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"If It's Medical It's a Swindle"

The One Rule in Advertising—Cottage Cheese at $4.54 a Pound—A "Blood Cure" Made of Sugar.

By SAMUEL HOPKINS ADAMS.

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ADVERTISING successfully sells almost everything within the range of human needs. There is one thing, however, which it cannot sell: health. The sick man who spends his dollar because somebody had promised in print to make him a well man is wasting his money. Every advertised "cure" for disease, however speciously it may be disguised, is a fraud. Its vender is a quack, his publisher is an accomplice, his patron is a dupe. Elsewhere in the field of advertising moot questions and difficult distinctions call for niceties of judgment. Here, all is plain sailing. One rule covers the field. If it's medical, it's a fake.

Through its news columns The Tribune has been pointing out the danger to the public health of the newspaper-touted patent medicines. The concern of this article is not primarily with their harmfulness, but with their fraudulency: I am not attempting to save your life, but your dollar. When you buy any proprietary drug or combination of drugs in the expectation that it will cure any illness, though it were only a "cold in the head," you are being more completely buncoed than if you bought a splinter of glass for a diamond. In the case of the glass, you've got something to show for your money, at least. In the case of the patent medicine you've got nothing except, maybe, a pain in the stomach.

Such is the number of these frauds that an adequate survey of the conspicuous ones alone would fill an entire issue of this paper. The most that it is possible here is a consideration of a type of each class with a brief explanation of the substance and nature of the bunco. Alcohol is the basis of the most popular nostrums. Swamp Root, Peruna, Lydia E. Pinkham, Warner's Safe Cure, and most of the bitters belong in this category. The tendency of the alcohol is to stimulate the patient temporarily and make him believe that he is being benefited. That is the secret of all the "booze medicines." One bottle creates a demand for another, just as one drink of whiskey incites a desire for a second.

"First the man takes a drink;
Then the drink takes a drink;
Then the drink takes the man."

The victim once caught through the medium of the lying advertisement, becomes a regular patron. To be a good "repeater" is the chief virtue (commercial) of a patent medicine. All the "bracers" are good repeaters. Therefore, when you buy a bottle of any nostrum of this class, it is worth your while to consider that you are not only throwing away your initial dollar, but also incurring a fair prospect of further waste.

Of all human ailments, the common cold is the most widespread and prevalent. This is the more strange in that, if one may credit the newspapers, there are numberless sure cures for a cold. One of the most extensively exploited is Laxative Bromo Quinine, advertised to "cure a cold in a day, grip in two days." In "The New York Times" this is modified to read, "Used the world over to cure a cold in one day," thereby saving the face of this particular paper, which, since it claims to be free of all fraudulent medical advertising, shies at the explicit promise of cure. The subterfuge is obvious and the swindle, probably, quite as effective.

For it is a swindle, pure and simple. A cold is a systemic illness, as definitely a disease as scarlet fever or typhoids, though not commonly so severe, and is curable by no known drug. Certainly Laxative Bromo Quinine, which is a combination of aloin, bromid, quinine, phenacetin, and other substances, will not "cure a cold in a day" or in a hundred days. If it is, indeed, "used the world over" for that purpose, the fact is so much proof of the extent of human gullibility. Every quarter of a dollar expended for the preparation on the assumption that it will carry out its advertised representations is sheer waste. The same is true of every other "cold cure." Thousands of ignorant or loose-thinking people believe themselves to have been cured by such means, because they have taken the medicine and eventually recovered from the ailment. They would have recovered anyway. For colds, like other diseases, run their course, long or short, and cure themselves. The patient regains his normal health not because of the patent medicine, but in spite of it. In the particular case of Laxative Bromo Quinine the further fact that one of its constituent drugs is a dangerous heart-depressant, so dangerous that the law compels the manufacturer to state its presence on the label of every box sold, would not tend to recommend it to the judicious.

Not all nostrums purport to be medicines. Some exploit themselves as marvellous, not to say magical, agencies for the upbuilding of the human organism; "nerve builders," "tonics" and the like, thereby giving an excuse for hospitable magazines which shrink from the taint of "medical advertising," such as "McClure's," to take their money and list them as "food products." To this class belongs Sanatogen, which, from a medical and scientific point of view, is simply a howling absurdity. Sanatogen is enthusiastically recommended (by its proprietors) as a builder of nerve force, a rejuvenator of the system, a blood revivifier, and a general elixir of life and fountain of eternal youth. Thousands of dollars are laid out yearly in disseminating this gospel. Hundreds of thou-

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THREATENS BALDERESCHI

Police Guard Doctor from Black Hand.

