

would sooner get things by blood than sweat." But these talks are designed to show that the German has not really altered since Tacitus' day. He has always been a barbarian, the war-lover, the enemy—furtive or avowed—of humanitarianism, liberalism and Christian civilisation; and the Hitler regime is no accidental phenomenon, but the logical fruit of German history, the German *in excelsis*. Sir Robert believes that we must understand and face this fact, once and for all.

His indictment is not merely propaganda: it is based upon wide scholarship, first-hand experience and the conviction of many years. No man living has better qualified to say these things. They needed saying. They cannot be ignored!

"Black Record" has the saving grace of humour in spite of its indictment, no doubt Sir Robert's "little way" of securing attention in dealing with a people singularly devoid of it. Somewhat of a student of history, we have followed the "butcher bird" death spring on bright coloured little songsters in Europe for the past seventy years and well remember the impious letters alluded to by Sir Robert, published from Paris in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870, from the King of Prussia to his Consort Augusta, parodied by *Punch*:—

Thanks to the Lord, my dear Augusta,  
We've hit the French an awful buster.  
Ten thousand Frenchmen sent below!  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We are thankful to know that "Black Record" is selling upwards of 50,000 copies a week—if our readers can help to swell that circulation they will surely be helping to win the war. What is wanted in this struggle for Freedom is the publicity of truth. The majority of our politicians fail in their duty in this particular. Sir Robert Vansittart has rendered valiant service to mankind in the issue of "Black Record." Would that we had written it! It is published at sixpence by Hamish Hamilton, London.

#### Raid Casualties in January.

The Ministry of Home Security announces that during January 1,502 civilians were killed by air raids and 2,012 were injured and detained in hospital. The totals were divided as follows:—

	Men	Women	Children under 16
Killed ... ..	720	567	189
Detained in hospital ...	1,172	682	158

The remaining 26 persons killed are not classified.

The number of those killed is much lower than in the preceding months when the totals were: December, 3,793; November, 4,588; October, 6,334; and September, when intensive raids began, 6,954.

#### Mrs. Churchill's Tribute.

In a broadcast appeal for Y.W.C.A. units and centres, Mrs. Churchill recently paid tribute to Service women and girl munition workers, who, in moments of danger, must remain at their posts.

"As we turn into our homes at night, let us remember these women who are working for us," said Mrs. Churchill. "As we shelter in a raid and hear the comforting noise of the barrage, let us remember the girl who is working to produce the shells which are being fired in our defence."

The first Y.W.C.A. hostel, Mrs. Churchill continued, was opened to serve nurses returning from the Crimea with Florence Nightingale. Now, as then, the Association intended that the quality of its work should be worthy of the Christian purpose expressed in its name.

Mrs. Churchill revealed that 116 Service centres were now open. Five new ones were needed every month. In the Middle East there were several hostels and rest centres for Army nurses.

#### Nurses Killed and Wounded.

A day seldom passes that we do not hear of the barbarous murder of nurses and other hospital workers.

The Matron and two Sisters were killed in one hospital; in another, two Sisters, two deputy-Sisters and two Probationers died when high explosive bombs were dropped; many others have been killed or injured. We are unable to obtain statistics of the nurses killed and wounded at present. We hope a list is being carefully compiled; by and by we shall need it to honour their memory.

#### Mobile Chiropody Surgeries.

The first of a number of mobile chiropody surgeries for the Army was handed over on the parade ground of the Royal Army Medical College, Millbank.

A motor-van houses the unit, in which two patients can be treated at a time. Each van will be staffed by two registered medical auxiliary chiropodists, enrolled in the R.A.M.C. with the rank of corporal, and will be able to deal with some 50 patients a day. The cost of each unit will be about £500.

#### Sikh Defence of India League.

Sikh leaders have resolved to form a Sikh Defence of India League to secure the maximum effort by the Sikhs in defending India and securing a British victory.

#### American Investigators.

"Tell them at home we can take it." We have recently entertained two American investigators—a representative of the American President, and Mr. Wendell Willkie, who hopes to enjoy that powerful position in the future.

Both gentlemen were given every facility to see for themselves the penalty of doing our duty in opposing tyranny.

Our workers hailed Mr. Willkie and sent the message to the U.S.A.: "Tell them at home we can take it," and "We can use all the stuff you can send us."

In one of his talks to the Press, Mr. Willkie said: "No nation in the world has ever been more united in a cause than the British nation is united now. That was one of the things I wanted to find out, and I have the answer. No matter what the occupation of the people or their economic position, I have seen no difference in that respect. I have purposely asked individuals of all groups, and I find no distinctions. The people's spirit is magnificent."

Just so!

#### ROLL OF HONOUR.

##### General Hazards of War.

The Board of Admiralty regrets to announce the following casualties which have been sustained in meeting the general hazards of war:—

W.R.N.S.  
KILLED.

Armstrong, R. (Mrs.); Bennett, J. M. (Miss); Black, M. V. (Miss); Blackett, W. (Miss); Cowell, V. M. (Miss); Gregory, N. (Mrs.); Northfield, B. M. (Miss); Pearson, H.; Reynolds, N. K. (Miss); and Wardell, D. N. (Miss), Wrens.

##### INJURED AND WOUNDED.

Bedford, M. L. (Miss), Wrn.; Bell, M. E. (Miss), Wrn. Ck.; Evans, F. (Mrs.), Wrn. Ck.; Fawcett, O. (Miss), Wrn.; Francis, E. O. L. (Miss), Wrn.; Hamilton, R., Ldg. Wrn.; Humphreys, P. H. (Miss), Wrn.; Malkin, E. (Miss), Wrn.; Staines, D. (Mrs.), Wrn. Stwrd.; Smith, I. (Miss), Wrn.; Wilson, M. (Miss), Wrn. Ck.

We offer gratitude and admiration.

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