

BELGIUM STILL IS SOVEREIGN NATION, CARDINAL DECLARES

Mercier Writes Von Bissing, "In Spite of Military Occupation Fatherland Has Not Ceased to Be Autonomous."

CARDINAL MERCIER'S STORY. Including his correspondence with the German authorities in Belgium during the war, 1914 to 1918, edited by Professor Fernand Mayens...

heat of delivery and which cannot be taken literally when it is a question of estimating the general spirit of a social class, the preaching of the clergy has not overstepped, in safeguarding patriotism, the limits which I have just defined...

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THE legal arguments advanced by Cardinal Mercier in the appended letter to Von Bissing were closely in accordance with the prevailing sentiments of the leading members of the Belgian bar.

Prominent among these patriotic spokesmen was the late Baron Theodor, president of the Order of Advocates in Brussels. At a comparatively early date in the present military occupation Maitre Theodor addressed a courageous protest to the German general...

Regarding matters as a whole, without passion or partiality, the lawyer insisted Theodor, "cannot fail to recognize that every citizen in the German judicial organization in Belgium is contrary to the principles of justice."

"It is justice without a check; the judge is committed to himself—that is to his impressions, his prejudices and his environment. The prisoner is abandoned in his distress to an unaided struggle with his all-powerful adversary."

"This justice, which is controlled, and, therefore, without guarantee, constitutes for us the most dangerous and oppressive illegality. We do not regard justice as a judicial or moral possibility without freedom of defense. Freedom of defense—that is to say, light shed upon all the elements of the trial; the public making itself heard in the heart of the praetorium, the right to say everything in the most respectful manner, and also the courage to dare everything, placed at the service of misfortune and of the law. It is one of the conquests of our domestic history; it is the foundation stone of individual liberty."

"What are your sources of information?" "Apart from the judges of the court, they are the secret police and the informers."

"There is but one way for priests to avoid these indignities: they must observe a calm attitude and not meddle in politics." Thus wrote Baron von Bissing on June 4, 1918, to Cardinal Mercier, asking the assistance of his eminence in maintaining such an attitude on the part of the clergy.

"Archbishop's House, Malines, June 23, 1918. To His Excellency Baron von Bissing, Governor-General, Brussels. Your excellency kindly writes in your esteemed letter of June 4 (No. 5129), that you deplore the penalties inflicted on our priests by the military tribunals. But, as to these penalties, you regard them as fully justified, because necessary for the maintenance of public order, of which the Hague convention intrusts to you the keeping."

"The clergy, moreover, can lay no claim to a privilege that would shield them from justice, nor to a continuous application of a right to pardon. There is only one method by which the clergy can escape judicial penalties, namely to abstain from political action. Your excellency begs my cooperation for the attainment of this result; and you appeal to the understanding of the Belgian bishops, the clergy, with the occupying power."

"Such is, I believe, a faithful summary of the march of June 4, 1918, to which my ministerial engagements have to my regret hindered me from replying sooner."

"Your excellency has good reason to deplore the severe treatment which our priests have to suffer. I also render homage to the firmness of their sentiment and I share it with you very heartily."

"With you I am concerned for the public order, but I do not agree with you as to the means of safeguarding it. The bishops and the clergy have a duty to be the God, independent and that it would be iniquitous and rash to treat it like a conquered country."

"Germany, which today occupies a very great portion of our province, but which the treaty of war makes tomorrow drive back across our borders, is a belligerent nation. Belgium is also a belligerent nation. Neither of the two is victorious; neither has the right to enslave the other."

"In spite of the military occupation of a great part of her province, our Belgian fatherland has not ceased to be of a right an autonomous foreign nation. Our respect and love for the soil and for our Belgian liberties are then for all of us an honor and a duty. To realize this honor and to preach this duty forms part of the clergy's social mission. In these troubled times, when five each soul has the right to ask of his pastor: 'What is my duty? Who represents in my country the God, independent and that it would be iniquitous and rash to treat it like a conquered country.'"

"Well, sir, apart from some heated expressions which escape at times from even the most cautious, in the Old Soldier Testifies to Wonderful Merits Number 40 in Constipation, Stomach Trouble and Catarrh."

National Home, Wis., May 12, '19. "When I commenced using Number 40 for the Blood I was suffering with chronic constipation of a good many years' standing, which finally developed into stomach trouble, which got so bad I was unable to eat anything that did not cause great suffering. I tried a good many doctors, as well as everything I could hear of that was recommended for my complaint. I was also troubled with catarrh of the bowels and I had dropsical swellings in my feet and ankles, which the doctor said was caused by a weak heart. I had about given up hope of being much better when I saw an ad. of your No. 40 in a country paper and concluded to try it. I felt so much better after taking one bottle that I decided to buy a second bottle. I have taken about two and a half bottles and, while not feeling entirely well, I am feeling much better. I have taken about two and a half bottles and, while not feeling entirely well, I am feeling much better. I have taken about two and a half bottles and, while not feeling entirely well, I am feeling much better."

