# URGED TO SLAY

of Cruelty by General Von Bissing.

**'EMANATION OF HIGH KULTUR'** 

Governor General of Belgium on Record as Declaring the Innocent Must Suffer With the Guilty-Irvin Cobb's Tale of Horrors.

The horrors deliberately and systematically inflicted upon the people under the orders of their commanding officers, are shown in all their as well as by letters written by Gerzen effort of Emperor William to tations given are from documents already made public or in the possession of the government at Wash- fore the war was carried on with the ington.

This interview was reproduced in the Berliner Tageblatt of November

Mr. F. C. Walcott of the Belgian re-·lief commission tells in the Geographical Magazine for May, 1917, of meeting Gen von Bernhardi:

hardl came into the room, an expert crushed without mercy as a measure artilleryman, a professor in one of their war colleges. I met him the campaign of suspicion and hatred benext morning, and he asked me if I had read his book, 'Germany in the Next War.'

"I said I had. He said: 'Do you know, my friends nearly ran me out of the country for that? They said, 'You have let the cat out of the bag.' I said, 'No, I have not, because nobody will believe it.' What did you think

"I said, 'General, I did not believe a word of it when I read it, but I now feel that you did not tell the whole truth;' and the old general looked actually pleased."

Speaking on August 29, 1914, at Munster, of the extreme measures which the Germans felt obliged to take against the civil population of Belgium. Gen. von Bissing said;

"The innocent must suffer with the . 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

Officers Encouraged Atrocities.

Gen, von Bissing, after his appointment as governor general of Belgium, repeated in substance the above opinion to a Dutch journalist. The interview is published in the Dusseldorfer Anzeiger of December 8, 1914.

Irvin S. Cobb states his conclusions on the responsibility of the higher German command for the atrocities:

"But I was an eyewitness to crimes which, measured by the standards of 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. "Taking the physical evidence offer-

ed before our own eyes, and buttressing it with the statements made to us, not only by notives, but German sol

diers 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 AND SPARE NOT those in command and 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 discrim-German Soldiers Incited to Acts inately spared, and there they had indiscriminately wasted, in exact accordance with the word of their superiors,"-Irvin Cobb, Speaking of Prus-

sians, New York, 1917, pp. 32-34. Hoodwinked German People.

These ideas, then, were systemat ically impressed upon the military and official classes. It was necessary, nowever, to work upon the minds of the German people, so that they might lend themselves to the inhuman policies advocated by the military leaders, To do this was difficult, for, as has been shown often, many of the civilian leaders of public opinion, time and again, expressed their horror of the new spirit which was animating the of Belgium by the German soldiers, military authorities. The reichstag debates give ample evidence of this. and the task of the military leaders would have been still more difficult if hideousness by official documents the reichstag had any real power. and the testimony of eye-witnesses. (See War Information Series No. 3, "The Government of Germany;" see man soldiers in the field. The bra- also Gerard's "My Four Years in Ger-

The military authorities and those cast the odium of the fearful deeds in sympathy with them have done all on the Belgians is also shown. Quo- in their power to stimulate a hatred of other peoples in the minds of the Germans. A campaign of education be-

object of impressing upon the minds of the Germans the treacherous nature of the peoples against whom the military leaders were anxious to wage war. Not only were the Germans gradually led to believe that it was necessary to fight a defensive war against unscrupulous foes, but also that these foes would violate every precept of hu-"As I walked out, Gen. von Bern- manity, and consequently must be of self-defense. The fruits of this came evident when almost at the out break of the war many Germans became possessed with the belief that the whole population of Belgium, the first country to be invaded, had violated every rule of honorable warfare, that the francs-tireurs (guerrillas) were everywhere present doing their deadly work in secreey or under the cover of darkness; that women and even children were mutilating and killing the wounded or helpless prisoners.

Extract from a letter written by a German soldier to his brother. (This letter, now in the possession of the United States government, was obtained for this pamphlet from Mr. J. C. Grew, formerly secretary to the United States embassy at Berlin.)

"November 4, 1914. "The battles are everywhere extremely tenacious and bloody. The Englishmen we hate most and we want to get even with them for once. While one now and then sees French prisoners, one hardly ever beholds French black troops or Englishmen. These good people are not overlooked by our infantrymen; that sort of people is mowed down without mercy. The losses of the Englishmen must be enormous. There is a desire to wipe them out, root and all."

