

GERMANS CHARGE CRUELTY BY RUSS

Memorial Record Given Out by Ambassador Alleges Wanton Murder and Pillage.

MANY INSTANCES ARE CITED

WASHINGTON, June 4.—The German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, today gave out for publication the "memorial record" and accompanying affidavits, issued by the German government as a White Book of March 25, last, relating to "atrocities committed by Russian troops on German civilians and German prisoners of war." The ambassador also announced that copies of the document had been delivered to all the neutral governments, including the government of the United States, and that other copies would be open to inspection at the German consulates of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco.

The "memorial record" summarizes the acts set forth in the eighty affidavits attached as exhibits, each accusation being accompanied by a reference to the numbered affidavit giving details of the charge. "The memorial record" says: "The Russian troops have committed atrocities during the present war which are incompatible with the laws of humanity and the customs of civilized nations, and which evidence the utter barbarism of their warfare. These atrocities were directed against the peaceful inhabitants of the occupied German territory, as well as against those German soldiers who opposed them in lawful combat and who had the misfortune of being taken prisoners by them.

The following documentary material shows that these are not isolated cases of cruelty and deeds of violence, for atrocities of the most heinous sort have been committed in so many places and by so many different divisions of troops that undoubtedly a very large part of the Russian army is permeated by a spirit of inhuman savagery. A large number of cases is already well known, but in the supplements only such cases will be found as have been incontrovertibly established by official testimony, particularly testimony on oath, or by official reports. These cases must, however, be regarded as being only a selection of the innumerable atrocities actually committed.

The whole world knows that, owing to the barbaric methods of warfare employed by the Russians, East Prussia, once a flourishing country, in parts now presents a picture of hopeless devastation, and that the peaceful inhabitants were forced to flee and leave all their belongings in order to save themselves from assault and murder. It has been officially ascertained that at the time of the first as well as of the second invasion of East Prussia by the Russians, thousands of men, women and children were carried off, thousands were murdered, about 20,000 buildings were demolished or burned down, and that during the second invasion alone, about 30,000 homes were plundered and destroyed. The last Russian expedition against Memel likewise was nothing more than a savage raid, accompanied by atrocities of every description. The depositions contained in the supplements give an eloquent but ghastly proof of the acts of violence and cruelty which individual inhabitants suffered at the hands of the Russians.

Property Stolen and Destroyed.
The movable goods of the poor as well as of the wealthy were destroyed, looted or wantonly destroyed by the Russian troops in every conceivable way. Cattle and provisions were taken without payment or promissory certificates. Men and women had to give the coveted soldiers their last copers. The dwellings were searched often by one division of troops after the other, each soldier taking whatever took his fancy. Finally, homes, farm buildings and provisions were, without reason or purpose, destroyed by fire. The population, including women and children, were ill-treated on empty pretenses or without any reason whatsoever, although they did everything to satisfy the desires of the Russian soldiers as to lodgings and food. This ill-treatment was partially characterized by exquisite cruelty; for instance, the male population of an entire community, the judge not excepted, were beaten with whips and threatened with death. Fugitives were shot down without further ado.

Above all, however, numerous citizens were murdered without any cause, often under terrible tortures or in presence of their relatives. Young men were shot, not because they had committed something, but because they were liable to military service. A transport of fugitives was suddenly attacked; the men were separated from the women and killed without procedure of any kind. A chief forester, escorting a troop of German convicts, was taken prisoner by Russian troops, brought before General Rensselaer-Kampff and, probably in accordance with that general's infamous order to kill all German foresters, deliberately shot. The brutal lust of the Russian soldiers for murder did not stop even at old men, women and children. The murder of a little girl about 3 or 3 years old, is a particularly horrible instance. Revolving also in the case of an entire family, which fell victim to the lust of murder of Russian soldiers. The man was spiked to the table, the child to the door, the breasts of the wife were cut off and her body eviscerated. In another instance a man and his wife were nailed by the tongue to a table, in which position they perished of hunger and loss of blood.

Many Attacks on Women.
Innumerable are the cases of brutal attacks upon women and girls. Very often these pitiable victims were violated by several soldiers in succession, who, in cases, infected them with venereal diseases. Women in advanced stages of pregnancy were also abused by the brutal soldiers, even women over 70 years of age were not spared. A little girl 6 years old was violated by two Russian soldiers. Officers also gave themselves up to such misdeeds.