Because a street lamp in front of Dr. Balderesco Baldereschi's home, at 65 West 12th st., winked mysteriously a couple of times last night and went out a cordon of police was on guard about the premises until early this morning. They fear a Black Hand attack on the physician.

Dr. Baldereschi told them last night that on December 15 he received a letter demanding $1,000. On Christmas Eve another arrived. This one warned him that unless he produced the money at once he would die an "atrocious" death.

When the doctor strolled out last night and saw his light out and a man lurking in the shadows he retreated hastily and sent for the police.

HUSBAND, 'ACQUAINTANCE'

Wife, Suing, Says They Lived Apart in Same House.

Mrs. Maria Luisa C. F. Richards, the daughter of a wealthy Spanish family, wishes to end the "acquaintance" with her husband, Chester I. Richards, a shoe manufacturer, and has sued him for a divorce in the Supreme Court. The complaint of Mrs. Richards says that for nine years she and her husband lived together in an apartment on Riverside Drive, but were only "passing acquaintances."

They were married in 1890, when the wife was nineteen years old and her husband two years older. Last March, said Mrs. Richards, her husband told her that he no longer cared for her and urged her to get a divorce.

STEVENS SISTER TO BE WITTPENN BRIDE

Naval Officer of Port and Mrs. Alexander Will Wed To-day at Hoboken.

H. Otto Wittpenn, Naval Officer of the Port of New York, and Mrs. Caroline B. Alexander, sister of Colonel Edwin A. Stevens, of Castle Point, Hoboken, are to be married this afternoon in the Holy Innocents Church, Hoboken. It will be the quietest of weddings.

Every possible effort was made last night to conceal the fact that the marriage was contemplated. At the home of Mr. Wittpenn, a woman who described herself as "a member of the family" said that Mr. Wittpenn went out of town yesterday afternoon. She did not know where she could reach him, and thought he would not return until to-day or to-morrow.

"Would I be surprised if he came home a bridegroom?" she asked, with apparent incredulity. "For heaven's sake!"

Still less information was vouchsafed at Castle Stevens. It was said that Mrs. Alexander had retired, and no one who could speak for her was there.

Mrs. Alexander is the daughter of the founder of Stevens Institute of Technology. She is wealthy and for years has taken active interest in social work. Her brother, Richard Stevens, is probation officer in Hoboken and she is his deputy. She is the founder of a clubhouse for working girls in Hoboken.

In January, 1913, there was a conference of social workers at Castle Stevens, which was attended by Woodrow Wilson, then Governor of New Jersey, and his daughters Jessie and Eleanor. Colonel Edwin A. Stevens was appointed New Jersey Road Commissioner by Wilson. He was a classmate of the President in Princeton.

Naval Officer Wittpenn received his appointment from President Wilson in November. He has long been recognized as a leader of the progressive side of the Democratic party in New Jersey. He served two terms as Mayor of Jersey City, retiring in June, 1913, when the commission form of government went into effect.

He is a strong Wilson man and is credited with holding the New Jersey delegation intact for Wilson at the Baltimore convention. During the interregnum in New Jersey Mayor Wittpenn was frequently mentioned as the probable choice of President Wilson for Governor. When the choice finally fell upon Acting Governor Fielder, Mayor Wittpenn made it plain that he was cherishing no resentment. Since then, however, he has opposed Governor Fielder, and there has been a report that he will be a candidate for Governor himself.

States Control Auto Traffic.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The Maryland automobile license law was upheld as constitutional to-day by the Supreme Court, which held that in the absence of federal regulation of interstate automobile travel states may regulate such traffic.

POLICE IN RUSH TO RAP ELLISON AND LAUD WOODS

Sergeants to Meet Ahead of Time to Repudiate Their Attorney.

GOLDEN FERVOR TO BE ASSAYED

Lawyer Says Men Don't Dare Speak Their Thoughts.

Following the Police Inspectors and Captains' Association, which repudiated on Monday night at Terrace Garden the attack upon Commissioner Woods by William B. Ellison, attorney for the various police organizations, the executive committee of the Police Sergeants' Benevolent Association yesterday, at the same place, adopted similar resolutions.

