

POPE AND MERCIER JOIN IN PLEA AND SAVE BELGIAN CHURCH BELLS

"Seizure Would Come as Great Shock to a People Germany Has Bound Herself to Protect and Who Should Be Spared Fresh Sorrows," Cardinal Tells German Chancellor, Count von Hertling

Explanatory Comment

IN PROTESTING to the German authorities against the iniquities of their rule in Belgium, Cardinal Mercier seldom went over the heads of the officials of the occupying machinery.

It is noteworthy, however, that on two major occasions he addressed higher imperial representatives with success. His manifesto sent directly to the Emperor concerning the crime of the Belgian deportations attained something of the desired effect.

The second time in which the primate scored a substantial victory by taking his appeal to a higher court was in February, 1918, when the subpoenaed letter was dispatched to Count von Hertling, then Chancellor of the Empire.

The seizure of them would without question have inflamed the populace. It would have constituted not only an affront to religion but an outrage to national sentiment.

The ordered inventory of all the bronze bells and zinc organ pipes in Belgium was ineffective. The Holy See was aroused and forwarded its own protest against confiscation.

The ban against bell confiscation must have been a severe blow to the Germans in the later stages of the war when the shortage of metals was acute.

The Cardinal's triumph was unequivocal. The Cardinal does not deny the validity of these principles, but they have had to resign themselves to the removal of bells from their churches with feelings of despair in their souls.

In conclusion I beg the chancellor of the empire to receive the expression of my sincere esteem. (Signed) D. J. CARDINAL MERCIER, Archbishop of Malines.

The Holy See on its own account also made pressing appeals to the imperial government to prevent the impending confiscation. It was owing to these various representations that the threat of the Governor General remained a dead letter and the bells in the Belgian churches were saved.

CHAPTER XLV The Cardinal Proves That the Scarcity of Agricultural Products in Occupied Belgium Is Due Solely to the Action of the German "Centrals"—He Denounces Certain Serious Outrages Committed by German Soldiers in Churches and Complains of the Support Given by the German Authorities to a Campaign Directed Against Himself by the "Activists"

EARLY in the winter of 1917-1918, though the output of the Belgian coal mines had not sensibly lessened, coal was almost unobtainable. The occupying power limited more and more the coal ration of the people.

Acting on the instructions of the Governor General, Baron von der Lancken informed the Cardinal that it was useful to practice the greatest economy in the consumption of coal. This letter was a reproduction, more or less, of one he had already written on the same subject in February, 1917.

His Eminence replied directly to the Governor General, proving by figures that if the scarcity of coal were great the blame must be solely attributed to the German requisitions. In general the scarcity and consequently the prevailing high prices of agricultural products were due to the sinister action of the "Centrals."

Normally, agriculture, industry and the working of the mines are carried on with a marvelous intensity and behold, after three years of occupation the factories are closed down and we are told that the available agricultural products will not suffice for our most pressing needs.

Official statistics, which I have by me, prove that the coal-producing industry yielded in 1910 twenty-four million tons and in each of the four following years twenty-three million tons. If we deduct from these figures the quantity consumed in the collieries, this leaves an annual average of twenty-one million tons available for sale and distribution.

I am not unaware that at the present time coal miners are less numerous and their work less productive, but who is to be held responsible for the reduction of hands and energy?

Agricultural products are almost unobtainable and are sold at exorbitant prices. One simple instance of this will suffice: Potatoes have been sold at from 25 to 32 a kilo (roughly from 48c. to 58c. per pound).

A DAUGHTER of TWO WORLDS

A Story of New York Life By JERRY SCOTT Author of "No. 13 Washington Square," "Mary Regan," etc.

Printed by special arrangement with Houghton Mifflin Co. Copyright, 1920, by Jerry Scott. She was just a little surprised—not knowing how thorough Uncle George had been in his telephoning—to find two other persons waiting in the district attorney's office—the little, avuncular, furtive elevator man who had carried her to that secluded bower on the Grantham roof the night she had met Harry there, and also the waiter who had served them.

She answered the district attorney's questions with feverish eagerness—she had no greater desire just now than to clear Harry; and she did not spare herself in exposing the selfish reasons which had kept her silent all this while. And after she had finished, her statements were corroborated and supplemented by the little elevator man, who at last had been freed to tell what he knew.

The district attorney gave an order to an attendant, then closed his eyes in thought, and there was a long hush—then Harry Edwards was brought in under guard. There were no longer reasons for his silence, and he listened and told of being on the Grantham roof and of the murder and of their secret meeting in Conway's inner office.

CHAPTER XLVI How Black Jerry Set Right the World BLACK JERRY had kept in the background of the various scenes since Jennie had driven up to the Tombs, not merely because this had been advisable, but because the chaos in his soul knew no purpose, because he was inarticulate. And now that he had a few moments with her in the Tombs, and a plan was beginning to grow out of a dim shape out of the chaos, he still was almost wordless.

"Dad—I'm so sorry—after all you've done for me, from having disappointed you like this!" Jennie wept. "What's ever happens, Jennie, just you remember that your father at least tried to give you a chance. Good-by!"

After that he pushed her from him, but still held her two hands. "Whatever happens, Jennie, just you remember that your father at least tried to give you a chance. Good-by!"

CHAPTER XLVII When Burglars Call The hold-up men and the burglars may not have stopped you yet nor entered your house. When they do, will you have a total loss, or will your cash and valuables be safely covered by insurance?

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