"BELGIAN GADFLY" STINGS GERMANS

ATTACKS MADE BY NEWSPAPER INFURIATE TEUTONS.

Searches For Place of Publication Futile—Editors Unknown—Paper Appears Regularly.

The forts of Liege are smashed, but La Libre Belgique, the "Belgian gadfly," remains.

Material resistance, barriers of steel and concrete, the German invader could crush and pass. But the spiritual, impalpable opposition which flowers so perfectly in the little secret newspaper which the Belgians love and cherish, the German mind is not constituted to overcome. And so long as La Libre Belgique continues to appear Belgium can never be a wholly conquered state.

Again and again the German authorities have announced the suppression of the paper and the confiscation of the plant. Fines and imprisonment invariably follow these announcements. And invariably La Libre Belgique appears once more—perhaps with new editors and another staff, undoubtedly from a freshly hidden plant tucked away in some indomitable patriot's clammy cellar or dust-heaped garret.

It is still appearing. To-day it is the most popular newspaper in Belgium.

Compliments of the Editors.

With charming audacity the managers see that the privileges of their journal are extended to the governor-general. Whenever a new number is printed he always finds two copies, fresh from press, upon his desk. No one knows how they get there—at least no one with whom the secret is not safe. And no one in the German organization has yet found a way to prevent them getting there. A general who is exposed to such irritations long enough would rather lose an army corps.

One famous number, smuggled as usual to the official desk, displayed a halftone portrait of his excellency, the Baron von Bissing, holding his "favorite paper." The caption explained that "the dear Governor General, weary of reading falsehoods in the censored press, was seeking the truth in La Libre Belgique."

Ever since the roar of German guns through Belgium and the tramp of German armies deafened the world there has been raging a more silent battle for the moral subjugation of the country. The Germans organized a most extensive propaganda as well as a vigorous censorship. They issued such Germanophile papers as the Illustrierte Kriegs Kurier. They established German news agencies, exemplified in the Courier Belge and l'Hollande Belge. And, finally, they reached out for a denatured pseudo-Belgian press, of which Le Bruxellois was typical. This latter was run by reptile editors willing to betray their country at a German price and at the same time submit even what they wrote in the interest of Germany to a severe censorship, which not only suppressed what was not approved but elaborated and garnished what was.

Publishing Office on Wheels.

All journals from outside the country which might carry matter detrimental to German interests were banned absolutely. Nevertheless these managed to circulate through secret channels, sometimes even copied out on typewritten sheets. By and by the Allies learned to drop pamphlets from airplanes. Though the Germans devised a shrapnel shell which broke only when near the ground and made it extremely dangerous for any one to be in the vicinity, the journals from the skies were eagerly searched for and passed from hand to hand.

And it was not long before uncensored papers, printed in Belgium itself, began to appear. Of all the clandestine journals the most vigorous and defiant was La Libre Belgique.

No one knows where it is printed. Its habitat is fantastically referred to as "une cave automobile," which might perhaps be translated as a migratory cellar or cellar on wheels, and its telegraph address is "The Governorship, Brussels." The price is indefinite, varying "from zero to infinity," and there is no regular time of issue, but an average of three or four editions a month has been maintained.

Not even the carriers know where the paper is published. If, therefore, the police captures a carrier with these verboten papers in his hands, they may visit the direst penalties upon him, but the printing and distribution of the paper goes on just the same.

Germans Offer Rewards.

The German authorities, in their rage at the defiance of this plucky little newspaper operating under their very noses, have made the most savage and elaborate efforts to hunt down the offenders. To handle the paper or even to have it in possession is made a serous offense, and a huge reward—originally 25,000 franc but later raised to 75,000—has been offered for information leading to the apprehension of the editors and proprietors.