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Basement—Large assortment of Girls' Tub Dresses in a rousing sale beginning this morning. Attractive new styles trimmed with fancy collars, belts and cuffs. Gingham and chambrays of good quality, in both light and dark colors. Sizes for \$1.39 girls 2 to 12 years. Basement special

Girls' Coats \$8.95

Basement—Mothers! Don't overlook this chance to buy smart, serviceable Coats at a big saving. Good full styles, with large collars. Trimmed \$8.95 with large pearl buttons. Priced special \$8.95—DOUBLE GREEN STAMPS WITH PURCHASES.

Union Suits 98c Basement—GIRLS' Fleece-lined Union Suits—regulation styles or with waist. High neck and long sleeves. Splendid warm garments. Sizes for girls from 2 to 12 years. In Basement Sale at



Your Choice \$16.95

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Large Comforters At \$5.00 Basement—Cotton-filled Comforters covered with good quality silkline in pink, blue or yellow. Sale price \$5.00

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Basement—Special lot of Japanese Lunch Cloths offered at a special low price for today in the Basement Underprice Store. Of good quality material with hemstitched hems and attractive patterns. Size 54x54 inches. Quantity limited. Special at \$1.98

Men's Union Suits At \$1.98

Basement—Men's Fleece-lined Union Suits specially priced for the Inventory Sale. Medium weight garments suitable for winter and spring wear. Closed crotch style. Sizes from 36 up to 46. Inventory Sale special \$1.98

Women's Silk Hosiery 98c



Basement—Supply your needs for months to come, for this is a sale you don't come across every day. Women's first quality Silk Hose with lisle tops, high spliced heel, double sole and toe. Shown in pearl gray, navy, taupe and cordovan. Good assortment of sizes to start with. Limit 3 pairs to a customer. Basement Sale, pair 98c

Men's Ties, Special 48c Basement Inventory Sale

Special Clean-up of several hundred Men's Ties at an extremely low price. Popular four-in-hand styles. Great assortment of patterns and colorings. On sale in the Basement at only 48c

Men's Handkerchiefs Box of 6 for 69c

Basement—Odd lot of Men's Boxed Handkerchiefs for quick selling. Plain white, good quality material. Put up 6 to box. Special at 69c

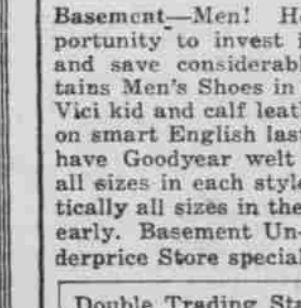
Men's Hose 3 Pairs \$1.00

Basement—Men's Wool-finish Hose—200 pairs, on sale today. Black with gray heel and toe. \$1.00 Medium weight—all sizes. 35¢; 3 pairs \$1.00

Basement Millinery Clean-Up Specials

—UNTRIMMED HATS for women and misses—our entire Basement stock now at 1/2 the regular prices. —CHILDREN'S Trimmed Hats—many dainty styles, shapes and colors on sale at ONE-HALF PRICE. —HATS for Misses and Women; silk, velvet, plush and beaver, in black and colors—50¢ to \$3.48 —TRIMMED HATS; \$2.50 values up to \$5.00; now \$2.50 —All Hat Trimmings at 1/2 OFF. —All other Hats greatly reduced.

Men's Shoes at \$5.98 Inventory Special



Basement—Men! Here is an exceptional opportunity to invest in good reliable footwear and save considerable. This special lot contains Men's Shoes in laced and buttoned styles. Vici kid and calf leather. Tan and black. Made on smart English last or with Colonial toe. All have Goodyear welt soles. Not have taken included a brooch. Practically all sizes in the sale. Shop early. Basement Underprice Store special \$5.98

Men's Pajamas At \$2.50

Basement—Men's Pajamas of heavy quality outing flannel; neat striped patterns. Well \$2.50 made. \$3.25 grade; at \$2.50 Night Shirts \$1.98 Basement—Men's Night Shirts of fancy striped outing flannel. Cut full and long. Regular \$1.98 \$2.25 grade. Special at \$1.98

House Dresses \$2.19 Center Circle, Main Floor

Main Floor—Women's House Dresses in regulation styles that fasten in front. Gingham and other materials. Plaids, stripes and plain colors. Trimmed with collars, cuffs, belts and buttons. Good full skirts. On sale to-day, full day only, at low price of \$2.19 \$2.25 grade. Special at \$1.98

