

BEELGIAN PEOPLE ASK FOR REFORM

Brussels Delegation Petitions King Albert for Constitution Changes

MOB FLEMISH ACTIVISTS

"Flamagand" Agents of Kaiser Declared to Be Worse Than the Germans

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With the British Armies, Nov. 18.—While the King of the Belgians was making his entry into Ghent on Wednesday rumors came of wild happenings in Brussels, and these, to some extent, were confirmed by a deputation which came from the capital with safe conduct through the enemy lines and with the sympathy, it seems, of German troops, to inform the King that the Brussels people desired a more popular form of constitution under the monarchy. This deputation consisted of members of the Socialist and Catholic parties, and the King conferred with them on the situation.

What happened in Brussels seems to have been exaggerated, and from a reliable source in Ghent I hear that the rioting and demonstrations which occurred there have been due to the revolt of German soldiers against their officers, and not to any revolutionary spirit among Belgian civilians. German soldiers threw all discipline to one side as soon as the armistice was signed, killed some of their officers, tore the badges off the uniforms of others and seized the motorcars in which they were getting away. They then raised the red flag above the royal palace and paraded through the streets, singing the "Marseillaise."

Attacks on Flemish Activists
There was also, it seems, a certain amount of free-for-all fighting between patriotic Belgians and Flemish activists, who had followed the German lead, whose sole object was to divide the French and Flemish speaking populations of Belgium. Many of these "Flamagands," as they called themselves, were purely pro-Germans, acting as secret agents for the German police, in return for protection and favors, and playing the bully among their own people. Hatred against them is intense, and many were wise enough to escape when the enemy began his retreat, but some have stayed, hoping to brazen things out. They are unwise to stay, for they are marked men and are recognized when they appear in public places.

I went to a soldiers' ball in Ghent night before last, and one of these men was seen in the gallery. Down below in the ball hundreds of people were dancing to the music of two bands, which took turns in keeping up a steady blare of dance tunes, and everything seemed very happy.
No Mercy for a "Flamagand"
Suddenly in the midst of it there came an episode of passion in which men saw red above the loud music. There was a shout of "flamagand" and close to where I stood there was a wild scuffling and whirling of arms. The dancing stopped and thousands of faces from the ball below looked up to the gallery, and from hundreds of voices came the shout of "Flamagand!" One man in the gallery was fighting fiercely and defending himself against many blows. It was one of the Flemish activists who had been recognized. He was a big, broad-shouldered ruffian, like a tiger, but he was buffeted about the body and face and rung out of the ball.

Tragedy of British Prisoners
The tragedy of war does not quite end with the armistice, and I have seen other things which made me shudder a little, thrusting their ugliness through all the rejoicing of these days. I saw one scene on a road back from Ghent today which is the worst thing that men of our blood may see, now that the war is over.

I noticed two gaunt-looking fellows, in German clothes, walking along with some English soldiers in great friendliness.
"Who are you?" I asked, and one by one they told me they were men of our Eleventh Corps, taken prisoners in the German offensive of April, when the enemy drove through the Portuguese at Neuve Chapelle and when our men tried to stem the tide at Merriville and Estaires.

"I am one of the Fifty-first Division," said one man, and another said, "I belonged to the Thirty-fourth," and another said, "I was with the Fiftieth," and another, "My division was the First," and another, "The Fifty-fifth was mine."

They were heroes of those black days when the British fought with their backs to a wall which slipped behind them, fought against overwhelming odds, fought hungry and fought cold, and fought until drunk with sleep. They were English, and Scottish, and Welsh, and Irish and the Germans had made them pay for their courage.

"Six Months of Starvation"
"It was six months of starvation," said a young Scot, who was a mere wreck of youth. They told me their food was so scarce they were tortured with hunger, and so vile that many of them had a kind of drowsy and swelled out horribly and died. They were covered with vermin, had had only two baths in eight months, and could not even get their hair cut. They were put to work on ammunition dumps, carrying heavy shells and airplane bombs, and were kept at work early and late, without any solid food, so that many fell.

Three days ago their guards came to them and said:
"You are free. There is no more war, and you can go back."
They could hardly believe in their sudden liberty, but they set out from their camp at All, sixteen kilometers this side of Brussels, and the people fed them, but even then they were so weak and ill they could hardly hobble on, and some of them died on the way back at the threshold of new life on this side of the lines.
"The Germans treated us worst of all," said several of them, "worse than the French, and even worse than the Russians."
This confirmed only what I had heard from many civilians who saw them in many villages.
When our prisoners come home, charity to the beaten enemy will be hard, for the very look of them is awful, and they tell dreadful tales. The only defense the Germans have is that they, too, were starving, but at least they might have shown some humanity to these poor, stricken and helpless boys of ours.

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