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GERMAN ACCOUNT OF BELGIAN HORRORS

Newspaper Man Lays Entire Blame Upon Civilians Who Resisted Invaders.

WERE MUTILATED WOUNDED

Declares Desolution in Army's Wake. Awful, but Contends It Was Brought About by Treachery of Population.

(Carrespondent of the Associated Press. world," writes W. Scheuermann, a correspondent of several German newspa-Germans are carrying on this way. In that its mother might do the cooking. all countries that get their news through the forum of historical truth.

were obtained at Battice, on the this war road from Aichen to Liege, where fighting took place between Franc-Tireurs and our soldiers. Instead of flourishing villages, with neat houses and villas, one sees there today charred ruins stretching along the highway for a mile.

Village Entirely Burned.

"I saw things there that I shall retrember as long as I live. I passed were standing guard-no other living beings visible anywhere. But when I came fallen in I saw in what had probably been the living room, a white-haired woman with a kitchen knife raking in the debris. I called to her. She did not hear me. Her face was like a gray stone, and her eyes fixed as in death. She looked as it she was expecting to find something under the fallen bricks.

"In a front garden, which had been scorched by the flames, a woman in a black dress was crouching and weeping. have stood at many an open grave in the church yard, but I have never heard anybody weep like that woman. The sound of it will ring in my ears forever as one of the most terrible experiences

Even the petty losses of property are painful to see. In the upper story of one louse everything had been destroyed by fire, but in one corner hung the discoloved picture of a woman probably long dead. At one place a blue enameled hild's bedstend peers out of the smoking debr's still filled with its scorched matttesses and pillows. Whoever has a child at home in its snow white bed-

Hurls a Curse.

"But a curse and thrice a curse on those who caused all this misery. For them there is no punishment in this world sufficient to atone for their evil deed. And when they now denounce our brave warriors as the cause of this desolation, this latter slander, shameful as it s, does not weigh much in comparison with that they actually did.

men marched into the country of the enemy with the same order and discipline that they maintain on the drill ground and in army maneuvers. Wherever we came we guaranteed to the inhabitants security for life and property; we are waging war with the armies of an enemy, not with civilians. In Battice the Ger-man proclamation promising the Belgians peace and the integrity of their territory was still seen on the walls of the burned

Fell on Germans in Night. "Now what happened in Battice, Cler-

The inhabitants let the Germans caped unburt.

Thursday morning at 5 o'clock to issue a The loss of Southpaw Joe Boehling is marriage license to Walter Richards of a severe blow to Clark Griffith's Wash-reservation demanded it—that every murdered German was avenged. When murdered German was avenged. When the murderers could be caught they were brought before a court-martial and if their gullt was evident they were shot or hanged.

"All this was done in perfect order How far the self-control of our troops extended was proved to me by an example only day before yesterday. At the entrance to the French fortress of Longwy. just completed, I saw German soldiers bring in a troop of Franc-Tireurs, quite old fellows, and among them a few common thieves scarcely beyond schoolboy age, all of them with criminal faces of the hardest type. Pity that we did not photograph them so that the world might see what hideous scamps are killing our

"'What did these men do?' demanded an officer, 'They put on Red Cross scarfs, then went on the battelfield and mutilated our wounded. We caught them in the act,' was the reply.

'Why didn't you beat the scoundrels to death at once?" 'We dare not do that. They must be brought before a court-

Hyenns of Battlefield.

The reader should know what was the character of this mutilation. The eyes of our wounded men, lying helpless in their pain on the battlefield, were cut out with knives. But this was not by far the most cruel thing these beasts invented. Old and young men and women were caught as hyenns of the battlefield and they received their reward.

'At Vise a 16-year-old girl had to be shot because she was caught in the act of mutilating our wounded.

There is no mercy for such deeds, and there can be none. I should like to know wint other people in the world possess the same self-restraint in the presence of such shameful crimes, to wait and bring the criminals before a court.

Beyond all doubt, this Franco-Tireur warfare against us was organized. Otherwise it would be impossible to explain the uniform character of the mutilations. attacks on field hospitals, where physiclans, the wounded and even the nurses victims of these predatory ruscals: in the attacks in villages and cities, the same tactics were repeated over and over again. Suddenly the entire village is in possession of arms and in two cases ever of machine guns.

Pricat Distributes Arms.

in Etaile, between Arlon and Sedan the priest was caught in the act of distributing arms and ammunition to his parishoners. In Clermont, on the other hand, the priest tried in vain to dissuade the citizens from listening to the mayor,

who was giving them some and instigat ing them to full on the Germans from ambush. But even where the people fired from the rear on our columns as they marched through, we did not make the whole village resonnutie, but only stormed and burned the house from which shots were fired.

"In Norbe, Pleron and other villages there are houses standing between others Doors of Houses Remain Open, Cattle that were burned down. On their dants are written in chalk, such words as these: 'House searched, everything in orler," 'Good people, spare them," 'Inmates absent, spare house, 'Husband is soldier in the field, spare house

"Such chivalry is practiced towards an absent enemy Inhabitants of houses which did not rose against us are on-Joying security. Our lambwehr men, that are billeted upon the inhabitants, at be-RERLIN, Sept. 21 .- "A cry of indigna- fore their doors and that with them. tion has been called forth throughout the play with their children and think doubtless, of those they left at home. I saw one of our soldiers feeding the stock pers, who accompanied the German staff, of the lenely woman with whom he by the so-called cruelty with which the lodged. Another held the baby in order