As for killing La Libre Belgique, the thing is impossible. It is not to be grasped, for it is nowhere. It is an ignis fatuus arising from the graves of Belgian compatriots massacred at Louvain, at Tamines, at Dinant. But it is also the will-o'-the-wisp that issues from the tombs of those German soldiers who were slain at Liege, Waelhem and on the Yser, and who now see for what miserable project of domination they were sacrificed to the Moloch of war under the pretext of defending their country. It is, finally, the voice of all the mothers, all the widows and all the orphans, whose cries cannot be hushed. As the days pass this voice will ever grow in volume and will reach to the very fontiers.

The tone of the paper is delighful. It always keeps its security of temper, and its spirit is irrepressible. The Belgians enjoy it, and all the copies are carefully treasured. The usual circulation is about 10,000, but the paper proved so popular that the first five numbers were reprinted three or four times after their original publication.

News From the Sky.

One of the most interesting features of La Libre Belgique is its monthly air supplement, giving in Flemish and French the news of the war. It is published abroad and scattered in Belgium by aviators. In suppressing this sort of journalistic enterprise there is very little that the authorities can do except injure or penalize the residents of districts in which air visits are made; so after a rain of air supplements was poured over the promenaders in some of the Brussels boulevards the citizens were forced to remain indoors within prescribed hours without lights.

In Germany there is much talk of national "morale," of "holding out," of a "will to victory" which, being interpreted, means a "will to conquest." In that nation every discouraging influence is carefully avoided.

How vastly different in Belgium! Among this people no act is omitted that might serve to sap their national spirit, to blunt the edge of their patriotism, or to blast their sense of independence. Coarseness daily offends their sensitive taste; an enslaving frightfulness attacks their passion for liberty, and bribery insults their personal honor.

Yet in the face of it all there is no letting down, no moral surrender, no loosening of the national determination. There is a quiet and dignified outward submission which seeks to avoid offense, while always there is the inner protest of a fine nature which refuses to be degraded. There is real heroism in this steadfast firmness of spirit, in this will to die rather than lose one's soul.

A BIT OF AMERICA IN FRANCE.

Light railway transporting food to the front. The mule is the centre of the operaion as well as of the photograph.—U.S. Official Photograph.

Twenty-One.

When youth is turning twenty-one
And boyhood drops the toys it knew,
When there's sharp drilling to be done
To hasten victory o'er the Hun,
Canada will find him true—
Her manly pride, her loyal son.

Dear are the dreams youth leaves behind—
For life begins at twenty-one.
Out there is honor's badge to find,
With courage of our father's kind.
But there's a man behind the gun—
And millions more beside him lined.

If it may be brave France shall keep
Our hope gone forth at twenty-one,
God knows, tho' first our hearts must weep
France will walk proudly where they sleep.
So shall their triumph, nobly won,
Live on, a better world to keep.

Yet on some glad, victorious day,
When right has crushed the mighty Hun
They will return—all those who may—
Love crowned, auointed of the fray,
Their costly right to manhood won
As we had wished, in honor's way.

No vain regret has twenty-one,
Its glad, prophetic day is here.
Life's great adventure has begun,
No clouds obscure ambition's sun.
March on O faith, without a fear,
New world's are wrought at twenty-one.

See that none of the "kick" is out of the hay tedder through the loss of a prong from one or more of the forks. Tedding is worth doing well.

"The one successful food controller in the history of the world is the One who made five loaves and two fishes feed a multitude," declared the British Prime Minister. So grin and don't grumble.

Fashion's Decrees

For the slender young girl there comes this charming design. McCall Pattern No. 8426, Misses' Semi-Fitted Dress. In 4 sizes, 14 to 20 years. Price, 20 cents.

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Save Your Cabbage.