Urged to Kill Without Pity. Extract from another letter to brother:

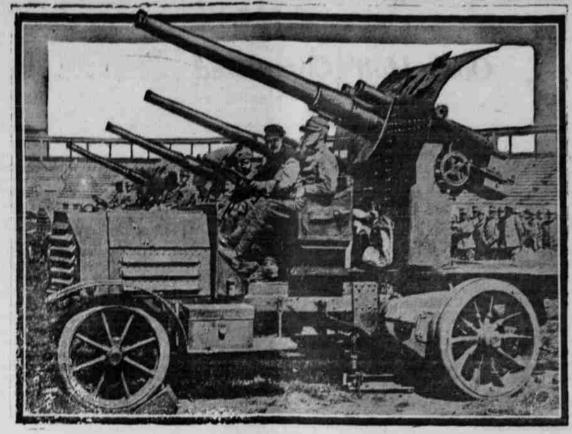
Schleswig, 25, 8 14 (Aug. 25, 1914). Dear Brother shortly go to Brussels with your regiment, as you know. Take care to protect yourself against these civillans. especially in the vilinges. Do not let anyone come too near. They are very clever, cunning, fellows, these Belgians; even the women and children are armed and fire their guns. Never go inside a house, especially alone If you take anything to drink make the inhabitants drink first, and keep at a distance from them. The newspapers relate numerous cases in which gard to the emperor's telegram: they have fired on our soldiers whilst they were drinking. You soldiers must spread around so much fear of yourselves that no civilian will venture to come near you. Remain always in the company of others. I hope that you have read the newspapers and that you know how to behave. Above all



THE AND HIRS CHARLES H. LAWVER.

No sooner had Miss Nora Hannan taken her place as conductor on a Broadway street car in New York City than along came Chief Gunner's Mate Charles H. Lawver. He paid his fare and then took another look. He made up his mind then and there he would have to know more of the little conductor. So he looked her up. They were engaged, they were married and the car company lost an employee it had hoped to retain in its service.

### New Italian Guns Ready for Assault on Germans



The new spirit infused into the Italian army since the debacle of October 23, 1917, is well illustrated here in the new 202-milimetre anti-aircraft guns ready to move on the Germans. Hundreds of these guns on motor trucks have been rushed to the front since the Germans took most of the modern guns of the Italians. They are said to be powerful weapons which make flying over the Italian lines very hazardous.

Make for them without pity with the butt-end of your rifle and the bayonet. "Your brother,

The emperor gave his sanction to the reports of the brutal acts of the Belgians in a telegram to President

"Berlin, via Copenhagen, Sept. 7, 1914. "'I feel it my duty, Mr. President. to inform you as the most prominent representative of principles of humanity, that after taking the French fortress of Longwy, my troops discovered there thousands of dumdum cartridges made by special government machin-The same kind of ammunition was found on killed and wounded troops and prisoners, also on the British troops. You know what terrible wounds and suffering these bullets inflict and that their use is strictly forbidden by the established rules of international law. I therefore address a solemn protest to you against this kind of warfare, which, owing to the methods, of our adversaries, has beome one of the most barbarous known in history. Not only have they employed these atrocious weapons, but the Belgian government has openly encouraged and long since carefully prepared the participation of the Belgian civil population in the fighting. The atrocities committed even by women and priests in this guerrilla warfare, also on wounded soldiers, medical staff der to punish the guilty and to frighten the bloodthirsty population from and horror. Some villages and even the old town of Loewen (Louvain). to be destroyed in self-defense, and for the protection of my troops. My heart bleeds when I see that such measures have become unavoidable and when I think of the numerous in-

"GERARD, Berlin." Lorenz Muller in the German Catholic Review, Der Fels, February, 1915. made the following statement in re-

property as a consequence of the bar-

barous behavior of those criminals

Signed. William, Emperor and King.