"Such are the Germans here in a hostile English and French sources, stories of country, good natured and ready to help, low trenches filled with French guns German barbarism are repeated. It is, What villianies must have been committed broken at the stock, and French knaptherefore, doubly the duty for a war cor- to convert these good fellows into ragins respondent, who can speak of what his avengers of their fallen and murilated landscape awn eyes have seen, to report what he comrades. Certainly it was not the will; saw and what he can answer for before of our soldiers that death and fire should hold carnival in the houses of civilians and in every village, hospitals, churches, "I have spent days in the worst Franc- What they did, they can answer for, and villas and chauteaux, crowded with the Tireur regions of Belgium and France, so can the German nation answer for its My first impressions of the horrors of sons bearing themselves with nonor in the scourge and whose harvests still

Swedish Government Sells Stock Locally for New Steamships

A direct steamship line between Sweden through a village that was quite burned and America is soon to be realized, acthrough a village that was quite burned and American is such that we were left by the farmers in out, where only a few German soldlers cording to Henry Skantze of Gothenburg, the midst of a day work, with the prints Sweden, who is in Omaha making arrangements through the Swedish Noonto the doorway of a house that had day club for the sale of some stocks in the project. He talked before the Noonday club, stating the proposition. The Swedish government has subsidized the company to the extent of \$125,000 per annura, and is also arranging a loan of \$810,000. In return the ships of this line are to serve as emergency cruisers for the navy. Stock to the sum of \$1,700,000 is already subscribed in Sweden, according to the statement of Mr. Skantze.

"I have already secured \$300,000 America," he said, "and have the work so organized that it may now go ahead here. I shall have to go back now, as the company is to incorporate October 15."

Two fast steamers are to be built for the line, each of about 19,000 tons. It is the hope of the Swedish business men and the Swedish government that many tourists can in this way be drawn to Sweden, where there is much scenery of note.

Notes from Beatrice and Gage County

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 25.-(Special.) Robbers paid a visit to Wymore Wednesday night and entered the safes in the offices of the Parmers & Merchants Lumber company and the Scarle & Chapin Lumber company. At the former place they secured \$23 in cash, but were evidently frightened away from the latter trouble. "Our German soldiers and landwehr deal. They are supposed to be the same to Deadwood, where he is wanted on a parties who rebbed the lumber office at charge of embezzlement Odell Tuesday night.

in Black Broth will recover.

Mrs. Rena Brown died suddenly at Dewitt Thursday, aged 41 years. She is survived by no family except her huswood, Neb., for interment.

Mrs. C. C. Wells of Ellis, her son and his wife, were badly bruised Wednesday mont, Herve, Fleron and other Belgian night when their touring car ran into a places was, with singular similarity, as ditch west of the city and turned over. Mr. Wells, who was driving the car, es-

march in received them with cringins Judge Walden was called out of bed friendliness, offered them wine in super- Thursday morning at 5 o'clock to issue a

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ROTTERDAM, Sept. B .- (Correspondimagining the sweep of a flood tide up broad, tidal river, one can picture the advance of the German army through Helgium-now creeping, now racing, it defied resistance with each forward lunge. Temporarily deflected at such points as Linge and Namur, the body of it moved irresistibly forward, engulfing what it ould not immediately destroy.

The result is a rumpled, depleted coun ry, strewn with the flotsam of this passing tide-scattered French epaulets and torn uniforms ground into the soil, shalsacks with their contents spilled over the

At intervals there are new made graves. without a cross or stone to mark them, wounded. Fields which have escaped stand in giant haycocks, only emphasize the surrounding waste.

The impression is not to be given, how ever, that the greater part of Belgium or even the sections over which the Germans have passed, has been left in cinders and rains. It is the sudden flight of the inhabitants that has given the country its chief appearance of desolation.

In hay fields, mowing machines and carts are to be found in the exact position in which they were left by the farmers in of the hoofs showing where the horses had been led away by German soldiers.

Doors of houses still remained open, cattle bellowed from deserted barns, and half finished glasses of weak Belgian cognac marked places where groups had gathered and hastily dispersed.

In this area not a human soul moved or breatised. It was like the unearthing of an uncient city like Pompeti, stricken in the midst of its daily occupations without a sign of impending catastrophe. In one hoose a neglected canary pecked at the bars of its case and a Helgian shepherd dog solemnly guarded the door.

Teutons Lose 25,000 Men at Verdun

PARIS, Sept. 25,-(8:25 a. m.)-The Matin publishes a dispatch from Basel, Switzerland, credited to the Fournier agency, which says that Germans in flight from Lorraine declare that during the attack on the entrenched camp at Verdun the Austrians and Germans had 10,000 dead and 15,000 wounded. Many of the wounded died where they fell, it is stated, owing to a lack of prompt treat-

DEADWOOD MAN ARRESTED ON EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

SUPERIOR, Neb., Sept. 25.-(Special office, as they obtained nothing for their Telegram.)-George D. McClellan of Dead-Two men were arrested at wood, S. D., was arrested by the Superior Odell, supposed to be implicated in the police late Monday night. He was taken

McClelland apparently was not in the Ben Hagerman, who was seriously in- least concerned and is reported to have jured Tuesday afternoon in the explosion paid for his own guard at the hotel durbeing taken to proving and it is now thought that he the city jull while waiting for the sheriff to arrive

Suffrage Talk at Plattsmouth. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Sept. 25,-(Spe. cial.)-Miss Jane Thompson, one of the orators working under the auspices of the National Association for Woman Suffrage, addressed a large audience in the First Methodist Episcopal church in this city this afternoon. Miss Thompson white here was the guest at the home of Dr. T. P. Livingston.

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