John T. Conway, president of the sergeants' association, called the meeting and presided. Resolutions were adopted repudiating both the statement issued by Mr. Ellison and its author. The resolutions further express the determination of the officers of the association to sever, as soon as possible, the relations existing between the organization and Mr. Ellison. It was explained that the former Corporation Counsel is under contract to all four of the police organizations as counsel and that the various contracts do not expire until the end of next September.

It was also decided at the committee meeting to appoint a sub-committee to wait upon Commissioner Woods this morning at Police Headquarters and acquaint him with the action taken at the meeting. The Commissioner was duly notified of the interview sought with him and readily consented to receive the representatives of the association.

Sergeants to Lose No Time.

It is considered highly probable that the Police Lieutenants' Association and the Patrolmen's Protective and Benevolent Association will promptly follow the example set by the other two police organizations.

To-night at Terrace Garden the entire body of the police sergeants' association will assemble in special meeting to ratify the action taken by the executive committee yesterday. It is significant that to-night's meeting has been called in advance of the regular monthly meeting of the organization, which will be held on January 14.

It was learned yesterday that the sergeants' association meets regularly on the second Thursday of every month at Terrace Garden, while the Patrolmen's Protective and Benevolent Association assembles at Maennerchor Hall, 203 East 56th st., two blocks away from Terrace Garden, on the second Tuesday of each month in two sessions—one at 11 a. m. and the other at 5 p. m.—in order to meet the exigencies of the three platoon system. It was stated last night by an official of the latter society that next Tuesday the patrolmen will repudiate the statement of Mr. Ellison by an overwhelming vote.

The Police Lieutenants' Association has no regular meeting day, although its sessions are held subject to the call of its president, Richard Enright, at Terrace Garden, as occasion demands. It was prophesied last night that a meeting of the association would be held within the coming week to take some action upon the Woods-Ellison controversy.

Unless Mr. Ellison insists upon the continuance of his contract as counsel to the four organizations, which he intimated last night he would not attempt to do, he stands to lose annual retainers amounting to $10,000 a year. This sum, it was learned yesterday, is divided as follows: Sergeants' association, $1,000; lieutenants', $1,000; captains' and inspectors', $500, and patrolmen's, $7,500—or an assessment of $1 each for the last named grade. It is significant that a week ago a letter was sent out by the patrolmen's association notifying the members that about two-thirds of the men had failed to pay

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Shielding Rogers, She Tells of Poisoning Her Babies

Lawyer's Acts in Boyhood Grieved Actress Mother, Charlotte Thompson.

FATAL DRAUGHT FORCED ON INFANT

Woman Believed Rogers's Love Had Fled—Murder Charge Planned.

Lighthearted in the belief that her two children were alive, Mrs. Ida Sniffen Walters "Rogers," from her bed in Lebanon Hospital, told Dr. Herman T. Radin, house physician, yesterday afternoon, the detailed story of how she poisoned her babies—Lorida, eight months, and John, two and one-half years old.

Scarcely an hour had elapsed since the autopsy on John, who died on Monday.

Her voice was strong and steady. She felt that the worst in life for her, the children and Lorlys Elton Rogers had slowly come and had swiftly gone. Her loving glances at Rogers, beside the bed, as she talked, turned his gaze to the window, for he realized the weird grotesqueness of the story.

"We were in the bedroom, doctor," the woman said. "Lorida lay on the bed; John, on the floor, was playing with his toys and talking to them. I tell you all these little things, doctor, because they're interesting to me—more so now, because the little ones are getting along so nicely.

Forced Poison on Baby.

"I picked Lorida to go first. I ground up a tablet and dissolved it in a glass of water and placed the glass at Lorida's lips. She didn't like the taste, or maybe it was hard to swallow. Several times she coughed the poison back into the glass, so I poured it down her throat.

"Lorida hadn't begun to cry much when I took a second tablet and put it on Jackie's outstretched tongue. He swallowed it and smiled and called to me as I started to the kitchen to kill myself.

"'That was fine, mother,' he said. 'Please, give me another one.'

"I went to the kitchen and took three tablets. I came back to the bedroom. Lorida was squirming in awful agony on the bed. Poor little Jackie was twisted up on the floor.

"'Mamma, my stomach hurts awful,' he said.

