann, the notorious head of the Press Bureau of the German Foreign Office, was the originator and at which the Foreign Secretary himself was present.

They formed a private company with the purpose of "furthering the German industrial prestige abroad"—a conveniently vague purpose. The company will be financed by private subscriptions and by a Government grant.

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LITERATURE AND POLITICS

An exchange recalls an interesting prophecy made by the late Goldwin Smith, writing in the Toronto Weekly Sun, in September, 1907. He said: "Supposing Russia and France together set upon Germany, what would England do? That is an anxious question for us."

It is curious how absolutely nearly every prediction Goldwin Smith made about political possibilities, or every deduction he made from current events, was falsified by actual happenings as soon as time permitted. Never has there been in history or literature a more striking illustration of the fact that literary genius and beauty of diction can be associated with the reverse of political perception.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND IN MARITIME PROVINCES

Interview with Manager of Acadia Coal Company, the Employees of Which are Almost all Belgians and Who Have Personal Reasons for Intense Interest in the War.

Mr. C. Evans, General Manager of the Acadia Coal Company who is chairman of the Belgian Relief Committee of the Maritime Provinces, was on a visit to the Island on Friday for the purpose of consulting with Premier Matheson with a view to interesting the people of the province in the Belgian relief movement.

Mr. Evans, however, the interest in Nova Scotia is greatest owing to the fact that the company of which Mr. Evans is manager is owned by Belgians and a large proportion of the employees, laborers and engineers, are also natives of the unhappy country.

A fund was started by a contribution of \$1,000 from the Acadia Coal Company and contributions have been pouring in ever since. No other fund ever instituted in the Maritime Provinces has evoked such ready and sympathetic response as has this for the unhappy Belgians.

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er is now conducting a campaign in Cape Breton in the interest of the Relief Fund.

As an example of the local interest and sympathy, Mr. Evans stated that last Sunday afternoon the 78th Highlanders Band gave an open air concert at which the hat was passed around among the crowd and the sum of \$325 was collected in a few minutes.

Mr. Evans before leaving expressed his great satisfaction with the manner in which the Fund is being managed in this province and the great sympathy and generosity that has been shown by Prince Edward Island.

AN ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION

Rev. Bernard Gillis, D.D., Pastor of St. Columba's Church, East Point, P. E. I.

Rev. and dear Sir,—On behalf of the parishioners of St. Columba's we approach you in order to give expression, however feebly, to the sentiment of esteem, reverence and love we entertain for you.

Since your advent to our midst, some few years ago, you have been the faithful and devoted shepherd of the flock committed to your care; you have been most assiduous in your labors for our welfare, not only spiritual but temporal, your zeal and devotion in the discharge of the duties of your office have been known no bounds, and the care of the sick, afflicted and distressed has been tender, charitable and in the highest degree edifying.

You have been not only our diligent and zealous pastor, but likewise our guide, philosopher and friend in our every-day vocations.

We beg especially to express to you our appreciation of the prudence and zeal manifested by you in connection with the enlarging and improving of our parish church so successfully completed during the past summer.

We can now boast of one of the finest country churches in the diocese and for this we are indebted to your good judgment, energy and perseverance.

We respectfully ask you to accept this buggy and harness not so much for their monetary value, but as a feeble token of the esteem, reverence and love entertained for you by your parishioners.

In conclusion we pray that Almighty God may bless you with continued health and give you length of years to carry on your sacerdotal labors in the vineyard of the Lord.

Signed on behalf of the parishioners:— L. McDonald, P. J. Campbell, M. J. Campbell, Daniel Campbell, A. S. McPhee, Louis McDonald, A. F. Campbell, Neil McPhee, Colin J. Campbell, Charles B. McDonald.

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE.

To Mr. Harry Stewart, New Annapolis.

Dear Friend,—We, the members of Maple Leaf Women's Institute, desire to convey to you our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your beloved wife and our sister member in the society.

It is comforting to know that "earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."

Yours sincerely on behalf of Women's Institute,—Grace Hall.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

Following is the personnel of the P. E. Island committee in connection with the Belgian Relief Fund:— W. H. Aitken, Chairman, D. J. Rife, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee, Sir Louis Davies, Hon. J. A. Matheson, Premier, Charles Lyons, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. L. M. Poole, Mrs. F. W. Hyndman, Mrs. (Dr.) Conroy, Mrs. (Dr.) S. H. Jenkinson, Mrs. James Eden, Mrs. G. W. Hodgson, Mrs. T. C. James, Mrs. W. J. Nash.

Contributions marked "Belgian Relief Fund" may be sent to D. J. Rife, Treasurer, 49 Queen Street who will take delivery of these from outside Charlottetown, and acknowledge same. Everything will be shipped from here early next month. Donations of cash will be gratefully accepted as the Committee will be enabled to purchase food with the money.

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