"Officially no instance has been proven of persons having fired with the help of priests from the towers of churches. All that has been made known up to the present, and that has been made the object of inquiry concerning alleged atrocities attributed to Catholic priests during this war, has been shown to be false and altogether 'maginary, without any exception. Our emperor telegraphed to the president of the United States of America that even women and priests had committed atrocities during this guerrilla warfare on wounded soldlers, doctors and aurses attached to the field ambuiances. How this telegram can be reconciled with the fact stated above we

## SANDY DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Blanche R. Shelley Representative.

R. E. ESSON IS HEARD FROM.

Friday and two Saturday; these being | they first came west. the first she had had for over two weeks. In the ones dated December BULL RUN STORE GETS ADDITION 29 and 30, he had not received any Christmas packages, but in the ones He had not yet received the package latter part of the week from J. C. Laundree and A. C. Baum-

SANDY GRANGE HAS MEETING.

The Sandy Grange met in regular all-day session last Saturday in the I. O. O. F. hall. W. Strack and wife, were given the first and second degrees during the morning session.

The afternoon was in charge of the worthy lecturer, A. C. Thomas. The attacked by rifle fire, were such that merger was discussed at length and my generals finally were compelled to James Bell led a spirited discussion take the most drastic measures in or-

continuing their work of vile murder song by the Grange closed the day.

rule co-operate more readily than most the aviation corps. country people?" J. A. DeShazer. 2. task to organize farmers?" C. W. Can- at Waco, Texas, with the measles. nocent people who lose their home and need to co-operate in their business east. relations?" A. J. Morrison. 4 "What Arlie Mitchell writes to J. Green tion proven more successful in the in Oregon. newer sections of the country than in Miss Mildred Aiken's brother, Clive, of the success of co-operation in Den- week. mark?" Blanche R. Shelley.

#### UNCLE OF SANDY BLACKSMITH DIES.

the Good Samaritan hospital, where on good clean dances he had been for the past ten weeks, being treated for blood poison in his PROMINENT KELSO WOMAN ILL. arm, which started from a small bruise on his hand. He came from Clay Center, Kansas, the middle of ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. September, thinking the change would J. H. Dixon, in Portland, is improving. benefit his health. He is survived by Mrs. Dunn has been suffering for shall not be able to learn until after his wife and one daughter, Irene, eight three weeks with complications.

, years of age, both of whom were with him at the end. The funeral will be Mrs. R. E. Esson received four let- held in Portland, Thursday. Mrs. ters from Mr. Esson last week, two Ross and family visited here when paralytic stroke Saturday morning and trade. His friend, Fred Shearer, came

The store at Bull Run is having its

RIDGE !- UMBER COMPANY

Ridge Lumber Co., took dinner at Aschoff's Mountain Home last Sunday. John Sinclair and Ted Van Orman They were looking over the timber prospects in this vicinity, and will place in the near future.

Sergeant Arthur Kriever, who spent Portland. several monthe here two years ago, Readings by A. J. Morrison, of Do- has been sent to the aviation camp at BLUFF ROAD MAN MEETS WITH spent Thursday night with Percy T. ver and Mrs. Shelly, of Sandy, and a San Antonio. When he wrote last, he was on his way to New York, expect-The topic for discussion the next ing to be sent across immediately, but meeting is, "Co-operation" and the was transferred to the camp in Texas excepting the fine hotel de ville, had following sub-topics have been assign- Mr. Kriever was in the heavy artillery, Bluff road, cut a large artery in his typhoid.

Wm. Martin, one of our high school "Why has it proven a rather difficult boys, who enlisted, is in the hospital ning. 3. "In what ways do farmers Lester Townsend has been ordered

shows the failure of country folk to wood, of La Casa Monte, that he is on co-operate in religious activities?" the Atlantic coast, where climatic con-Mrs. Joel Jarl. 5. "Why has co-opera- ditions are very much different than

DANCE WELL ATTENDED.

Another one of those committee dances in the I. O. O. F. dance hall Robert S. Smith received word Tues- last Saturday night was enjoyed by day of the death of his uncle, Melvin a good sized crowd, fifty-nine numbers S. Ross, who died Tuesday morning in being sold. This committee is putting

Mrs Paul Dunn, who has been very

We are fast becoming one big family and our brother's grief is ours, whether comes from our sister countries across the water.

SORROW COMES TO SANDY.

Warren Fender is a cousin of Mrs.

Randolf Shipley. These men are all

reported safe and while we have ceas-

ed to grieve for these who are near

and dear to us, we have not forgotten

the homes where sorrow still reigns.

