GERMAN WAR PRACTICES

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(Introduction Continued.)

in case the inhabitants of conquer- by the military authorities, or if ed territory should take up arms he will be shot. against the German army, the Gerthe letter Napoleon sent to his broth-execution of the above orders. er Joseph, when the inhabitants of "The Mayor is ordered to publish Italy were attempting to revolt immediately this notice to the Comagainst him.

"The security of your dominion depends on how you behave in the conquered province. Burn down a dozen places which are not willing to submit themselves. Of course, not until you have first looted them; go away with their hands empty. Have three to six persons hanged cassock" (that is, to members of the clergy.) German War Proclamations in French

Translations.

Some rules laid down in the German War Book are illustrated and their spirit made more definite in alternate translations in German and L' Interprete Militaire zum Ge- French of such sentances as: brauch im Feindesland (Military Interpreter for Use in the Enemy's Country). This is a manual edited at Berlin in 1906. "It contains," says the introduction, "the French translation of the greater part of the documents, letters, and proclamations, and some orders of which it may be necessary to make use in time of war." Thus, eight years before this war began, the German military authorities were not only preparing their officers to wage war in a manner wholly contrary to The Hague regulations, but also were looking forward to the use of these proclamations in French or Belgian territory. Among its forms, ready for use by inserting names, date, and place, are the following:

"A fine of 600,000 marks in consequence of an attempt made byto assasinate a German soldier, is imposed on the town of O. By order

the fine.

"The term fixed for payment expires to-morrow, Saturday, December 17, at noon will be accepted."

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 7th of this month, in which you bring to my expect to meet in levying the contributions. * * * I can but regret the explanations which you have thought proper to give me on this subject; the order in question which emanates from my Government is so clear and precise, and the instructions which I have received in the matter are so categorical that if the sum due by the town of R- is not paid the town will be burned

down without pity!"

"On account of the destruction of 20, 1914. F-, I order: The district shall pay a special contribution of 10,000,-000 frances by way of amends. This is brought to the notice of the public of assessment will be announced hardi: later and that the payment of the said sum will be enforced with the utmost serverity. The village of will be destroyed immediately by fire, with the exception of certain buildings occupied for the use of the troops."

These forms have been of great use to the German commanders in closeness with which they have been by reading the following procla- you think of it?'
"I said, 'General, I did not believe

"The City of Brussels, exclusive now feel that you did not tell the of its surburbs, has been punished whole truth; and the old general by an additional fine of 5,000,000 francs on account of the attack made upon a German soldier by Ryckere, one of its police officials,

"The Governor of Brussels, "BARON VON LUETTWITZ. November 1, 1914.

· Placard posted on the walls of take against the civil population of Luneville by order of the German authorities:

"Notice to the People. "Some of the inhabitants of Luneville made an attack from ambuscade on the German column and wagons (trains). The same (some of the) inhabitants shot at sanitary formations marked with the Red Cross, In addition German wounded and the military hospital con-

taining a German ambulance were fired upon. "Because of these acts of hostility a fine of 650,000 francs is imposed upon the commune of Luneville. The mayor is ordered to pay this sum in gold or silver up to 50,000 francs, of the German military authority.

All protests will be considered null and void. No delay will be granted. "If the commune does not punctually obey the order to pay the sum ions of the responsibility of the

can be levied upon will be seized. "In case of non-payment, visits atrocities: from house to house will be made and all the inhabitants will be which, measured by the standards of

concealed money or attempted to For the guidance of the officers hold back his goods from the seizure anyone attempts to leave the city,

"The Mayor and the hostages man War book quotes with approval taken by the military authorities will

"Henamenil, Sept. 3, 1914, "The General in Chief "VON FASBENDER,"

The German officers were provided with the forms to be used in terrormy soldiers must not be allowed to izing the conquered people. The common soldiers were provided with in every village which has joined phrase books which would enable 1917, pp. 32-34. the revolt; pay no respect to the them to impose their will upon the terrified people. Minister Brand Whitlock in his report to the State department on September 12, 1917,

The German soldiers were provided with phrase books giving

"Hands up.' (It is the very first sentence in the book.)

" Carry out all the furniture. "'I am thirsty. Bring me some

beer, gin, rum. You have to supply a barrel of

vine and a keg of beer. 'If you lie to me, I will have you shot immediately.

'Lead me to the wealthiest inhabitants of this village. I have orders to requistion several barrels

"'Show me the way to-, If you lead us astray, you will be shot.'

The System of Frightfulness.

