MERCIER'S "HOUR OF DELIVERANCE" SERMON STIRS GERMAN ANGER

"In Spite of Subtle Qualifications, These Phrases Stick in Public Memory," Says Lancken—"Your Report Is Incorrect," Replies Cardinal in

Denouncing Spies Who Heard Discourse

Explanatory Comment

IT WAS not merely the boldness and fervor of the Cardinal's sermon in St. Gudule on the Belgian national holiday which exasperated Von Bissing. It was the uncomfortable truth which seemed to support the ring-

"The hour of deliverance," declared the primate, "draws nigh, but it has not struck." The qualifying clause was plainly added to soften the pangs of disappointment should fond hopes again be dashed. Nevertheless a note of optimism is sounded.

It reflects the sentiment in the principal allied countries during a season bright with achievement and promise. Indeed the summer of 1916 appeared to forecast a series of steady victories for the cause of civiliza-The siege of Verdun was raised in one of the many epic chapters in the history of France. Britain sat facing each other in the little livinghad begun the great battle of the Somme, which by the end of July had already yielded most encouraging remits. The Russian armies were still victorious. Under pressure, arising out of the Sussex case, the savagery of submarine warfare had been considerably modified.

On July 14 Paris celebrated Bastille Day with the first gala procession organized since hostilities had begun. It was regarded as a foretaste of a victory parade, now not long to be delayed.

Even so late as the mid-course of the war the magnitude of Armageddon was insufficiently realized. Not for another year would the tragedy of Nivelle's offensive be recorded, while the terrific blow struck by udendorff in his monumental drive was still two years in the future. The summer of 1914 was the surprise one of the war; 1915, the static summer; 1917, the dark summer, and 1918, the summer of contrasted despair and victorious eestasy. The summer of 1916 was unlike any of these. It was the season of steady nerves and of faith in systematic progress.

That Mercier should imbibe something of the flavor of the times was inevitable, and naturally his disourse echoed his convictions. What Von Bissing knew of the situation must, of course, have depressed him. When fearful of German success, he was quick to exert the force of German tyranny. Hence his indignaion at the Cardinal's address and the new fine imposed upon the city of Brussels.

she revolts despite your discourse, which you pretend to be soothing and comforting words? Either

your words are not soothing or you do not under-

tation the direct effect of my sermon? Did you not acknowledge that on the 20th-that is before my

sermon of the 21st was preached-signs of this agi-

tation were already visible? If instead of threatening with six months' imprisonment or a fine of 20,000

marks any one laying a flower at the foot of a na-

tional monument, or being so bold as to close their

cafe or shop on Independence Day, you had shown

deference, even only by silence, to our national feel-

ngs, the people would not have been driven to de-

ter on the 25th with these words, which, out of re-

spect for my correspondent, I left somewhat vague:

"I did but utter words of charity and comfort; pro-

power, in the demonstration of the 21st, is evidently

the incident that took place, "in the evening when the

Cardinal passed through the streets in his motorcar,"

it being understood that this demonstration brought

about the sentence of condemnation pronounced by

the Governor of Brussels and Brabant: "Therefore

I have suggested to the Governor General that he

should inflict a fine on the entire population of Brus-

sels. The Governor General has agreed to my sugges-

The Hundred Yard "Drive"

which I can speak with knowledge, having myself

been a witness of the event? The drive, which the

German Governor of Brussels and Brabant describes

me as making in a motorcar through the streets of

the city was one of a good hundred yards, namely,

from St. Louis's Institute to the point on the boule-

car, the windows of which were hermetically shut. A few persons accompanied me on this short journey

and cheered but without uttering a single sound that

could give offense to the German authorities. The

police, who had allowed the people to assemble freely

essarily a bayonet charge while my car was taking

the most direct route toward Malines-that is Rue

de Brabant. Once the hundred yards of the boule-

vard were passed nobody at all followed my car.

lion two hundred and fifty thousand francs? Moreover,

since your Excellency is quite willing to say that my

sermon at St. Gudule was not seditious, would it not

be consistent and just to remit a punishment which

was justified in the eyes of the occupying power only

Receive, sir, the assurance of my sincere esteem.

For his part, the pro-burgomaster of Brussels, M.

Lemonnier, in the name of the communa! administra-

tion of the whole of Brussels, addressed a request to

the Governor General to revise his decision. Baron von

Bissing remained inflexible and the penalty was ex-

CHAPTER XXVII

Fresh Arrests of Priests

AGAIN and again the Cardinal had complained to the Governor General of the harsh measures taken

against the clergy by the occupying power. He had

made it clear that besides many other drawbacks that

had resulted from the arrest of priests and religious

the exercise of divine worship and the maintenance of

classes in the colleges had been seriously interfered

with. The only remedy that Baron von Bissing could

find to meet this inconvenience was to order that for

the future each bishop should be notified as early as

possible of the repressive measures taken against any of

the priests of his diocese. But this decision was car-

ried into effect only during the months of August and

Political Department of the Government General of.

view to prevent disturbances arising from breaches

of order by priests and the penalties inevitably re-

sulting from them, the Governor General has decided

to bring each case as early as possible to the cogniz-

ance of their lordships the bishops. Agreeably to this

decision I have the honor to inform your Eminence

Alfred Kips, director of St. Mary's Institute at Brus-

sels, for having retained and propagated forbidden

publications. The Abbe Bernaerts, parish priest of St.