"I called to Mrs. James Burns, the landlady of the house, because I didn't

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RUSSIA ROUTS TURKS, TAKES ARMY CORPS

Remnants of Defeated Forces Flee Sari-Kamysh and Ardahan.

FOUR GENERALS ARE AMONG CAPTIVES

Sultan's Soldiers Beaten Only After Most Desperate Resistance.

GRAND DUKE SENDS WORD TO JOFFRE

French Commander Congratulates Leader of Czar's Troops—Losses in Caucasus Heavy.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

Petrograd, Jan. 5.—The Russians have won a great victory in the Caucasus region at Sari Kamysh, where they captured the entire 9th Army Corps of the Turkish army, including the corps commander and the three division commanders. This was officially announced in a communication from the headquarters of the army in the Caucasus, given out to-night.

Four German officers of high rank—whether any is among the four mentioned in the official statement is not known—are reported to be prisoners. A dispatch to the "Bourse Gazette" from Tiflis says the Russians have captured Izzet Pacha, former Turkish War Minister.

The Turkish force in the fighting at Sari Kamysh consisted of two full corps. The 10th, which escaped capture as a unit, has been broken up into small detachments, which are being pursued relentlessly. The Turks are suffering great losses in their retreat through the mountainous country of Trans-Caucasia.

On the same days that the victory of Sari Kamysh was won, January 3 and 4, the Russians also defeated a Turkish army corps at Ardahan.

Grand Duke's Statement.

The importance attached by Russia to the two victories in the Caucasus is indicated by the fact that Grand Duke Nicholas, ever chary about signing official announcements, has sent to General Joffre his account of the double success. The Grand Duke, in his dispatch, said:

"I hasten to inform you of the joyful news that the army of the Caucasus, notwithstanding that its forces have been reduced to a minimum, with a view not to weaken the army in the principal theatre of the war, has won two decisive victories—on December 21 and 22 (January 3 and 4, modern calendar) against Turkish forces superior in number, at Ardahan against the 1st Corps, and at Sari Kamysh against the 9th and 10th Turkish Corps. The entire 9th Corps has capitulated. The 10th Corps is making every effort to withdraw, but is being pursued by our troops."

Joffre Sends Reply.

The following reply was received from General Joffre:

"I pray your imperial highness to accept my warm felicitations for the great victory won by the army of the Caucasus. By their constant and uninterrupted effort in all the theatres of operations, the armies of the Allies are preparing the definite victories of the future."

The official report from the headquarters of the army of the Caucasus refers only to the Sari Kamysh victory and makes no reference to the outcome at Ardahan. It says:

"Last night our troops won a complete victory over the Turks at Sari Kamysh. We have beaten two Turkish army corps and made the entire 9th Turkish Army Corps, including its commander and three division commanders, prisoners.

"Small bodies of Turkish troops which succeeded in escaping were vigorously pursued and destroyed.

"We continue pursuit of the other parts of the Turkish forces, which are in full retreat."

Victory Already Prepared.

The war on the Turkish front took a striking turn in favor of Russia a few days ago. The danger point for Russia was made good at the outset and the Turks never succeeded accomplishing anything in that region of military value, although they have penetrated several miles into Russian territory.

Fighting in the heavy snows, at altitudes of eight and ten thousand feet, in the depths of winter was a terrible undertaking, especially for the attacking side, and it is evident that the Turkish forces during the last few weeks have suffered great hardships in their attempt to keep a footing on Russian territory.

In the fighting at Ardahan a brilliant attack was made by the Russians at dawn on Sunday. Stubborn fighting lasted the whole day before the Rus-

SHUBERTS IN DEAL WITH EX-FOES

Klaw & Erlanger and Former Rivals Combine on Booking Interests.

The theatrical war is over. By an arrangement completed yesterday Klaw & Erlanger, so-called syndicate leaders, and the Shuberts, who have been in the forefront of the independents, bitter rivalry is ended. Lee Shubert and Abraham L. Erlanger effected the consolidation of booking interests which means peace.

All theatres in the country presenting first class attractions are affected except those in New York. This is the producing centre, and the ownership of the houses is scattered among so many separate interests that they must be left out of any combination. Managers, however, who desire to send their shows on the road must go to the one single booking agency that will be established. The Shuberts will have nothing to do with the booking, but whether it will be done from the offices of Klaw & Erlanger has not been determined.

Poor business has been the greatest factor in bringing about a settlement of all differences.

