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tions for the Oppressor.

This I have seen. I could not
believe it unless I had seen it
through and through. For sev-
eral weeks I lived with it; I
went all about it and back of
it; inside and out of it was
shown to me—until finally I
came to realize that the incredi-
ble was true. It is monstrous,
it is unthinkable, but it exists.
It is the Prussian system.—F. C.
Walcott.

F. C. Walcott, a member of the
United States food administration, and
during the time America was feeding
the civilian populations of Belgium,
Serbia and northern France an assist-
ant of Mr. Hoover in these invaded
countries, has pictured in a graphic
way the conditions he found among
the people it was his duty to help.
After describing the terrible condi-
tions in Poland in 1916, the millions
that were dying of starvation, the
hundreds of thousands of defenseless
people that had been ruthlessly cut
down by the sword of the German con-
queror, he says:

In that situation, the German com-
mander issued a proclamation. Every
able-bodied Pole was bidden to Ger-
many to work. If any refused, let no
other Pole give him to eat, not so
much as a mouthful, under penalty of
German military law.

This is the choice the German gov-
ernment gives to the conquered Pole,
to the husband and father of a starv-
ing family: Leave your family or die
or survive as the case may be. Leave
your country which is destroyed, to
work in Germany for its further de-
struction. If you are obstinate, we
shall see that you surely starve.

Staying with his folk, he is doomed
and they are not saved; the father and
husband can do nothing for them, he
only adds to their risk and suffering.
Leaving them, he will be cut off from
his family, they may never hear from
him again nor he from them. Ger-
many will set him to work that a Ger-
man workman may be released to fight
against his own land and people. He
shall be lodged in barracks, behind
barbed wire entanglements, under
armed guard. He shall sleep on the
bare ground with a single thin blan-
ket. He shall be scantily fed and his
earnings shall be taken from him to
pay for his food.

That is the choice which the Ger-
man government offers to a proud,
sensitive, high-strung people. Death
or slavery.

When a Pole gave me that proclama-
tion, I was boiling. But I had to re-
strain myself. I was practically the
only foreign civilian in the country
and I wanted to get food to the people.
That was what I was there for and I
must not for any cause jeopardize the
undertaking. I asked Governor Gen-
eral von Beseler, "Can this be true?"

"Really, I cannot say," he replied.
"I have signed so many proclamations;
ask General Von Kries."

So I asked General von Kries. "Gen-
eral, this is a civilized people. Can
this be true?"

"Yes," he said, "it is true"—with an
air of adding, "Why not?"

I dared not trust myself to speak;
I turned to go. "Wait," he said. And
he explained to me how Germany,
official Germany, regards the state of
subject peoples.

It is hard for us to imagine such a
condition in America as Mr. Walcott
has described as existing in Hun-
den Poland, and yet that is just what
would exist should our boys, and the
boys of our allies, now fighting in
France fail to defeat the soldiers of
this murder empire. This fair coun-
try of ours would be made into a Ger-
man province; our people would be
the slaves of the Junkers of Germany,
subject to the beastly whims of the
officers of the German army. In no
war in which America has ever en-
gaged have the stakes been so great
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