Other supplements disclose the atrocities perpetrated on German prisoners of war by Russian troops. Frequently those German soldiers taken prisoners were robbed, spat upon or otherwise mistreated. A Russian officer threatened German soldiers who refused to betray their comrades with death and actually ordered one of them shot. Russian troops placed German prisoners in narrow pits before their artillery positions, with the evident intention of allowing them to be killed by German fire. Costly in rid-

FORMER AND PRESENT FIRST LORDS OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY—Latest picture of the Hon. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the English admiralty and Winston Churchill, who recently resigned that office.



HON. A. J. BALFOUR AND HON. WINSTON CHURCHILL
PHOTO BY I.V.S.

off their heads, or wounded them, or by chopping off their limbs mutilated them. A German prisoner was cruelly bound to a sort of treadmill and left to starve. Three husars were found hanged in a barn with their heads down and their noses and ears chopped off, so that they must have died in frightful agony.

Bandages Torn from Wounded.
Neither did the Russian hordes hesitate at the mutilation and murder of wounded German soldiers. Thus they tore the bandages of the wounded so that they would bleed to death; pierced out their eyes, cut off their tongues, ears, fingers and feet of others, or smashed in their skulls. In many instances the atrocities took on the very character of fiendish torture. Thus a prisoner, slightly wounded, was pinned to the wooden floor of a verandah by a sword, which went through his mouth, had the flesh stripped off his entire breasts from the elbows down, while his fingers were clenched to the wrists; another, who had a fracture of the skull, was bound to a calf in a stable in such a way that the animal would have to touch the uncovered brain with its mouth at every least movement.

The most terrible thing of all, though, is an order from the Russian general staff, found on a Russian officer of high rank, which commanded that all the male inhabitants able to work, from boys of 10 years upward, to be driven before the storming columns. This atrocious order, whereby the Russian commander-in-chief has placed his name on the pillory for all time, was evidently made with the intention that the German soldiers, in order to meet the attack of the Russians, should have to shoot down their own compatriots.

The Imperial German government believes it should stigmatize before all the world this barbarous behavior of the Russian troops, deploring as it does every law of warfare and humanity, and it hereby most vigorously and solemnly issues protest against these atrocities, which are, indeed, the disgrace of the twentieth century.

WORKING ON DETAIL FOR GREATER OMAHA

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missioners are making tentative plans for the future Greater Omaha.

Some consideration has been given the matter of redistricting of the consolidated area of Omaha and South Omaha, in view of the fact that a police station, jail and police court will be maintained in South Omaha, it is probable that for police purposes the dividing line will be established at Vinton street, and it is equally probable that the same division will be made for the fire department.

Remembering Streets.
Remembering along the north and south streets will be necessary, it is stated. It has been suggested, for instance, that Twenty-fourth street might be numbered south from Dodge street to the present south limits of South Omaha in the same manner that this thoroughfare is numbered to the north limits of Omaha.

Commissioner Withnell says he hopes to increase the South Omaha fire department companies to four men each.

Commissioner Kugel has expressed himself with reference to the police department, his position being that he does not intend to disturb the personnel of the South Omaha department, although a rearrangement of the system will be necessary to conform with the Omaha system.

Commissioner Draxel has an eye on the street cleaning possibilities in South Omaha and Dundee.

City Clerk Flynn believes it would be better to have one general department in the Omaha city hall for his work, rather than attempting to transport part of the work in South Omaha.

Frank Good, former city clerk of South Omaha, wants to be clerk of the South Omaha police court, and Dr. E. F. Shanahan is after the position of assistant health commissioner, with jurisdiction in the south territory of Greater Omaha.

Fleet Will Not Be Sent to Exposition

WASHINGTON, June 4.—President Wilson has agreed with Secretary Daniels that it will be unwise to attempt to send the Atlantic fleet through the Panama canal in July as had been planned and a formal announcement may be made soon. Governor Goethals has reported the condition of the slides in Galliard cut as very indefinite.

HYMENEAL

Harpster-Martin.
CENTRAL CITY, Neb., June 4.—(Special)—Mr. Walter C. Harpster and Miss Sadie M. Martin were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Martin, Thursday morning at 2:30 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Bryant Howe of the Methodist church in the presence of close friends and relatives. Following the wedding breakfast the bride and groom departed for Lincoln. Miss Martin had just completed the year's work as principal of the north side school and is recognized as highly proficient in her work. Mr. Harpster is principal of the Central City schools and his services have been retained for the coming year. They will be at home in Central City after September 1.