By the new plan, cities which can support only one theatre playing the big attractions will have only one theatre, instead of a syndicate and an independent house, as formerly.

Ruinous competition is thus ended. Working agreements that have been running a year or so pointed the way. Yesterday's action is no surprise to "wise" theatrical men.

Complete Court Calendar Daily Feature in The Tribune.
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BEATEN TO DEATH; "NOT SUSPICIOUS"

Wallstein Discovers New Error by Coroner—Possible Murder Overlooked.

Edward Seaman, who died on January 1, had been beaten with a hammer and his skull fractured. This was discovered yesterday after an autopsy had been performed. Patrolman Cunningham of the East 35th st. station, reported the case as "not suspicious," although detectives who examined Seaman's room, at 313 East 29th st., yesterday found it spattered with blood. Timothy D. Lehane, Coroner Healy's physician, reported that death was due to chronic nephritis, although the autopsy brought to light no symptom of kidney trouble.

Leonard M. Wallstein, Commissioner of Accounts, asserted last night that the procedure in the case showed the utter worthlessness of the present coroner system.

Anthony C. Guntzer, an undertaker, to whom the body had been sent, discovered yesterday a deep wound in the back of the head. He notified Lucien S. Breckinridge, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Breckinridge demanded an immediate autopsy and told Commissioner Wallstein of the case.

"If the thorough medical examination which was made this afternoon at the direction of the District Attorney had been made when the body was first found," said Wallstein, "the work of the police would have been greatly aided. The Coroner's office in this case has not even its usual excuse that the family of the deceased objected to having an autopsy performed.

"On the contrary, the family was very eager that one should be performed. 'Chronic nephritis,' by the way, is the stock cause of death in Dr. Lehane's repertoire."

AUTO BOLTS MAN INTO RIVER; ICE SAVES HIM

Crowd on Weehawken Ferryboat in Peril as Car Plunges Owner, with Horse and Wagon, Overboard—Lucky Leap Saves Teamster—Machine Lost.

Gustave Reinberg's automobile ran away with him on a West Shore ferryboat yesterday, plunging its owner and a horse and wagon into the Hudson River. A score of passengers narrowly escaped being swept into the icy water. Reinberg, who cannot swim, saved himself by clinging to a cake of ice. The horse swam ashore. The French touring car went to the bottom and the delivery wagon is a derelict.

Reinberg's was the first car to board the West Point, which left the West 42d st. slip at 3 p. m. yesterday. Just ahead was a delivery wagon, owned by W. Leonard, of 624 Eleventh av. Its driver, Joseph Herst, was kicking his trosty feet against the dashboard and congratulating himself on being the first off the boat.

As the craft swung around into the procession of ice cakes, Reinberg stepped to the front of his car to crank it. The self-starter was not working. That accounts for the fact that the clutch was in.

With a roar the machine leaped forward, carrying its owner spread-eagle on the hood. The self-congratulatory expression frozen on his face, Joe Herst leaped wildly. He had decided not to be the first one off the boat.

Only about 200 yards separated the West Point from its Weehawken slip, and most of the two-score passengers had crowded on the forward deck. Only one of them, a chauffeur, grasped the menace in the hurtling automobile. He jumped for the car, both arms outstretched to seize the clutch. He missed his mark by inches.

In a flash the disaster was over. The delivery wagon and its reluctant horse were the slightest of obstacles to the powerful machine. The iron scissors gates at the bow laid down before the attack. Straight as an arrow the car clove the crowd and plunged into the river. The horse and wagon were shunted sideways as it dove.

Thrown clear, Reinberg struck the water a dozen feet away from his machine. He grasped frantically at the ice cakes beside him. Half a dozen of those first seized were too slight to support his weight, though giving him the buoyancy sufficient to plunge onward after the next one.

Some part of the harness had caught

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200 THEFTS LAID TO DAPPER YOUTH

Fashion Plate Fights When Caught—Pal Arrested Later.

After a hard fight, a well groomed young man, calling himself William Evens, who wears well tailored clothes and lives in a luxurious apartment on Central Park West, was locked up last night in the East 126th st. police station to answer for 200 burglaries in the Jersey suburbs of this city.

