

NURSE BUTCHERED DESPITE ALL PLEAS

Mr. Gibson Tells of How Germans Denied Miss Cavell Solace of Clergyman.

GREAT HEROISM IS SHOWN

English Woman Shot at Daybreak in Brussels Prison After Professing Christian Faith—No Sign of Fear Is Betrayed.

BY HUGH GIBSON.
Secretary of the American Red Cross in Brussels at the outbreak of the war. Copyright, 1917, Doubleday, Page & Co., by C. P. Wood.

When everything else had failed we asked Lancken to look at the case from the point of view of the German interests, assuring him that the execution of Miss Cavell would do Germany infinite harm. We reminded him of the burning of Louvain and the sinking of the Lusitania and told him that this murder would rank with those two affairs and would stir all civilized countries with horror and disgust. Count Harrach broke in at this with the rather irrelevant remark that he would rather see Miss Cavell shot than have harm come to the humblest German soldier, and his only regret was that they had not "three or four old English women to shoot."

The Spanish minister and I tried to prevail upon Lancken to call great headquarters at Charleville on the telephone and have the case laid before the Emperor for his decision. Lancken stiffened perceptibly at this suggestion and refused, frankly, saying that he could not do anything of the sort.

Turning to Villalabor, he said, "I can't do that sort of thing. I am not a friend of my sovereign, as you are of yours," to which a rejoinder was made that in order to be a good citizen one must be loyal and ready to incur displeasure in case of need. However, our arguments along this line came to nothing, but Lancken was so friendly at the point of saying that the Military Governor of Brussels was the supreme authority (Gerichtsherr) in matters of this sort and that even the Governor-General had not power to intervene. After further argument he agreed to get General von Sauberschwieg, the Military Governor, out of bed to learn whether he had already ratified the sentence and whether there was any chance for clemency.

Lancken was gone about half an hour, during which time the three of us labored with Harrach and Falkenhausen, without, I am sorry to say, the slightest success. I had a very close friend who reported that the Military Governor said that he had acted in this case only after mature deliberation; that the circumstances of Miss Cavell's offense were of such character that he considered infliction of the death penalty imperative.

Evasive Tactics Continue.
Lancken further explained that under the provisions of German military law the Gerichtsherr had discretionary power to accept or to refuse to accept an appeal for clemency; that in this case the Governor regretted that he must decline to accept the appeal for clemency or any representations in regard to the matter.

We then brought up again the question of having the Emperor called on the telephone, but Lancken replied very definitely that the matter had gone too far; that the Emperor had been notified by the Military Governor and that when matters had gone that far "even the Emperor himself could not intervene."

Although accepted at the time as true, this statement was later found to be entirely false and is understood to have assuaged the Emperor's anger at any moment.

He then asked me to take back the note I had presented to him. I at first demurred, but he insisted that this was not an appeal for clemency, but merely a note to him, transmitting a note to the Governor, which was itself to be considered the appeal for clemency. I pointed out that this was especially stated in the minister's note to him and tried to prevail upon him to keep it. He was very insistent, however, and inasmuch as he had already read the note aloud to us and we knew that he was aware of its contents, it seemed that there was nothing to be gained by refusing to accept the note, and I accordingly took it back.

Despite Lancken's very positive statements as to the futility of our errand, we continued to appeal to every sentiment to secure delay and time for reconsideration of the case.

The Spanish minister led Lancken aside and said some things to him that he would have hesitated to say in the presence of Harrach, Falkenhausen and De Leval, a Belgian subject. Lancken squirmed and blustered a bit, but stuck to his refusal. In the meantime I went after Harrach and Falkenhausen again.

This time, throwing modesty to the winds, I reminded them of some of the things we had done for German interests at the outbreak of the war; how

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(The End.)