SANDY RED CROSS MEETS.

The local auxiliary met with Mrs. Shelley last Wednesday with eleven members and friends present. The work on hand will be finished and packed at the meeting this week. There will be a fresh lot of work for the next meeting and you are expected to be there. Through the kindness of the teachers, the high school girls are excused from class room work after two o'clock every Wednesday P. R. Meinig and family. and meet with us, where they are doing commendable work.

DISTRICT COMMITTE EAPPOINTED Allen family.

Clackamas County has been asked to raise approximately \$750,000.00 in time, returned to her home near Bull 1918 by the sale of Thrift Stamps, Run a week ago. War Stamps or Baby Bonds. This means \$20.00 for every man, woman iting her brother, B. H. Aaron, at the school District, has as its committee the following: Department No. 2—

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Wife, Dep (Advertising) Fred Proctor. Depart guests of Mr. Aaron also. They atment No. 4 (Sales) M. A. Deaton. De tended the dance in Sandy Saturday partment No. 6 (Church Lodge and Club Organizations) Blanche R. Shel-

BORING MAN IS STRICKEN.

Mr. Porter, of Boring, suffered a is in a serious condition.

SANDY MAIL STAGE DISABLED.

written Jan. 9th and Jan 10th, he living quarters improved by the addi-stage between Sandy and Boring, has said he had received three Christmas | tion of a dining and living room. The had a run of bad luck lately that sev-dinner guests Sunday, J. A. Senske packages from Sandy, two from his living room has a large fire place. en rabbit feet caught by seven cross- and wife and daughter Minnie. Covers wife and one from Mr. M. A. Deaton. This addition will be ready for use the eyed "niggers" in the grave yard in were laid for seven, the dead of night could scarce overcome. Last week he broke two springs station, as in Sandy Wednesday. on his machine and Monday, he broke Hugh Develin and family, of Dover, CONTEMPLATES MOVE the frame of it. He is driving Uncle were Sandy visitors Tuesday. John Nelson and wife, Robert Jarl, to be out, and, the mail is coming Dover, but now of Gresham, fell from Melton Nelson and Albert Bell, of the through on time, in spite of the roads, her porch some time ago and dislo-

SANDY BOY HOME ON PASS.

"Spike" Hennessy, who is with the probably move the mill on the Aschoff 29th Band C. A. C., N. G., W. S. (Ore- with her sister, Mrs. Marie Osstratter. gon) stationed at Fort Stevens, visited his mother Saturday night, returning the week end in Portland, visiting reland nurses, doctors killed, hospitals Firwood-Dover and Gresham telephone MORE NEWS FROM SANDY BOYS. Sunday morning. He was accompanatives. ied by Miss Julia Van Buskirk, of The condition of Geo. Wolf, of the

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

foot last Thursday afternoon, with the dressed the cut. At last reports Mr. Friend. Becker was doing nicely.

FINISHES NURSE'S COURSE.

Miss Hazel Mitchell, who has reis visiting her mother, Mrs. E. J. aunt, Mrs. Nick Schmitz. Bitchell. Miss Mitchell will return to James Bell and Chas. Krebbs, of Portland in a couple of weeks to take Sandy Ridge, attended the committee up her duties as a trained nurse.

HIGH SCHOOL GLEANINGS. after a severe attack of tonsilitis.

winning the first.

LOCALS.

With the sinking of the Tuscania, Miss Lillian Averill spent the weekgrief came to many hearts in this com- end in Portland, the guest of Miss munity, for out of the twenty-one hun- Hazel Boardman. Miss Averill saw dred men aboard, two were from our "Cleopatra" while there.

midst, Cecil O. Dukes and Elmer Geo. Beers came from Yacolt and Phelps. Another George Shafer is a brother of Mrs. J. C. Laundree and family. Spent Saturday and Sunday with his

Miss May Klinger went to Portland Tuesday where she met her brother, Alvin Klinger who has been stationed at Fort Whitman. His furlough allowed him to be in Portland only an

Little Miss Maxine Thomas, who has been the guest of her aunt, Miss Mabel Thomas, of Gresham, spent Tuesday with the Meinig girls on her way to her home at Marmot.