It is about this time that the flies of the cabbage-maggot are most active, large numbers of eggs being deposited against the stems of young cabbage and cauliflower plants. The best preventative where these pests are concerned is the felt disk placed around the plant as soon as it is set. But for those who did not take this precaution earlier in the season cure rather than a preventative is now necessary. A good remedy is to dust the infected plants with fresh pyrethrum insect powder and air-slaked lime or other dry diluent, one part of the former in four of the latter. After being thoroughly mixed together the powder and lime should be kept in a tight vessel for 24 hours before using. The mixture should be applied from a duster, sold by seedsmen, or from a cheesecloth bag tied on the end of a short stick, the operator holding the bag over the plants and tapping the stick with a cane held in the other hand. A mixture of Paris green and dry arsenate of lead may be safely used as a spray for cabbage until the heads are half formed, but not afterwards.

A Prayer for Those Who Watch.

We cannot see beyond the flame, the black smoke's smother;
We only know they strive there, each beside the other,
Our son and soldier, lover, husband, brother.

We cannot hear the battle clash, the roaring of the guns;
We only know among them are the well-beloved ones,
Those who made the world for us, lovers, husbands, sons.

"Ours!" the heart within us cries.
Nay, but these are more
Even, men-at-arms of God who wage a holy war
In the cause His soldier-saints fought and conquered for!

Lord, for us the waiting ones, watchers in the night,
Change our selfish fears to pride, let us see aright
The honor of the Service, the glory of the Fight!

Give us faith to know Thy sword was never bared in vain,
Given us vision to behold, above the fields of pain,
The splendor of the sacrifice that saves the world again!

LIFT YOUR CORNS OFF WITH FINGERS

How to loosen a tender corn or callus so it lifts out without pain.

Let folks step on your feet hereafter; wear shoes a size smaller if you like, for corns will never again send electric sparks of pain through you, according to this Cincinnati authority.

He says that a few drops of a drug called freezone, applied directly upon a tender, aching corn, instantly relieves soreness, and soon the entire corn, root and all, lifts right out.

This drug dries at once and simply shrivels up the corn or callus without even irritating the surrounding tissue.

A small bottle of freezone obtained at any drug store will cost very little but will positively remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's foot.

If your druggist hasn't stocked this new drug yet, tell him to get a small bottle of freezone for you from his wholesale drug house.

NOT SO BAD.

This story of an experience that befell a story-writer is attributed by an illustrated Sunday magazine to a well-known story-writer:

The author was giving a lecture one evening on the characteristics and surroundings of the class of people with whom he had dealt in one of his recent books. An old Scotchman, who sat near the front, watched the man with a disapproving manner. At the close of the lecture the Scotchman made himself known to the writer.

"Sir," he said slowly, after he had shaken the author's hand solemnly, "I have read all your books up to now and like them fairly well. Man, you wouldna gie up writin' and tak to speakin' to get your livin', would ye?"

"No, indeed," replied the young man. "You think i would be unwise, I take it."

"It would be sae great a mistake that I felt I must tell ye ma thought as an honest man," said the Scot, with great earnestness. "I thought to mysel', 'He may need just a word to set him right, and I'll not deny it to him.' There was one o' your books I found a bit dull, but as I listened to ye tonight I said to mysel', "Twas na sae dull as it might ha' been, that book, after all."

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

"LUSITANIA!"

(As the Americans charged with fixed bayonets at the battle of Hamel they raised the cry "Lusitania!")

They charged, and high above the fight
Pealed out their battle cry—
Above the thunder and the flame the echoes of that fateful name
Were echoed from the sky.

Their bayonets of flashing steel
Grew dark as foemen fell.
Uncheckable they cut their path, and of the crimson aftermath
Few, few were left to tell.

And they who heard that cry ring out
Shall hear it yet again,
And as its accents strike their ears shall know, remultiplied, the fears
Of little children slain.

Aye, let it be your battle call
To consecrate the sword
And bring to many a shell-swept field, slow but inexorably sealed,
The vengeance of the Lord.

GIRLS! LEMON JUICE IS SKIN WHITENER

How to make a creamy beauty lotion for a few cents.