Romanus-Ladd.
ALBION, Neb., June 4.—(Special)—Mr. Warren Romanus of Lincoln and Miss Della Ladd were married Friday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Ladd, Rev. Herbert J. Hinman, pastor of the Congregational church, officiated. The bride was born in this city, graduated at the University of Nebraska and is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. The groom was educated at the University of Nebraska, is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and is engaged in business in Lincoln, where they will make their future home.

Falter-Dovey.
PLATTSBROUGH, Neb., June 4.—(Special)—In St. Luke's Episcopal church this afternoon at 4 o'clock John Falter and Miss Catherine Dovey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dovey, were married. Rev. W. E. Lewis, rector, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Falter departed on an evening train for the Pacific coast. They will be at home in this city to their friends after July 1. The bride is a sister of Miss Alice and Ethel Dovey, well known on the stage.

TAFT'S

Have You Good Teeth?
Without good teeth it is impossible to masticate your food properly—therefore your digestion causes indigestion, blood-poisoned blood causes pimples, headaches, drowsiness, rheumatism, kidney trouble and general tearing down of your system.

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No More Desire for Tobacco

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GRIDIRON CLUB HUNTS CROOK

Washington Correspondents After Man Who Is Selling Bogus Memberships.

ASKS VICTIMS TO ASSIST

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(Special)—Edgar C. Snyder, president of the Gridiron club of this city, in view of the continued operations of a gang of swindlers, who are engaged in selling associate memberships in the club to prominent persons throughout the country, warns the public against these impostors and calls upon the victims of these clever crooks to assist the club in bringing them to justice.

"The Gridiron club is in all essentials a dining club," said Mr. Snyder. "It has never contemplated building a club house nor has it at any time considered the enlargement of its associate membership list. Under the constitution of the Gridiron club its active membership is limited to fifty, the prerequisite qualification for active membership being that the applicant shall be an accredited newspaper correspondent with actual service in Washington for a period of two years immediately preceding his nomination. The associate membership list is made up solely of active members who have removed from Washington. The club has no honorary members. The entire membership of the Gridiron club at the present time is eighty-one, divided as follows: Active members, fifty; associate members, twenty-one; limited members, ten.

"In view of the wholesale character of the frauds perpetrated and the further fact that the swindlers apparently are operating in all sections of the country, having secured victims in Cleveland, Toledo, Dayton, Omaha and Denver, and having attempted to defraud people in the east, the public is warned against these impostors. One of them, Jules Waterbury, alias E. Bresse Stevens and other fictitious names, has a penitentiary record growing out of a prosecution instituted by the Associated Press."

Bailey service means topnotch dentistry

HAIL STORMS FOLLOWS TORNADO IN CLAY COUNTY

HARVARD, Neb., June 4.—(Special)—A devastating hailstorm followed the report of a small tornado Thursday evening. A strip of country from half to a mile wide in the northwest corner of Clay county and extending north into the southwest corner of Hamilton county, was pretty badly hit with the hail. The loss is estimated at from one-half to three-quarters. The farm of Peter Blah, just across the Clay county line, was also struck by the wind, several of his out-building and his windmill being blown down.

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Mrs. Anna M. Fisher.
PLATTSBROUGH, Neb., June 4.—(Special)—The body of the late Mrs. Anna M. Fisher was brought to this city today from Omaha and buried by the side of her husband, who died two years ago. Rev. Harry G. McClusky of the First Presbyterian church conducted the services.

The THOMPSON-BELDEN STORE

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Silks for Wedding Gowns

Soft Bridal Satins from America and some from Switzerland; they are 36 to 40 inches wide—**\$1.50 to \$2.50 a yard**

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Beautiful, fine net top laces, 24 and 45 inches wide, **\$1.25 and \$2 a Yard.**

Shadow laces of exceptionally fine quality, 29c a yard

New Val and Torchon laces at **5c a yard**

Dainty Irish Linen Dresses

At **\$7.50 and \$1.50** these little frocks are really very moderate in price.

The Store for Shirtwaists

No matter how little you pay for a Blouse, it's bound to be fine and dainty if you buy it here.

What Shall It Be

To choose—not to find—is the problem that confronts the seeker of Blouses who visits this charming section—the Store for Shirtwaists.

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for Warm Weather Wear

Women's Gauze Lisle Vests, plain or fancy tops - **35c**

Women's Lisle Vests, plain or hand-crochet tops, - **50c**

Women's Lisle Union Suits, fitted or wide knee, **\$1.00**

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Underwear Section—Third Floor.

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La Grecque Corsets and Tailored Underwear

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Corset Section—Third Floor.

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They Must Fit

La Grecque Tailored Underwear excels in that it fits perfectly.

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