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"For every one Belgian soldier lost on the battle-field, three unoffending innocent people were ruthlessly killed by the Germans in that country."

Mr. LLOYD GEORGE.

(September 24th, 1914.)

GERMANY'S BARBARIC TREATMENT OF THE BELGIAN PEOPLE

The Treaty of 1839, which Germany (one of the signatory Powers) now contemptuously disregards as merely a "Scrap of Paper," provides that Belgium "shall form an independent and perpetually neutral State," and that "it shall be bound to observe such neutrality towards all other States."

When, in August 1914, war came between Germany and France, Belgium was eager and anxious to keep her word and preserve her neutrality. All the Powers who had signed the Treaty of 1839 would also have respected its terms, but for the action of one Power. That one exception was Germany, which, thinking that Belgium was the short cut to Paris, proceeded to break its word and "hack its way through" that innocent and unfortunate little country.

Let the following proclamation, issued by the Belgian Ministry after three months of war, tell the story of the barbaric way in which the Germans have treated Belgium. The proclamation is addressed by the Belgian Ministers to their countrymen abroad:

"Driven from their towns and villages by the horrors of an invasion, numerous Belgian families have sought refuge in other lands. They have found shelter in hospitable countries, where public bodies and private citizens have vied with each other in the warmth of their welcome, and shown hospitality, which the Belgian nation will always remember with gratitude.

"On all these expatriated families one duty lies—never to forget their country, their relatives, their friends, their workfellows, who are now suffering so cruelly.

"In these days of proof let them, by their courage and dignity, increase the sympathy which is being shown to Belgium throughout the world by all upright and generous peoples. Let their thoughts, their hopes, and their acts always have but one aim—the liberation of their beloved land.

"Victim of a crime of which history has no example to offer, Belgium has the right to all the aid her people can render. Let them all, under the guidance of a King of whom the nation is proud, assist in hastening the hour when Belgians shall again find themselves united, independent, and free in their beloved country, whose sufferings have rendered her only the more dear."

Help to Drive the German Barbarians out of the Belgium they have Ravaged and Desolated. The way to do that is to

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THE KAISER, "SO, YOU SEE—YOU'VE LOST EVERYTHING."
THE KING OF THE BELGIANS, "NOT MY SOUL."

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