

*December 8, 1916.*—Bonar Law refuses the Premiership—and Lloyd George, arrived at last, or nearly arrived, has consented to form a Ministry. How he can command a majority is a mystery to me.

There is no diminution in the seizure of men. They say the seizures in Brussels will be begun about the 5th of January—so Franckenstein told me—and will be very carefully made. It surpasses the imagination, this relapse into barbarism. Slave gangs, in our time, in Western Europe! What Germany must answer for to history and humanity!