

Germany Is Now Enslaving Men Engaged In Relief Work

Proves That Enemy Was Insincere in Plea That Deportation Was to Check Unemployment.

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London, Dec. 29.—Germany is now going so far in her Belgian deportations as to arrest and transfer from Belgian soil Belgians engaged in relief work, and hitherto protected by the card of the American Relief Commission. Such charge was made to-day by the Belgian Ministry of Justice.

"Not only are the Germans deporting men who are still employed," the Ministry asserted, "not only are they carrying off children from 15 to 17 years of age, and factory managers, farmers, and physicians, but they are now brutally arresting for deporta-

tion Belgians engaged in the relief of their own countrymen

"This new object has been committed in at least three cities. At Gembloux, two chiefs of the local agency of the relief committee, and two other members of the organization were **deported**. At Libramont 21 employes of the National Relief Committee were **deported**. During a slave raid at Arlon 43 employes of the local regional agencies of the Relief Commission were among four hundred men taken to Germany.

"This suffices to prove that when the German authorities defend their policy of deportations on the ground that they are thus checking unemployment, they are merely trying to bluff neutrals."