

# STORIES OF GERMAN ATROCITIES FROM BELGIAN VICTIMS

These anecdotes, picked up here and there in various villages in the north of France and Belgium, reveal the implacable hatred borne, the suffering undergone and the heroism displayed by the populations whose homes were invaded as well as by individuals of the battling forces. Some of these stories are being reported officially to the allied governments as proofs that war is being carried on against defenceless inhabitants.

On the road leading from the Belgium border line to Baillieu, in France a Belgian family—mother, father and eight children—trudged wearily toward Baillieu, where a refuge from the enemy was to be found among the French troops holding the town. In spite of the German order posted in their village prohibiting all bodied men from leaving, the father had decided to follow and protect his family to the end.

The wanderers were overtaken on the road by a captain of the Uhlans, who, with his men, proceeded to arrest the father. Pointing to her eight little ones, the mother begged for her husband's release. What were the children to do?

"That is so," said the captain. "You have too many children."

Picking out the five oldest ones, the officers lined them up along the side of the road, gave an order and before the eyes of the parents, had the children shot.

"Now," said he, "the problem is solved. You have only three children to take care of and don't need your husband any longer."

And he took the father with him.

When the Germans were reported approaching Buray, a village of one thousand five hundred inhabitants, near Valenciennes, all fled. The mayor of the city and his son-in-law alone remained to meet the enemy and protest against possible destruction of the deserted homes. The mayor, a veteran of 1870, seventy-one years old was brought before the German colonel and asked to furnish money and food on the spot.

"You are the mayor," said the colonel. "You must hold the village funds."

Receiving a negative answer, the officer ordered the old man searched. A few pennies were found on him.

"I thought you had no money, old rascal! You must have more. I'll shake it out and turn you upside down until we find it."

The old man was strung up by the feet to the nearest tree and shaken until his moans became inaudible. Then he was let down and strung up again. No money had been shaken from him but he was dead. His son-in-law was ordered to go ahead of the regiment and warn the mayor of the next village of the fate in store for him if no money was found there.

The six hundred inhabitants of Otrior, near Courtrai, in Belgium, were assembled in the market place by the leader of a body of Bavarian dragoons and ordered to empty the contents of

their pockets. Three hundred francs, all told, were found. Not enough. Fifteen men and as many women are selected and the latter are told to go out and return in ten minutes. For every one who does not bring back one hundred francs a man will be shot.

In ten minutes six women returned with the money. Of the other nine seven were empty handed and two were maniacs. The nine men were shot.

Near Furnes, also in Belgium, the French were being forced slowly back from their trenches, and in desperate charge the Germans had surrounded an entire company of Zouaves.

Three-fourths of the company refusing to surrender were shot down. About thirty survivors were grouped around the flag. Suddenly a flying wedge was formed, the flag bearer in the centre and a rush was made for a seemingly weak point in the enemy's lines. The attempt failed and the few heroes left decided to destroy their flag. The bearer tore the colors into ribbons, each man taking a small piece and then, bayonets down, a final rush was made to try to break through the circle of death.

Two men alone survived and were made prisoners, but the flag had not fallen into the enemy's hands.

The two survivors were retaken a few hours later by British soldiers.

At Sens the German trenches are but three hundred yards from the French. It is cold and wood is scarce for the building of campfires. Midway between the trenches stood a little palm tree. The Germans sent a man with a saw to cut the tree and in a hail of bullets from the French the soldier crawled to the place. The entire morning the man, who seemed to bear a charmed life, crawled back and forth, sawing a little each time and retreating when the firing became too strong.

Finally the tree came down and the brave German, still crawling, began his way back to his trench, dragging the tree after him. This time he was hit. Two of his comrades sent to fetch him back were killed. Two more met the same fate. The French in their trenches were betting on the result. This battle for a tree lasted several hours. Finally the tree reached the German trenches but twenty-three men had been killed.

The Germans had taken the village of Bauvin, near La Bassée. The inhabitants had not fled, as they had been told that no harm would be done to those who stayed so long as they did not molest the soldiers.

Three boys ventured into the street, the oldest ten. It was great fun to see the Kaiser's soldiers parading up and doing the famous goose step. The "kids" mocked the march on the sidewalk and parade, raising one foot after the other in the air. Even the enemy smiled as he passed by, perhaps thinking of his own young ones at home.

A powerful automobile approached

## GERMAN PRISONER HELD IN TORONTO

(Toronto News.)

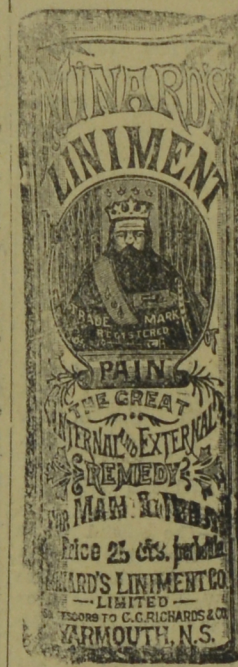
Dr. F. Edwin Kohlmann, a German, late of the Works Department, was arrested yesterday as he was boarding a train for Buffalo with an exeat from Sir Robert Borden in his pocket together with a ticket for Naples. The arrest was made on the authority of His Honor Judge Coatsworth, Registrar of Aliens. Dr. Kohlmann was lodged in Stanley Barracks after he had been examined by his honor. The Assistant Registrar of Aliens, Captain Wandless, told the Daily News today that he was not at liberty to make public the results of the investigation. The exact was obtained direct from the Premier of Canada. A report of the arrest and subsequent investigation have been sent to Ottawa and instructions are awaited.

