

GERMANS FURIOUS WHEN MERCIER PREDICTS SUCCESS OF BELGIUM

Pastoral Letter Upon Return From Rome Says: "We Shall Win, Never Fear; but We Are Not at the End of Our Sufferings." Political Propaganda Denied, and Von Bissing Is Told Suppression of Priests Is Illegal.

Explanatory Comment by Professor Fernand Mayence. THE following are further significant excerpts from the "Return From Rome" pastoral letter...

"We shall win, never fear; but we are not at the end of our sufferings. France, Belgium and Russia are pledged not to conclude a peace until..."

"Imagine a belligerent nation, sure of its army corps, its munitions, of its command, able to bear off victory. God may allow to be propagated in its ranks the germs of an epidemic at which the spot would be the forecast of the most optimistic..."



The picture shows the spot where the church of Passchendale stood before the Germans overran Belgium. The invaders put up a sign so they would know the place.

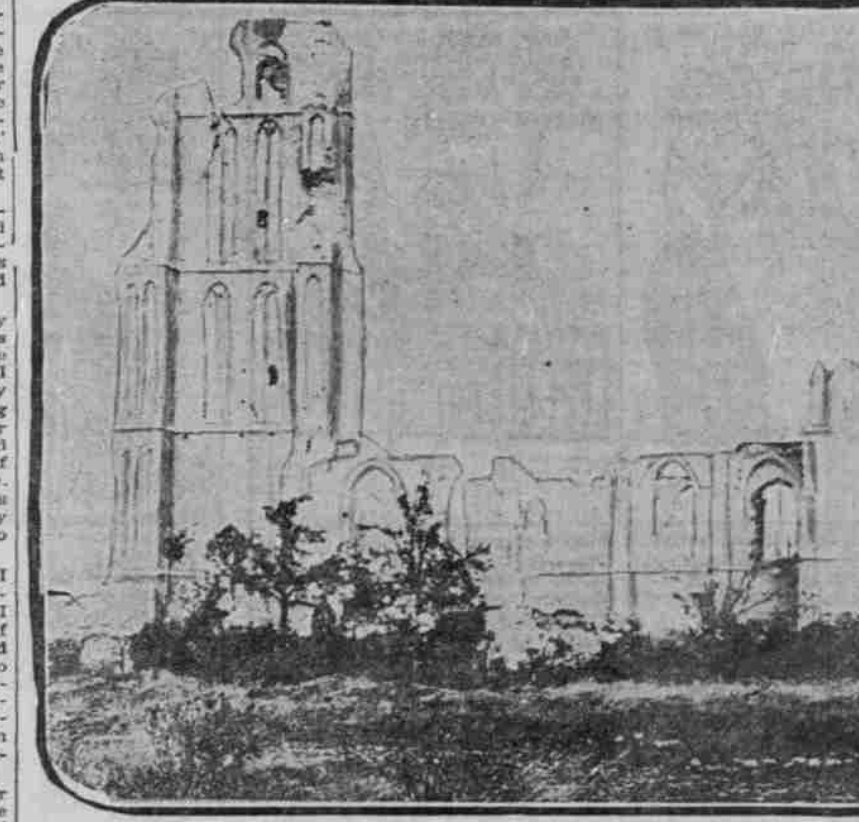


This remarkable picture proves the oft-repeated assertion that German shell-fire failed to dislodge many crucifixes in churches in Belgium. The picture shows the ruins of the Catholic church at Neuport.

And, consequently, above all, put your trust in God. (Continuation of Cardinal Mercier's letter of justification to Baron von Bissing, governor-general.)

"I am well aware that toward the end of my stay in Rome the German press exerted itself to bring about the withdrawal of my passport and tried to turn to my disadvantage the collective letter of the Belgian episcopate to the German bishops..."

ethless to conjecture the sense of the "accusation" which I have acted politically when in contemplating the result of the act I have sought to raise unfounded hopes...



ALL THAT IS LEFT OF THE CHURCH AT DIXMUDE.

responsible for the acts of the clergy and for the severe chastisements which they draw down on themselves; and you claim for so doing the legitimate authority recognized in you by the law of nations.

Under the rule of the Belgian constitution, the church enjoys complete freedom. Article XIV of the constitution proclaims liberty of worship and its public exercise.

it would be just, sir, that the public opinion of Belgium should be informed of the facts which have brought about this situation...

WITICISMS GROWING OUT OF WAR ARE BASED LARGELY UPON PEACE-TIME JOKES

Repertoire of Trenches Wins for Many Soldiers Reputation for Originating Stories and Trite Terms That Are Found to Be of Long Standing.

BY EDWARD B. WATERWORTH. Of the Globe-Democrat Editorial Staff. RECENTLY, Sergeant in the 11th Regiment, the United States...

the soldier is alleged to have replied that if he dog had leather leggings on he would salute him. Like his predecessor, this story falls to carry conviction and seems incomplete.

For instance, London Punch printed a picture that was widely copied in American exchanges. It depicted some English German prisoners working in a trench at night...

It is firmly convinced that he has sprung something entirely original. The writer recalls a conversation between two negroes of a labor battalion at Gieves last summer.

One anecdote of American origin can be easily recognized as it has appeared in various forms for years. Yet I have heard it told delightfully and with apparent sincerity...

Hymn of Hate Gives Material. Frank Lissauer's "Hymn of Hate" was published so widely in the early days of the war that it furnished material for many articles...

Chaplain Gets Usual Honor. At the same camp of Gieves I once heard a chaplain draw an illustration of how one branch of service depended on the other.

What is left of a hat that causes popular interest and excitement of all proportions? Or a straw hat worn a week or so earlier in the spring than the date on which they are generally adopted?

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