Women's Neckwear 59c Clean-Up Sale of 59c Many Odd Lines 59c

Basement—The active selling during the Christmas season has left us with many odds and ends and broken lines which must be closed out before stock-taking. We have grouped one big assortment of Women's Neckwear—collars, sets, vests, etc.—and priced 59c them for quick clearance. Dainty styles. Choice of 200 pieces 59c

\$2.50 Corsets at \$1.98 Basement Sale

—Corsets of extra good quality at a very special low price for today in the Basement Store. Made of fancy pink broche. Low or medium bust, with long skirt. Some have elastic insert at back. Nearly all sizes. Regular \$2.50 Corsets, in Basement Sale at only \$1.98

Women's and Misses' Shoes Basement Inventory Sale—\$4.98



—Black with gray cloth tops and Louis heel—also brown vamp with brown cloth tops and broad low heel. Sizes for women, misses and big girls. Priced special, a pair \$4.98

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Envelope Chemise \$1.98 Women's Camisoles \$1.98

Basement—Women's Camisoles of good quality wash silk in pink or white. Front fastening style, with lace and ribbons. \$1.98

Brassieres at 35c

Basement—Women's Brassieres of good quality muslin in front hook style, embroidery trimmed. Also Bandeau Brassieres. Front hook. All sizes. 35c On sale in the Basement Store, at

Outing Flannel Gowns At \$1.98

Basement—Women's Outing Flannel Night Gowns—pink or blue striped. Long sleeves, high or low necks; \$1.98 also short sleeves. Special at \$1.98

SEATTLE DELEGATE HERE Leslie E. Wood to Attend Session of Milk Dealers.

Leslie E. Wood of Seattle, editor of the Western Milk Dealer and Dairyman, is a visitor in Portland. Mr. Wood is arranging to bring a large delegation from the state of Washington to attend the convention of the Northwest Milk Dealers association which will meet in the Multnomah hotel, February 3, 4 and 5.

POLICE TRAIL BURGLARS Number of Thefts Are Reported to Portland Department.

Police and detectives were working yesterday in the effort to round up perpetrators of a number of house burglaries and thefts reported to the department. Raymond Marshall of the Portola lodging house, 22 1/2 North Third street, reported that a man opened his door and when he appeared struck him in the mouth. The assailant, however, ran when the proprietor of the place arrived. He said the man was about 20 years of age and had tried to enter the place once previously. The residence of George M. Taylor, 771 Kirby street, was entered and a quantity of jewelry taken. The articles taken included a brooch, three watches, five rings, a bracelet and three lavallieres.

EX-SERVICE MEN HIRED Fourth of Male Help in City's Restaurants Served Flag.

Twenty-five per cent of the male help in the restaurants of Portland are former service men. This announcement was made at a meeting of the Portland Caterers' association, held yesterday, as a result of a survey of the restaurants of this city. A call has been issued to business men to give employment to former service men and the caterers proposed to take stock. Some of the restaurants employ all ex-service men and others 50 per cent.

PLIERS RELEASE EARRING City Hall Superintendent Helps Woman Remove Broken Set.

City Hall Superintendent H. P. C. Simmons, superintendent of the city hall, has qualified for a new position—that of being a lady's maid. It was almost 8 o'clock Monday night when Colonel Simmons was called to the mayor's office. Here he found Lorene Dinsmore, assistant commissioner of public safety, highly excited. Miss Dinsmore had tickets for the Tetraxial concert. Just as she was preparing to leave for the auditorium an oriental pearl set in an earring dropped to the floor. It was necessary to remove the earrings. Tugs and jerks were of no avail. She called for Colonel Simmons, who obtained a firm hold of the earring on one side with a pair of pliers. Miss Dinsmore loosened the other side and divested herself of the incomplete decoration.

CAUTION Wrappers of the New Year's Edition of The Morning Oregonian tomorrow will bear this label: NEW YEAR'S EDITION

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771 Kirby street, was entered and a quantity of jewelry taken. The articles taken included a brooch, three watches, five rings, a bracelet and three lavallieres. Mrs. Jesse Mack reported the burglary of a house at 683 Hood street, in which the burglars obtained two dresser scarfs, a bath rug, cups and saucers, an electric toaster, some table linen and a green portiere curtain. Mrs. A. Ponda, 139 1/2 Russell street, reported that a room was entered at that address and a suit of clothes and an overcoat taken. Places where two or three men are employed were found to have one service man, and establishments with six to eight showed two to four men from the service. The association adopted resolutions endorsing the movement to provide employment for former service men and pledging themselves to carry out the movement as far as possible. Father Misses Daughter's Wedding. MARTHFIELD, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—J. D. McGehee of Lakeview is a jurymen in the Harold Howell case, which continued for 11 days at Co. M. McGehee to Guy C. Torrey of Marshfield, and was unable to attend the trial of his daughter, Miss Mabel Mac.