

themselves, and their families and friends, are they to have no say in this proposed affront to their keen sense of patriotism?

We call upon the Minister of Health to protect the sick and defenceless inmates of our hospitals, to rescind this most obnoxious and dangerous laxity where enemy aliens are concerned.

And we call upon the matrons and nurses employed in the emergency hospital scheme to unite in opposing this outrageous regulation, or to hand in their resignations if compelled to submit to it.

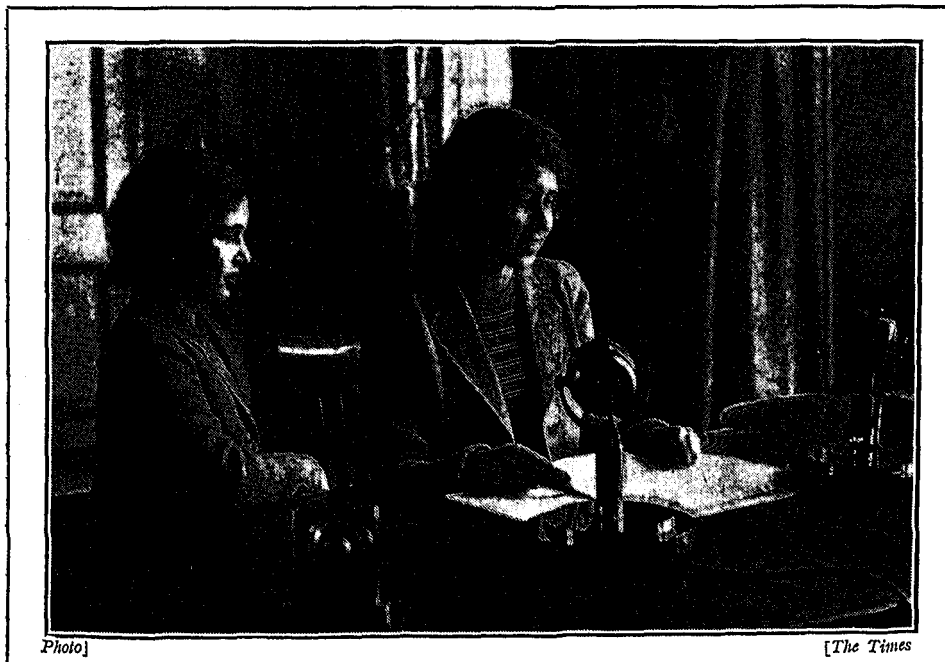
It is only a few days ago since it was reported that an injured German pilot was warded with his victims in the same hospital ward!

We believe the friends of the injured British patients expressed their indignation in no uncertain manner.

Are we out to win this war or not? Anyway, the

Central Agency of Prisoners of War, containing most interesting pictures of Red Cross activities since its inception in 1863. Durrant, as a young man of 20, Florence Nightingale in the Crimea, Gräfin de Gasparin, *Marraine des Soldats de Crimée et de Solferino*, and Marie Simon, *infirmière au Schleswig et a Sadowa*. Other illustrations are very interesting, including the Villa Moynier, near Geneva, where the Directors of the I.C.N. were hospitably entertained during their last meeting there in 1935. The Villa is closed for the time being. We are glad to note that M. de Rougé, the popular secretary-general of the League of Red Cross Societies, is interesting himself in the urgent needs of the French people, many of them in the utmost need of food and clothing.

Meanwhile every effort must be put forth to give practical help to our prisoners of war. The winter is coming with additional hardship.



THE ROYAL PRINCESSES ELIZABETH AND MARGARET ROSE  
AT THE MICROPHONE.

nation should resent being treated with contempt by Ministers in their service.

We have all had qualms concerning the condition of our prisoners of war in Germany. We know that their treatment is harsh, and very much doubt if our money spent for them brings the relief intended. Complaints have appeared in the Press that they do not get the parcels sent to them. This work is undertaken by the International Red Cross Society at Geneva, and from our Press we learn that our British Red Cross Fund has already contributed £279,600 for food and clothing for prisoners of war. Personally, unless we saw the prisoners receive their due, we should have little faith in its reception.

We have recently received from Geneva the Revue International de la Croix Rouge and Report of the

associate with barbarians, the better.

This apparently is not the policy of our youthful Minister of Health, who is staffing our Emergency Hospitals with 10 per cent. of Aliens, including Germans and Italians, and who apparently fails to realise that British nurses should be protected from such association. Anyway, we hope if there is any spitting to be done cuspidors will at once be supplied by his department.

The German authorities have informed the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva that parcels for prisoners of war in Germany will not be accepted between December 15th and 25th. Christmas parcels for prisoners, it was added, should be posted as early as possible in France, and not later than November 25th.

This is, indeed, the refinement of cruelty. By depriving British prisoners of their letters and gifts from home at

The notes by Mr. Beverley Nichols, which are a popular feature of the *Sunday Chronicle*, reported recently that a nurse had been spat upon by a German prisoner, and did the right thing in walking away and ignoring the insult. From the correspondence to which this gross, but characteristic, conduct gave rise, his opinion was not unanimously approved.

For instance, Mrs. A. Townsend, of Bridlington, Yorks, wrote: "I should have slapped his face very good and hard." That is Yorkshire's way, straight from the shoulder joint and no mistake about it.

We nurses, however, approve of our colleague's dignified conduct, but the less we are called upon to

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