

Belgium's protest against the bombardment of Antwerp by a Zepelin will excite sympathy everywhere, since Belgium was one of the powers which signed The Hague conference declaration of Oct. 18, 1907, prohibiting the discharge of projectiles and explosives from airships. Such methods of attack flagrantly increase the horrors of warfare and undo to a large extent the progress made in the last century toward a humaner consideration of the rights of noncombatants.

Neither Germany nor France signed the declaration of 1907 regarding aerial warfare and neither of these countries holds itself bound by it. Belgium may not be able, therefore, to make out a direct case of treaty violation against Germany. The only international compact which holds Germany is article 27 of the rules of land warfare adopted by The Hague conference on Oct. 18, 1907. This says: "In sieges and bombardments all necessary steps must be taken to spare, as far as possible, buildings dedicated to religion, art, science, or charitable purposes, historic monuments, hospitals and places where sick and wounded are collected, provided they are not being used at the time for military purposes."

It is evident that an airship operating at night at a considerable distance above a city cannot discern the marks which should give protection to such buildings. It is also evident that in a hurried night flight over a city "all necessary precautions" cannot be taken to spare the buildings which ought to be spared.

The present European war will engage at least ten millions of men. A great number of these will be young men, who otherwise would marry and rear families. After the war these young men will be considerably older and many of them would never marry. A vast host of lives will be destroyed by shot and shell, by sickness and disease, by exposure and famine. Thousands will lay down their lives or else be broken wrecks for the remainder of their days.

With women already in numerical preponderance, what will this signify to them? It is seen at a glance that the surplusage of females will be such as to cause them to be drafted more largely than ever into industry and into forms of enterprise from which they have as yet been exempt. These women, deprived of the opportunity of marriage and bringing up families and forced to enter forms of toil that will cause the stamina of the sex greatly to deteriorate, will constitute one of the tremendous calamities of the war.

SIR WM. OSLER'S WARNING.
Tells Soldiers to Boil Water and Beware of Enteric Fever.

By desire of the British war authorities Sir Wm. Osler has issued an elaborate warning to troops, which is as applicable to Canadians as to British. He states: "It was formerly said that an army marched on its belly; now it is marched on brains. Bullets are less fatal in war than bacilli. Where one slew a thousand the other slew tens of thousand. Twenty thousand lives were lost in the Boer war. Of these 1,800 were by bullets and 14,000 by bacilli. I appeal to each individual soldier to use intelligent co-operation to combat this more deadly enemy. Dysentery, pneumonia and enteric were the three great scourges. "Only by boiling all water can dysentery be prevented. To stave off pneumonia don't neglect coughs and colds. The most fatal enemy, however, is enteric or typhoid fever. There were 37,684 cases in the Boer war, 8,022 proving fatal, especially from consequent action of flies and dust. Enteric killed more British soldiers than Boer bullets. It is urged that vaccination against typhoid be carried out. Among the unvaccinated in France the rate was sixty-eight per thousand, and only one-fifth of one per cent. among the vaccinated. Inconvenience to the soldier from vaccination only lasted twenty-four hours. "With a million in the field their efficiency can be increased one-third if we prevent enteric, as we can."

Forcing a Safeguard.
One of the most serious of military offences on active service—one invariably punished by death—is known as "forcing a safeguard." When an army is moving through an enemy's country its commander will often place sentries over the houses of well-disposed inhabitants to prevent their being looted or pillaged by his own men. Interference with such a "safeguard" is a military crime for which no "extenuating circumstances" are ever recognized.

HEALTH

Frest Air Again.

We occasionally hear some one protest against the "nagging" of a "fresh-air fiend." If there is any subject on which nagging is excusable, it is the importance of plenty of fresh air. Thousands of people will give the most cordial assent to all that is said in favor of pure air in the house, and yet pull the windows down whenever they find them open. The preachers of hygiene have made fresh air fashionable and popular, but they have not succeeded in overcoming the native tendency to fustiness in a vast number of people.

There are two fatal diseases—tuberculosis and pneumonia—that are really "house diseases." They destroy thousands of lives every year, and cost the community millions of dollars, chiefly because there are not enough "fresh-air fiends" to insist on the clean air in which such diseases cannot flourish. By and by, when the nagging has accomplished its purpose, these scourges will be got under control. But that time will not come until we have good air all the time, in shops and schools and places of amusement, and in public conveyances, and, above all, in every bedroom every night of the year.

To-day, in spite of municipal legislation on the subject, it is at the risk of health, and perhaps of life, that we take a train, or ride in a street car, or go into a public hall, especially in the winter months. The average railway car, with its vestibule platform, its tight doors and windows, and its fierce steam heat, is an excellent incubator of disease. The street car is a little better, because, even with the worst intention on the part of its occupants, the air blows through it at intervals.

Those who would like to breathe good air all the time, are forced by circumstances to do without it in the daytime, but they can at least have all they want at night. It is during the hours of sleep that nature repairs the waste of the day's work, but she cannot do good work under bad conditions, and she never does good work in bad air. Keep your bedroom windows wide open all the time, and you will have done your share.—Youth's Companion.

How to Sleep.

The necessity for sleep and the quantity acquired is greater in some persons than in others. Some persons feel perfectly refreshed with four or five hours rest during the night, while others require eight or more hours. It may be that this is greatly a question of habit, but, in allowing the time necessary for resting, the person concerned should find out the amount of sleep required to keep him in perfect health. Persons of lymphatic temperament are usually great sleepers. Thin, wiry people, on the other hand, in whom the nervous temperament predominates, usually require comparatively little sleep, and, in deciding, the question of temperament must be considered. The best attitude for sleeping is to lie on the right side, as to lie on the back frequently causes dreams, while to rest on the left side may affect the heart. There is, however, no hard and fast rule as regards position when sleeping. The main thing is to relax the muscles, and lie in the most comfortable attitude possible. People who are light sleepers should never go to bed with the brain excited, or when the body is over-tired. In both cases the sleep will be broken. To sip a glass of hot milk when over-excited or over-tired, and a rest sitting for fifteen minutes in a comfortable chair, will often refresh the body sufficiently to allow the patient to go to sleep almost at once. The room should be well ventilated, and the head be moderately raised.—A Physician.

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ENGLISH NURSES ARRIVE IN FRANCE



ON AN ERRAND OF MERCY. English nurses arriving at Dieppe en route to the front. It is evident that friends are waiting for them as the boat docks.

Fashion Hints

Seen in the Shops.

Stripes on silk and net, chiffon and other fabric are stimulated with stripes of velvet ribbon of various widths. One chiffon tunic is striped with black velvet an inch and a half wide and at the lower edge of the tunic at the end of each stripe is a pink rose.

Durable Brussels Net.

Some new neck ruffs are made of Brussels net, instead of tulle. These cuffs are made just like those of tulle. The net is left with a raw cut edge, and it is gathered or bunched at the top and held through the center with a band of velvet or taffeta through it at intervals.

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