The quotations and the proclamations printed above show clearly the attitude of mind of the German military authorities. The policy of frightfulness had been exalted into a system with every minute detail worked out in advance. The German War Book with its " cold-blooded doctrines of the nature of war and the means which may be employed "Efforts have been made, without in prosecuting war" did its work in training the German officials. Of this book it has been well said: "It is the first time in the history of mankind that a creed so revolting "Bank notes, cash, or silver plate has been deliberately formulated by a great civilized State." The generals gave their sanction to this policy of ache, kidney and urinary disorders, frightfulness. Gen von Bernhardi now give confirmed testimony-dewas quoted in an interview in the notice the great difficulty which you Neue Freie Presse of Vienna as fol-

"One cannot make war in a sentimental fashion. The more pitiless the conduct of the war, the more humane it is in reality, for it will run its course all the sooner. The war which of all wars is and must be most humane is that which leads to peace with as little delay as possible."

This interview was produced in the Berliner Tageblatt of November

Mr. F. C. Walcott, of the Belgian Relief Commission, tells, in the Pills made for me some years ago is Geographical Magazine for May, still lasting. My back is now who are informed that the method 1917, of meeting Gen. von Bern- strong and my kidneys act regular

> Interview with Bernhardi. "As I walked out, General von Bernhardi came into the room, an expert artillery-man, a professor in one of their war colleges. I met him the next morning, and he asked me if I had read his book, Germany in

the Next War. "I said I had. He said, 'Do you Belgium and Northern France. The know, my friends nearly ran me out of the country for that. They said, You have let the cat out of the bag. followed in these conquered lands, I said, 'No' I have not, because during the present war, may be seen nobody will believe it.' 'What did

> a word of it when I read it, but I looked actually pleased."

Statement by von Bissing. Belgium, Gen. von Bissing said:

Speaking on August 29, 1914, at Munster, the extreme measures which the Germans had felt obliged to

"The innocent must suffer with the guilty. * * * In the repression of infamy, human lives cannot be spared, and if isolated houses, flourishing villages, and even entire towns are annihilated, that is assuredly regrettable, but it must not excite ill-timed sentimentality. All this must not in our eyes weigh as much as the life of a single one of our brave soldiers-the rigorous accomplishment of duty is the emanation of a high Kultur, and in that, the population of the enemy countries can learn a lesson from our army."

Gen. von Bissing, after his oppointment as governor general of Belgium, repeated in substance the September 6, 1914, at nine o'clock above opinion to a Dutch journalist. in the morning, to the representative The interview is published in the Dusseldorfer Anzeiger of December

Irvin S. Cobb states his conclusof 650,000 francs, all property that higher German command for the

"But I was an eyewitness to crimes searched. If anyone knowingly has humanity and civilization, impressed

me as worse than any individual excess, any individual outrage, could ever have been or can ever be; because these crimes indubitably were instigated on a wholesale basis by order of officers of rank, and must have been carried out under their personal supervision, direction and approval. Briefly, what I saw was this: I saw wide areas of Belgium and France in which not a penny's worth of wanton destruction had been permitted to occur, in which the ripe pears hung untouched upon the garden walls; and I saw other wide areas where scarcely one stone had been left to stand upon another; where the fields were ravaged; where the male villagers had been shot in squads; where the miserable survivors had been left to den in holes, like wild beasts.

'Taking the physical evidence offered before our own eyes, and buttressing it with the statements made to us, not by the natives but by German soldiers and German officers, we could reach but one conclusion, which was that here, in such and such a place, those in command had said to the troops: 'Spare this town and these people.' And there they had said: 'Waste this town and shoot these people.' And here the troops had discriminately spared, and there they had discriminately wasted, in exact accord with the word of their superiors." Irvin S. Cobb, Speaking of Prussians, New York,

(To be continued.)

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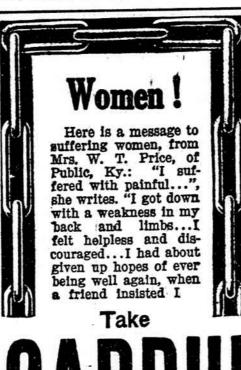
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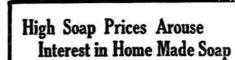
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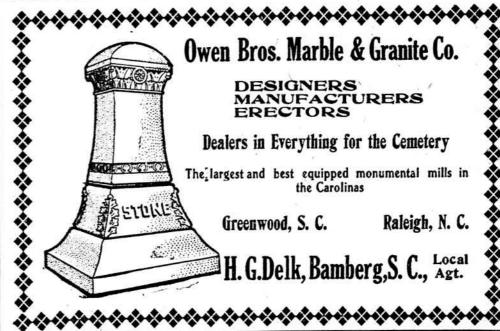
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