

"GERMANY HAS VIOLATED AN OATH," LANCKEN IS INFORMED

"It Is No Use to Argue; It Is No Use to Twist and Turn," Cardinal Informs Visitor in Argument Over Pastoral.

CARDINAL MERCIER'S STORY. Including his correspondence with the German authorities in Belgium during the war, 1914 to 1918, edited by Professor Fernand Mayence of Louvain university and translated by the Benedictine monks of St. Augustine's, Ramsgate, England.

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THE usual German melodrama accompanied the publication of the cardinal's fourth pastoral letter, "The Voice of God," dated Sunday, October 1, 1918. The printers were arrested. The police seized copies of the work. Von der Lancken duly appeared for the interview with the primate, and, as so often happened, was outwitted in the verbal duel.

The following passage from the pastoral proved especially wounding to the sensibilities of the dapper diplomat and the brusque governor-general: "Be then grateful to God. The independence of our country is today not to be doubted. Let us thank God for having assured us of its preservation. Let us thank God for having preserved for our nation the glory of the Belgian nation: our queen, tender and strong; the royal children. Let us thank God for having given us the patience to support without flinching or murmuring our long and hard trial; for having vouchsafed to us the first benediction of our holy father, the Pope Benedict XV, and for having inspired him to declare to us that his warmest paternal affection is for Belgium; for having instilled in the hearts of the foreign nations toward our king the respect and admiration which we must raise to them after the war a monument of gratitude. Let us give to them today a place of honor in our grateful piety.

"Finally, as we are not at the end of our term of Calvary, may our devotions in the mass be an assiduous prayer for our dear native land, for those prisoners and those absent for our valiant prisoners and our dear refugees. The more the war lasts, the more ardent becomes our commination for all those men of energy who burn to give their all for us, for us whom instruction tortures daily.

(Continuation of the interview between Cardinal Mercier and Baron von der Lancken.) "You must find some means of coming to an understanding." "For myself I see but one," answered the cardinal, "that you affect not to notice what is going on and leave me with a free hand. I had understood, or if you like that better, conjectured, that such was your intention. Accordingly I was not a little surprised to learn that the work of my printer had been raised by the German police."

"It was not with the intention of seizing your letter; Smeesters was implicated in another affair." "As I was surprised, I had intended to send you a copy of my letter as soon as it was in the hands of the judges in Brussels, and I considered I had a right to expect from you its circulation without let or hindrance, for, after all, this is absolutely nothing in the letter to which you could take exception."

"You being 'displeased.' "Nothing to offend me, perhaps, but the governor-general, a soldier among soldiers, who being obliged to consider the effect of his words, had produced in Germany, thinks otherwise. He knows I have come to Maxline; in fact, he has insisted on a conversation about this very letter and I can assure you he is greatly displeased."

"But what has he to complain of?" "First of all, he takes exception to the phrase in which you affirm that 'nobody today is the independent of Belgium into question.' 'Again, you say at the end of your letter: 'Let us thank God for our deliverance.' It is this last phrase especially that irritated the governor-general."

"Well then, Baron, the governor-general does not understand French. It lies with you who understand and speak it, to explain fully to him the meaning of this fragment of a phrase which when read in connection with its context, you have only to read the whole paragraph to perceive its real sense."

"Oh, I have perused the letter four times." "Then read the paragraph again. Do you not see that the words were inserted therein to introduce the liturgical invocation, 'O Lord, make haste to help us, we have sinned, imply that by means of prayer and penance we are to merit the help and deliverance of Almighty God. Are my words susceptible of any other interpretation?"

"When I had read it ever again I saw that the phrase could be understood in the sense your eminence attaches to it, but the governor-general placed quite a different construction upon it." "For example?" "He took it to mean, 'Let us hasten to expel the Germans.'"

"Well," replied the cardinal, "what is one to do? It is not my fault if he is not sensitive to the delicate shades of meaning in our language. And what else was there to be expected from several allusions to current politics."

"As for instance?" "First of all, the reference to Poland, which in the eyes of the governor-general is political, though, personally, must confess that this particu-

lar passage appeared to me quite inoffensive. "Obviously if Poland is to recover her independence just as many concessions must be made by Russia as by Germany. Then I say distinctly that the countess has been laid waste by the advance or retirement of the armies."

"What about the attack you made on the Turks?" "Pardon me," replied the cardinal, "I did not attack the Turks, but I take up the cudgel for the Armenians. I have great compassion for their suffering, and as I am suffering with my fellow countrymen, I can sympathize with others in their trials. Is it not natural?"

"But in your letter, your eminence inveighs against the allies of Germany, and it is this which displeases the governor-general. Moreover, in a subsequent paragraph you exhort your subjects to pray for your allies. Doubtless you refer to the British."

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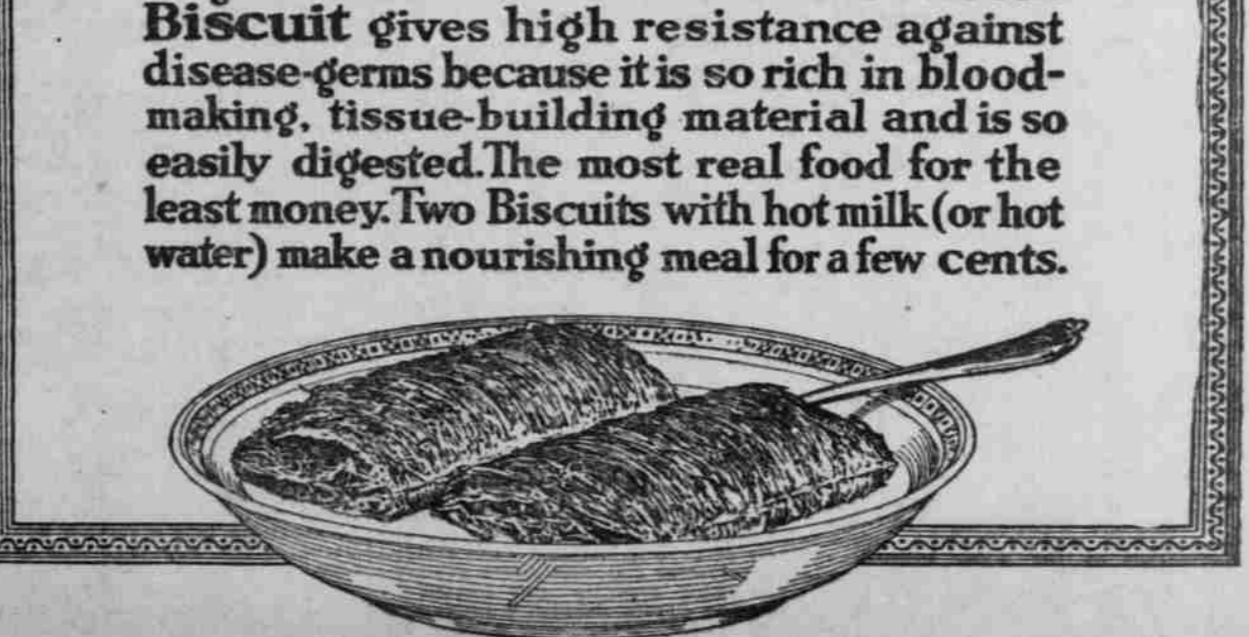
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