Charles's at Antwerp, has likewise been arrested for

breaking the regulations of the censorship. Brother

Vigene, of Malines, also has been put under arrest.

He is found to have taken a part in clandestine cor-

I offer to your Eminence the expression of my

P. S .- The Rev. Daumont, an assistant priest of

In the organization of divine worship, with a

An inquiry has been set on foot against Canon

L. vasela, August 8, 1916.

D. J. CARDINAL MERCIER,

Archbishop of Malines.

Frankly, is there here matter for a fine of a mil-

near St. Louis's Institute, then ordered quite unne

I took my place as quietly as possible in a closed

What was the extent of this demonstration, of

tion and inflicted a fine of a million marks.'

vard immediately opposite Rue de Brabant.

These are the facts in all their simplicity.

by this alleged act of sedition?

ocation must be sought elsewhere."

This is what I hinted at when I concluded my let-

What is gravest in the eyes of the occupying

First of all, I reply: Is this real or apparent agi-

stand the Belgian mentality.

Cardinal Mercier's Story

Including his correspondence with the German authorities in Belgium during the war, 1914 to 1918, edited by Professor Fernand Mayence of Louvain University and translated by the Benedictine Monks of St. Augustine's, Ramsgate,

Brussels, July 28, 1916. DOLITICAL Department of the Government General

The Governor General commissions me to convey is thanks to your Eminence in reply to your esteemed etter of the 25th inst. for the care and the promptwas which you took to clear up all misunderstandings. The Governor General recognizes with pleasure that your Eminence had no intention to add to the agitation discernible among the Belgian population.

Nevertheless, his Excellency must protest against your Eminence's insinuation that the reports of the rmon preached at St. Gudule are the handiwork of spies. Not one of these reports comes from any one our service. All come from believing Catholics. who had noted with painful surprise the impression t made on the audience. Even Belgians disapproved of your Eminence's words, for they said they must adoubtedly have excited men's minds and exercised m influence on their conduct outside the church.

Without doubt your Eminence wishes now to foster the belief that the words which you employed have been misunderstood. But simple people noticed in a special manner such phrases as "The hour of deliverance approaches, but has not yet struck." In ipite of all the subtle qualifications with which your Eminence enveloped them, these phrases stick in the nemory. The fact that the words spoken by your Sminence have been misconstrued is at any rate a proof that you did not clearly take into account the estable effect of your discourse.

Victory Forecast Worries Lancken

In spite of all your good intentions, your Emience hinders people from forming a true idea of the ctual situation. Your Eminence wrote that not one the commanders-in-chief of the armies in the field ould predict the end of hostilities. Accordingly, the Jovernor General is at a loss to understand how your minence can on your own account foretell the issue of the war. In any case, the Governor General earnesty entreats your Eminence to be on your guard for he future and to avoid all misunderstandings and for this purpose to refrain from uttering in public statements liable to mislead the people. Your Emitence has declared over and over again that you knew wite well the temper of the Belgian people, but you must not lose sight of the fact that declarations made by an orator casily and very often produce effects uite opposite to those intended.

In conclusion I should like to rectify a mistake nade by your Eminence. In his letter of July 24 the Governor General says: "This demonstration began with your Eminence." The words "this demonstration" referred solely to the sermon preached at St. Gudule. The Governor General had no intention of discussing with your Eminence the incidents which took place during the evening. These have already been examined by another authority. Hence the consequences which your Eminence deduces from this misunderlanding fall to the ground.

I shall shortly have the honor of answering in detail the letter which your Eminence has addressed to the Governor General dated July 12, and shall are an opportunity also of touching on another question, which, because of the agitation that it constantly keeps alive among the Belgian people, calls for a definitive solution.

Please accept the expression of my sincere esteem. (Signed) LANCKEN.

July 30, 1916. Archbishop's House, Malines,

To His Excellency Baron von Bissing, Governor General, Brussels.

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt I your Excellency's letter No. 6827, which you commissioned Baron von der Lancken to write in your

In its general purport it recognizes-and I am glad of it-that my discourse of July 21 had been rengly denounced. The report made to your Excelency was incorrect, and thus the fundamental misunderstanding is removed.

Yet, on two points of detail, the author of the etter declares that he is not satisfied. He finds that have assumed the role of prophet because I have aid, "The hour of deliverance draws nigh." Next, that I falsely boast of knowing the temper of the Belgian people; the demonstration of the 21st proves me lacking in foresight.

