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## Major Fox's Testimony Shows Utter Depravity Of the German People

THE story unfolded recently by Major Fox, a British prisoner of war, escaped from Germany, in which he told with simple directness of his experiences during three years in German hands, and of the things which he saw with his own eyes in the German prison camps and elsewhere, demands attention. A normal human being naturally shrinks from hearing of the things which Major Fox related to his audience at Newport, England, because such things are not normal to humanity. He shrinks still more perhaps from discussing them. And yet just because they are not normal, the fact that these outrages are being committed and all that this fact means is apt to be lost sight of.

With a vividness all the more remarkable because so largely unconscious, Major Fox showed, first of all, the terrible shock with which the British soldier, who would "gladly have called his foe noble," found him out utterly ignoble. The major tells how, in the course of the first battle of Ypres, he and his men captured some 200 prisoners together with officers; how he sympathized with the officers, offered them refreshment, told them it was "jolly hard luck" for them, and did all he could for them and their men; how a few hours afterwards he was in German hands, and when he was brought to the officer who was to have charge of him, this officer "turned and spat at him full in the face." That was the beginning of three years of insults, suffering, and degradation, days at a time in crowded filthy cattle trucks, without food or water, with interludes at wayside stations where women offered them food, and snatched it away again on learning they were English.

Then once in the camp, they were destined to be the daily helpless witnesses of outrages on common humanity the like of which the world has few records outside the annals of the Inquisition. Let one case be taken, and its significance appreciated. Three clerks from Paris were forced to work in the coal mines. Utterly inexperienced and unfitted for the work, at the end of a day of toil, their output was too small and they were condemned to twenty-four hours in the steam cell, and now let Major Fox complete the story. "The steam cell," he said, "is small, and when the men are inside and the door closed, hot steam is turned on, and there is no release for twelve hours. At the end of twelve hours, the door was opened, and the strongest of the three was able to walk out, and pull a half-conscious brother after him. The third was dead. Soup was given to the survivors, and then they were ordered back, the stronger of the two being ordered to carry the other one. He refused. 'One brother,' he said, 'died last night; I will not carry another one in to die.' The German sergeant in charge, for a reply, took his rifle and shot the half-tipped Frenchman dead before the eyes of his comrade."

Now this was not an isolated case of barbarity, the depraved device of some German soldier. The steam cell is apparently a recognized German institution. It is one of many such institutions, all of which have, so far as any known protest to the contrary goes to show, the full approval and recognition of the German people. This, indeed, is the very essence of all those enormities which have passed into common parlance under the name of German outrages. They have the sanction of the German people. There is no use in railing against them, still less is to be gained by protests. They should, however, be noted, not because they are outrageous acts but because they are revealing acts, because, week by week, as the war goes on, the full stature of Germany is being revealed, as is also the standing of those who would help her, directly or indirectly, openly or covertly. Thus are men learning the full task that lies before them. Those who are fighting on the side of right in this war cannot afford to lose sight of these things. However bitter the task may be, they must resolutely put themselves in the way of gauging the extent of the evil to be overcome, and of which an end must surely be made.

Using Home-made Articles.  
Before the war, England, like the United States, preferred to buy certain manufactured articles abroad rather than to make them. Magnets and insulating materials were purchased from America, Germany and Austria. Lenses for field glasses were imported from Germany.

Now these articles are being turned out in the munition factories of Manchester. Field glass lenses have been giving better satisfaction to the army and navy than any of German manufacture. Screw milling is another war development in England. Not one in 1,000 was made before in any other way than in dies by skilled labor. To-day almost the entire supply of screws used in the country is made by the milling process, the machines being operated by unskilled workmen.

Bennett's Mistake.  
Mr. Arnold Bennett, like other British authors, has appeared not infrequently in print in Canadian papers on the subject of the war. His latest article, on the subject of "Peace and War," however, once more establishes the truth of the adage concerning the wisdom of the cobbler who sticks to his last. His point that the Allies have not given to the peace offers of Germany the sort and degree of attention which these offers deserved was unfortunately for Mr. Bennett's reputation a seer. Furthermore, he proceeded to knock the planks away from under his own feet by stigmatizing the German offers as not worth consideration.

## CHURCH NOTES

**Knox Presbyterian—**  
REV. A. W. LAURE, B. A., MINISTER.  
11 a. m.—God's command—"Go Forward."  
7 p. m.—A Young Man starts in Life.  
S. S. and Adult Bible Class at 10 a. m.  
Choir practice Friday 8 p. m.  
W. M. S. on Saturday at 3 p. m. at the home of Miss Fallis.  
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**Wesley Methodist—**  
REV. H. L. SMITH, Pastor.  
11 a. m.—They key to success.  
7 p. m.—Our Plans and God.  
Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Adult Bible Class at 10 a. m.  
Epworth League on Wednesday evening at 8 p. m.  
All are welcome.

**Garnet Methodist—**  
Service at 2.30.  
Sunday School at 1.30 p. m.  
Epworth League and Prayer Meeting on Thursday evening at 8 p. m.

**St. Paul's Anglican—**  
REV. J. HIRST ROSS, L. Th., Rector.  
SUNDAY—  
Sunday School—10 a. m.  
Morning Service—11 a. m.  
Evening Service—8 p. m.

**FRIDAY—**  
Choir Practice.  
Women's Auxiliary meets every Tuesday at 2.20 in the School Room.  
A. Y. P. A. meets Tuesday evening at 8 p. m.  
Holy Communion on First and Third Sundays of each month.  
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## Rockford

(Too late for last week)  
Our Xmas Tree entertainment has been indefinitely postponed on account of the first outbreak of the influenza epidemic. We are indeed sorry that such is the case as our scholars have been so faithful in the practicing of the different numbers on the programme. But rather than expose anyone to the disease it was thought advisable to withdraw the entertainment for the present and as it would also effect our programme because of our boys, who are sick with the flu, taking part in some of the dialogues. Our little ones will be very much disappointed as they were expecting Santa Claus but we will assure them that they will receive their 'Treats' just the same and those who were kind enough to buy tickets need not worry as their money will be returned to them in due season. We hope and trust that no new cases may develop and that in the near future our Sunday School may be able to hold an entertainment.

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