Last evening Detectives Cassidy and Collinge, of the Third Branch of the Detective Bureau, were standing at the corner of 101st st. and Columbus av. with Lieutenant Patrick Ryan, of the Newark police. Ryan has been in this city a week following up clues which led him to believe that the author of dozens of costly burglaries in Montclair and the Oranges was young and dapper and lived on the upper West Side. Toward them across the avenue came a clean-cut figure clad in a well fitting black suit, black hat, black shoes, and jauntily swinging an ebony cane. As he drew near the three policemen jumped for him.

The man reached for his hip pocket, but the detectives were on him before he could draw. He fought hard against the three, and was quieted only after Ryan had swung heavily to his jaw. He fell, and the crowd which had gathered turned upon the police, whom they took for gunmen. After much explanation Cassidy, Collinge and Ryan were able to proceed with their prisoner. At the station he gave his name as William Evens and said that he lived at 12 West 101st st. He carried two .38-calibre revolvers, the police say.

The police searched his place, which is a handsome six-room apartment, tastefully furnished and filled with a wardrobe belonging apparently to two men.

The prisoner is specifically accused of two burglaries, the theft of $3,000 worth of jewelry, money and clothing from Douglas F. Cox, a New York banker, living in Llewellyn Park, Orange, N. J., and entering the house of Hampden E. Tener, of 2000 South Mountain av., Montclair, N. J.

Evans spoke of having a "pal" in his crimes, and said he was probably at his mother's. Detectives Tramper and Cassidy waited at 12 West 101st st., and early this morning a young man walked in. When confronted with the case against him he told practically the same story Evans had told.

BATTLE BEGINS IN DARDANELLES

London, Jan. 6.—A wireless dispatch received here from Berlin gives a report received in the German capital from Athens that the Dardanelles fortresses have begun a bombardment of the blockading Anglo-French fleets, and that one torpedo boat has been slightly damaged.

WILSON HEDGES ON PLEDGE TO ISLANDS

Intimates Philippines Bill Will Not Be Signed Unless Preamble Is Dropped.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Jan. 5.—President Wilson dropped an intimation to-day that the Jones bill would receive his signature if it passed with the preamble which promises independence to the Filipinos stricken out. According to persons who talked with him, he believes the objects desired can be attained without the preamble.

Opposition to the preamble was formulated before the Senate committee to-day by George H. Fairchild, of New York, and Martin Egan, one of the owners of "The Manila Times." Both witnesses declared that immediate independence for the islands would result in disorder.

"The withdrawal of the United States from the Philippines would be calamitous," said Mr. Fairchild, who is interested in the sugar industry there.

Mr. Egan, who has had extensive experience in the islands, expressed the opinion that the United States should control, for some time at least, many of the important governmental functions of the government.

"The Filipinos," he added, "may be relied upon to exercise a greater autonomy in the regulation of their domestic and provincial problems than they now exercise."

The danger that a flood of Chinese immigration will engulf the islands if the Filipinos are permitted to lay down the bars was given by Mr. Egan as a reason for urging that Congress insist upon the maintenance of the present exclusion laws.

GERMANS IMPRISON CARDINAL MERCIER

Prelate Had Issued Pastoral Letter Telling Belgium's Woes.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

London, Jan. 6.—An Amsterdam dispatch to "The Daily Chronicle" says: "Cardinal Mercier has been arrested by the Germans at Malines and imprisoned in the archbishop's palace under a strong guard.

"His offence is the publication of his letter saying that the Belgians do not owe the invaders obedience, as the only lawful power in Belgium is that which belongs to King Albert and his ministers.

"Germans are searching the whole country for copies of this letter, which has been widely circulated. Some priests also were arrested, but they were afterward released."

Copies of Cardinal Mercier's Christmas pastoral letter have been received in London. The Cardinal began by a description of the sorrows of Belgium:

"She bleeds," wrote the Cardinal. "Her children fall by thousands in our forts and on our battlefields to defend her rights and the integrity of her territory. Soon there will be no longer on the soil of Belgium one single family which will not be in mourning."

The Cardinal then passes to a description of the devastation caused by the German invasion.

"I have gone through most of the places in my diocese which have been the most wasted. What I have seen of the ruins and the ashes passes everything that, in spite of my most acute fears, I could even have imagined. Churches, schools, charitable institutions, hospitals and convents to a considerable number are unfit for use or in ruins. Whole villages have almost disappeared."

Answering the question, What will be the effect of the war upon Belgium? the Cardinal says:

"God will save Belgium, my brothers. We cannot doubt it. Let us say,

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