But I did not say, "The hour of deliverance draws nigh." but, "The hour of deliverance draws igh, but has not struck. Let us persevere in patience. Do not let our courage falter. Let us commit to vivine Providence the care of perfecting our national ducation." The first clause taken by itself is as ague as its meaning is clear when read joined to context. This proves once more that any two lines

aken from an author are enough to hang him. Imagine you have before you a prisoner sen need to a year's imprisonment. After eight months If durance you say to him, "Courage, my friend, the our of deliverance draws nigh." Do you think he oes not understand? The prisoner is Belgium-she,

derstands. But, you say, if she understands, how is it that

"CINDERELLA'S DAUGHTER"

By HAZEL DEXO BATCHELOR

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At boarding school Virginia West and Kathleen Foster were the closset friends, but after Virginia had married Jimmy Anderson, who was poor and unimportant, there was not much that the girls had in common. Kathleen had been engaged to a friend of Jimmy's, but she did not consider it serious and broke the engagement. Virginia, who had always had whatever she wanted, discovered unexpectedly that her mother had spent all their available money and that she and Jimmy would have to live on fifty dollars a week. In'the meantime Mrs. West marries unexpectedly and goes to Japan.

SYNOPSIS

and goes to Japan. GREATER contrast could not be imagined than that existing between Kathleen and Virginia as they Virginia's highbred little face was pale and unhappy, she were an apron known as the bungalow type which was stiff and unbecoming. Kathleen was dressed in a smart tight-fitting
blue suit with a close little hat. A
heavily meshed veil was tied over her
face and her beautiful skin looked like
polished iyovr under the silky material

housework? I don't think so."

"Jimmy's mother does."

"And Jimmy thinks that little Virginia ought to be as good as Jimmy's mother," laughed Kathleen.

Virginia laughed and flushed a little.

"Well. I'll tell you what we'll do."
said Kathleen briskly. "You get dressed and we'll go downtown for lunch and forget all about the fuet that you're married. It's my treat. Come on now, I'll talk to you while you scramble into some clothes."

Virginia forget all about the dishes

some clothes."

Virginia forgot all about the dishes piled on the little shelf in the kitchen, and hurried into the bedroom, her spiritrising as she pulled out fresh underwear. stockings, her long narrow shoes which fitted her slender feet like sheaths, and one of her characteristic frocks of tar wool bordered with fur. She laughed and tasked while she dressed and finally went out with Kathleen leaving the

place behind her in a perfect cyclone of disorder,

of disorder.

The girls had a wonderful time. They lunched at one of the big hotels and Kathleen shocked Virginia by smoking, with perfect sophistication, a cigarette. There was something exhibating about being in this well-dressed crowd, actually a part of it, eating and drinking merrily and enjoying all the pleasures of perfect catering, delicious food, spotless linen and sparkling crystal. Virginia was her old self, she was the Virginia of the Palmertown play, she was the naughty elfish pedlar. Laughing and flushed she responded vivaciously to Kathleen. This was Virginia's world, where she belonged, where she had been brought up. It was all as natural to her as the beautiful clothes she wore, and this was what money brought, money which she had never appreciated until she understood what it meant to do without it. All of the old adoration that Virginia had felt for Kathleen at boarding school returned new Virginia was ready to fourty. Kathleen at boarding school returned now. Virginia was ready to forgive Kathleen everything and she shuddered

face and her beautiful skin looked like polished ivory under the silky material.

As she sat facing Virginia her thoughts were all of the fact that Virginia's beauty-loving soul all of he ginia had made a mess of her life. She had been stubborn and full of illusions, she had been determined to marry Jimmy Anderson and to be poor and now she had been married only a few days and here she was settled for life in this dreadful little place.

"Well, dear," she said finally, "are you happy?"

"Oh, yes, Jimmy is a darling, but I hate housework, and I'm so stupid about it. I don't blame him for thinking me a perfect idiot."

"Good heavens, could any one like housework? I don't think so."

"Jimmy's mother does."

"Yand Jimmy thinks that little Virginia's rediant face was around his neck as he rose to greet her, and kissed him eagerly. and kissed him eagerly.

"Where have you been?" he asked where have you been? he asked putting her arms gently away from him. "The place looks as if a cyclone had struck it and no dinner. I suppose you never thought of that, did you?" His tone and manner were exactly those of his mother and Virginia shivered.

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reinforced and have ruffles at the knees. Envelope Chemises,

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things are here at these low prices. The materials are soft and the trimmings are in end-

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eral new skirt

men and young

models for wo-

Rippling In and Out of Pleat

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(Signed)

Belgium.

of the following cases:

sincere esteem, ad interim.

(CONTINUED TOMORROW)

Brussels, has been sentenced for various misde-

meanors to one year and six months' imprisonment.

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