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quarter pint of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold creams. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, whitener and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any drug store and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quarter pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands.

BOOT LINES DRAWN CLOSE.

In Germany Birth Certificates Must Be Produced to Obtain Them.

Protests are being made against the latest bureaucratic freak in Germany—persons attempting to secure boots on permit-cards must henceforth produce birth-certificates, and (if married) their marriage lines. This regulation is enforced to prevent unauthorized persons from obtaining boots, says a London correspondent.

As an extra inducement to men to hand in old clothes to the State, Berlin authorities announce that in addition to the regular price allowed for suits everybody who surrenders one will receive a one-half pound jar of honey.

To raise money for the Ludendorff Fund for Crippled Soldiers an aircraft works at Travemude, on the Baltic, will this summer give seaside visitors rides in airplanes, either overland or sea flights, at £2 10s. a trip.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Chrysanthemums growing in the garden will not thrive in sour soil; they must be kept free from aphis. If the plants seem backward scatter a little hydrated lime over the surface of the soil about the plants and mix it with the top soil with a rake. Spray the plants once a week with pyrox and nicotine sulphate and use sheep manue about the plants, giving the soil a light sprinkling every two or three weeks, working it in as with the lime, and the plants will thrive and produce good sized flowers abundantly.

I bought a horse with a supposedly incurable ringbone for $30.00. Cured him with $1.00 worth of MINARD'S LINIMENT and sold him for $85.00. Profit on Liniment, $54.

MOISE DEROSCE.
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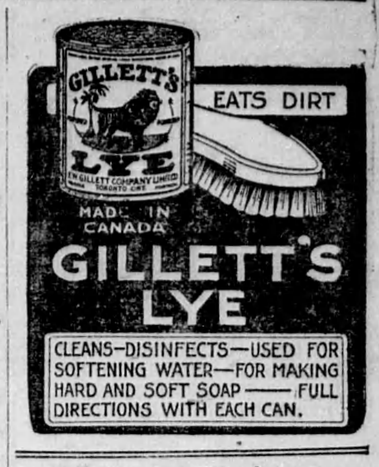
Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous, and they are tied to their country and wedded to its liberty and interests by the most lasting bonds.—Thomas Jefferson.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, Etc.

Shade for the hens and the chickens, too, means more summer eggs and a more rapid growth of chicks.

If a cellar has a damp smell, and cannot be thoroughly ventilated, a few trays of charcoal set on the floor, shelves and ledges will help to make the air pure and sweet.



Earth is Enough.

We men of earth have here the stuff
Of Paradise—we have enough!
We need no other stones to build
The stairs into the Unfulfilled—
No other ivory for the doors—
No other marble for the floors—
No other cedar for the beam
And dome of man's immortal dream.
Here on the paths of every day—
Here on the common human way
Is all the stuff the gods would take
To build a Heaven, to mold and make
New Edens. Ours the stuff sublime
To build Eternity in Time!

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows

Failure to Plenty.

One estimate places the wheat crop of the West at all the way from nothing to 25 bushels per acre. No Western Province has a good crop in all sections; in no one is there a complete failure. Manitoba runs from 4 bushels at Souris to 22 at Dauphin and Teulon; Alberta, from practically none over a radius of 100 miles around Medicine Hat to good in the north country, and Saskatchewan from two bushels at Prelate to 25 at Foam Lake and Wadena.

MONEY ORDERS.

The safe way to send money by mail is by Dominion Express Money Order.

Corn starch may always be used for thickening where wheat flour is ordinarily called for.

If a fruit grower wants wood growth in a young orchard or in young shade trees he will get it most quickly by doing his pruning in early spring; whereas if he wants merely to promote the formation of fruit buds, he will find that June pruning is best. There are two "best times" to prune trees—depending upon the object sought, the age of the trees and convenience in doing the work. Generally speaking, only light pruning should be done in June; all heavy trimming should be in the early spring.

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