Mrs. Richey, formerly Miss Minnie Helms, of Boise, Idaho, is visiting her parents at Marmot. Mr. Richey is in France with the 41st Division of the Field Artillery. Mrs. Richey, who is a trained nurse expects to answer the next call for nurses for foreign duty. Irven Burmaster is the guest of his

grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Senske, for two weeks. Adolph Aschoff, postmaster at Mar-

mot, spent Thursday and Friday with Miss Ada Justus and brother, Ho-

bert, of Halley, Idaho, spent the weekend at Bull Run, the guests of the Mrs. Hagan, who has been in the

Mrs. F. F. Boody, of Portland, is vis-

and child in Clackamas County. Dis- Headworks. She expects to remain Louis Ballbaca and Miss Louise

Thurman, of Portland, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Sykes.

Harry Hagan, who has been visiting his parents near Bull Run, returned to Portland Sunday, where he will go into a foundry and learn the moulding out from Portland Saturday, returning with him Sunday.

Billie Allen, of Bull Run Store, took a flying trip down the Columbia river J. C. Loundree, who drives the mail last week, on business Mr. and Mrs. Mark Senske had as

C. L. Hensen, of Zig Zag Ranger

Morgan's Ford until his Dodge is able Mrs. Susan Kitzmiller, formerly of cated her shoulder. The last report is

> that she is improving. Mrs. J. C. Laundree spent Friday and Saturday of last week in Portland Mrs. W. Bosholm, of Firwood, spent

Sandy Hotel, remains unchanged. Thos. Rathbone, of Salt Lake City.

Shelley and family The family of Alf Bell has all been Herman Becker, who lives two and on the sick list with tonsilitis and one-half miles north of Sandy on the colds. Mr. Bell was threatened with

ax. He was fifteen hours without from Friend, Ore., and Miss Naomi medical aid and was considerably Faubion, visited with Mr. and Mrs. weakened from the loss of blood. Dr. W. J. Faubion last week. Miss Naomi Williams, of Sandy, was called and will accompany her sister back to

J. S. Greenwood and wife, of La Casa Monte, were week-end guests of DAUGHTER OF SANDY WOMAN the Shelleys. They also attended the dance, and called on several of their friends Sunday. Miss Weise and two brothers re-

cently completed the nurses' training turned to Ferdinand, Idaho, last Thursthe east?" P. C. Spooner. 6. "What enlisted in the "California Bears" last course at the Good Samaritan hospital, day, after a short visit with their

> meeting at Estacada Friday. Mrs. Sitz is the other member of that committee appointed to take charge of the sale of Thrift Stamps and War Lulu Roberts is back in school again Saving Stamps in the Sandy Ridge district.

The boys of the Firwood grades Bas- Mr. Milan, of the Kelso committee, ket Ball team played the Sandy Grade attended the meeting in Oregon City team Friday evening in Meinig's hall. Monday. He asked to be released and The honors went to the visiting team, John Revenue was appointed to fill the score being 26 to 21. This is the the vacancy. Fred Proctor was apsecond game in the series. Sandy pointed to take Mr. Revenue's place on the Sandy committee.

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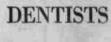
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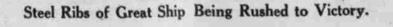
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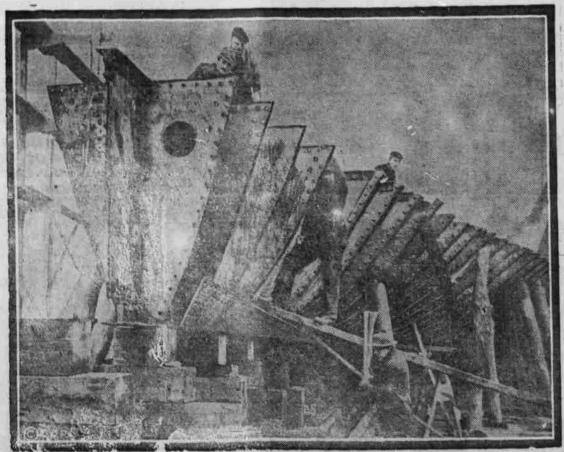


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This is just one of the steps in the construction of the many, many ships being built in new ship yards over the United States to carry food, ammunition and men to the allies. The steel ribs of this ship are being laid, and rapidly the remainder of the work will continue till she will be in the water