Dr. Kohlmann left the civil employment of his own accord on November 16th after criticism had been levelled in the Board of Control at the Department of Works for retaining the services of a subject of a hostile country. Since then he has been living in the country in a small lake resort. Captain Wandless stated that Dr. Kohlmann was not a reservist. He did not reveal the name of the agent who sold the ticket to Naples on which the Doctor was travelling.

(Captain Wandless is a son of Mr. Thomas Wandless of this city.)

There might be more mince pie and fruit cake such as mother used to make if we had the old fashioned, high power dollar that father used to make.

Soldiers of the opposing armies are entrenched almost close enough to one another to exchange Santa Claus visits on Christmas night.



and a high ranking officer saw the children mocking his men. A sharp order was given and the passing regiment halted. Another order and a petty officer with drawn revolver, shoved the oldest child and blew out his brains.

In good French the officer called out to the other youngsters:

"Tell the others in the village what it costs to make fun of my men."

## Sheriff's Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will for the purpose of satisfying an execution issued out of the York County Court on a judgment signed therein, in a certain cause, wherein Dennis J. Shea is plaintiff and R. Annie Dunbar is defendant, be sold at public auction in front of the Court House in the City of Fredericton, on Tuesday, the Twenty-ninth day of January next, at the hour of fifteen minutes past twelve in the afternoon, all the right, title and interest of the said R. Annie Dunbar in and to,

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Save and except that portion of the above described premises conveyed by Benjamin H. Torrens' executors and Eliza Gunter to John H. Lee by deed bearing date the 21st day of November, A.D., 1910, and duly recorded in the York County Records in Book No. 114, pages 211, and also save and except that other portion of the above described premises conveyed by M. Ralph Gunter to William C. Burr by deed bearing date the 1st day of October, A.D., 1913, and recorded in York County Records in Book X-6, pages 294-5 under official number 63458. Together with the buildings and improvements thereon.

Dated this twenty-sixth day of November, A.D., 1914.

W. T. HOWE, High Sheriff of York.

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OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES.

"What is a nabob?" asked the teacher.

"A neigh-bob," answered little Lemuel, "is a horse with a docked tail."

Little Lola had been given a short poem to commit to memory by her teacher. In it these lines occurred: "Sail on, ye mariners, the night is gone." Later when requested to repeat the poem, she rendered the lines mentioned, thus: "Sail on, ye married men, the light is gone."

"Mamma, what's a book-worm?" asked small Eloise. "A person who loves to collect and study books, dear," was the reply. A few days later a woman called whose fingers were decorated with innumerable rings. "Oh, mamma," exclaimed Eloise, "look at Mrs. Smith's rings! She must be a ringworm."

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## MURDER G. T. P. AGENT UNSOLVED

Whitby, Ont., Dec. 14.—The mystery surrounding the murder of William Stone, the Grand Trunk telegraph operator here, is still unsolved.

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Montreal, Dec. 14.—While John Kennedy is being held until Friday on a nominal charge of trespassing on the Grand Trunk Railway property, the detectives are trying to trace his movements just prior to the murder of William Stone, the G. T. R. telegraph agent who was murdered at Whitby, Ont., early Friday morning, and between that tragic event and Kennedy's arrival in Montreal on Saturday.

Though Kennedy is said to have admitted having been at Whitby Junction on Friday, the murder has not yet been mentioned to him by the authorities.

The inventor of tailored made garments for women tried his best to prove that figures will lie.

When people call at your home it isn't necessary to ask one of your home it isn't necessary to ask one family to sing—unless you want to chase them.

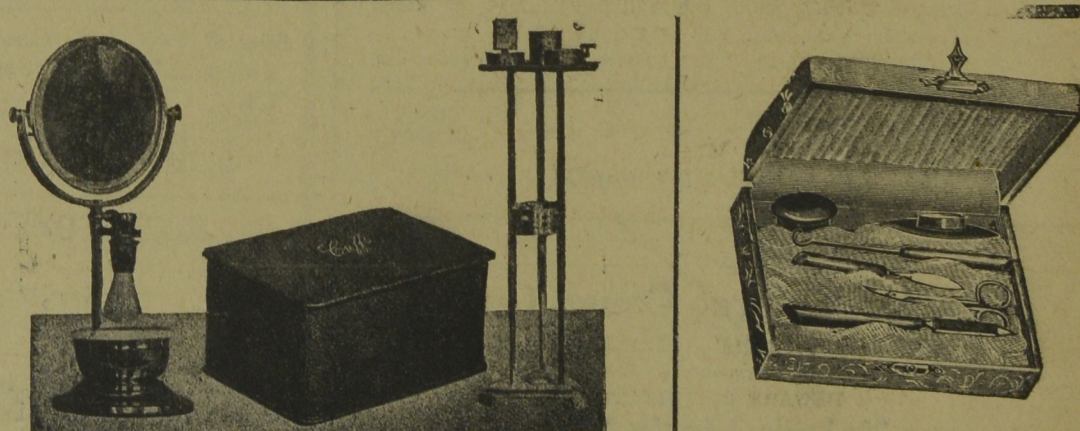
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