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by the National Constituent Assembly to
inquire into the responsibility for the war,
together with the stenographic minutes of
the Second Subcommittee and Supple-
ments thereto

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Since the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace published, in 1916, two volumes of *Diplomatic Documents relating to the Outbreak of the European War*, a number of additional German documents have appeared which throw a flood of light upon the outbreak of the war and its termination. The documents relating to the responsibility for the war and its continuance have been put into English under the direction of the Endowment's Division of International Law, and it is believed that their publication renders a distinct service to persons interested in the causes of the war and the diplomatic maneuvers which were made to end it.

By a resolution of August 20, 1919, the German National Constituent Assembly created a Committee of Inquiry to investigate the responsibility for the war. This Committee was divided into four subcommittees: the First was to ascertain the responsibility for causing the war, the Second, the responsibility for not ending it sooner, the Third, acts of disobedience or disloyalty to responsible political authorities, and the Fourth, acts of cruel or harsh conduct of the war. At the present writing no reports have been published by the Third or Fourth Subcommittee. The Fourth has, however, published three supplements to the stenographic reports of its public hearings, which contain the expert opinions of Colonel Schwertfeger, retired, General v. Kuhl, and Privy Councilor Professor Hans Delbrück, on the causes of the German collapse.

The two volumes which are now published under the title of *Official German Documents relating to the World War* contain the reports of the First and Second Subcommittees. They contain in addition the stenographic minutes of the Second Subcommittee and supplements thereto consisting wholly of official correspondence.

The references in the text to the *German Documents relating to the Outbreak of the War* are to Karl Kautsky's collection which, with various additions, was edited and published by Count Montgelas and Professor Walther Schücking, at Charlottenburg, in 1919. References are also made to the German White Book, the Austrian Red Book, and the many motley-colored publications of this character, rather than to the cumbersome official titles which they bear.

In order to avoid the discrepancies unhappily resulting from retranslation, the German translations of English texts have been superseded by the original English whenever it has been accessible. In all such cases, however, variations between the English original and the German translation have been indicated in the footnotes.

For the convenience of the reader, the Endowment has supplied a Digest of the official correspondence contained in the Supplements to the Stenographic Minutes, and for the same reason a Table of Official Positions of Principal Persons mentioned in the documents has been placed at the beginning of Volumes I and II. For the reader's further convenience the pagination of the two volumes is continuous. The Index appears at the end of Volume II.

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Director of the Division of International Law.

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February 28, 1923.

OFFICIAL POSITIONS OF THE PRINCIPAL PERSONS MENTIONED
IN THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

ALBERT, MR.	Under-Secretary of State.
BALLIN, MR. ALBERT.	General Manager of the Hamburg-American Line.
BARTENBACH, CAPTAIN KARL.	German U-Boat Commander; Chief of Flotilla in Flanders.
BASSEWITZ-LEVETZOW, COUNT V.	German Minister of State; Member of the former Committee for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Council.
BEHNCKE, VICE ADMIRAL.	Acting Chief of the German Admiralty Staff.
BENECKENDORFF, V.	General Field Marshal in the German Army.
BERNHARD, MR. GEORG.	German journalist.
BERNSTEIN, MR. EDUARD.	Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry.
BERNSTORFF, COUNT V.	German Ambassador at Washington.
BERTRAB, V.	General in the German Army.
BETHMANN-HOLLWEG, V.	German Imperial Chancellor.
BOHM-SCHUCH, MRS.	Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry; Member of the German National Assembly.
BONN, DR. M. J.	Member of the Second Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry.
BROCKDORFF-RANTZAU, COUNT.	German Minister at Copenhagen.
BRÜNINGHAUS, FRANZ W.	Rear Admiral in the German Navy.
BÜLOW, V.	German Consul to America; Representative of the Foreign Office.
BÜLOW, V.	Rear Admiral in the German Navy.
BURIAN, BARON.	Austro-Hungarian Privy Councilor.
CAPELLE, ADMIRAL V.	Acting Secretary of State in the German Im- perial Naval Office.
COHN, DR. OSCAR.	Member of the Second Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry; Member of the German National Assembly.
CZERNIN, COUNT.	Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs.
DAVID, DR.	Minister of State.
DELBRÜCK, PROFESSOR V.	Former Secretary of State; Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry.
DOHNA, COUNT ZU.	Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry; Member of the German National Assembly.
DUSCH, BARON V.	Former Minister of State; Member of the Former Committee of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Council.

ECKHARDT, MR.	German Minister to Mexico.
EICHHORN, MR.	Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry; Member of the German National Assembly.
EISWALDT, DR.	German Consul General at Vienna.
FALKENHAYN, GENERAL V.	German Minister of War; Chief of the Supreme High Command of the Army.
FISCHER, DR.	Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry; Member of the German National Assembly.
FRANZ FERDINAND.	Archduke of Austria-Hungary.
FRANZ JOSEPH.	Emperor of Austria-Hungary.
FREYBERG, BARON V.	Naval Attaché of the German Embassy at Vienna.
GANZ, DR. HUGO.	Vienna representative of the <i>Frankfurter-Zeitung</i> .
GERARD, MR. JAMES W.	American Ambassador at Berlin.
GOTHEIN, DR.	Privy Councilor; Chairman of the Second Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry.
GREW, MR.	American Chargé d'Affaires at Berlin.
GRÜNAU, V.	Counselor of Legation at the German Headquarters.
GWINNER, A. V.	Manager of the Deutsche Bank.
HALE, MR. BAYARD.	Correspondent of the <i>New York American</i> .
HANIEL, V.	Counselor of the German Embassy at Washington; Under-Secretary of State.
HARMS, PROFESSOR.	Rector of the University at Kiel.
HATZFELD, PRINCE.	Second Counsel of the German Embassy at Washington.
HAVENSTEIN, MR. RUDOLF.	President of Reichsbank of Germany.
HEILE, MR.	Member of the German National Assembly.
HELFFERICH, DR.	Director of the Deutsche Bank; German Secretary of State of the Interior.
HINDENBURG, V.	General Field Marshal of the German Army; Chief of the General Staff.
HOETZSCH, PROFESSOR DR. OTTO.	Member of the Second Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry.
HOHENBORN, WILD V.	Lieutenant General in the German Army; Minister of War.
HOHENLOHE, PRINCE.	Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at Berlin.
HOLTZENDORFF, V.	Chief of the Admiralty Staff of the German Navy.
HÖNIGER, PROFESSOR.	Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry.
HOUSE, COLONEL.	Confidential adviser to President Wilson.
JAECKH, PROFESSOR.	Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry.
JAGOW, V.	German Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

KAEMPF, DR.	President of the Reichstag.
KAGENECK, COUNT.	Military Attaché of the German Embassy at Vienna.
KARL I.	Emperor of Austria-Hungary.
KATZENSTEIN, MR.	Member of the German National Assembly.
KAUTSKY, MR. KARL.	Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry.
KOCH, REINHARD.	Admiral in the German Navy.
KRESS, BARON V.	Colonel General; Bavarian Minister of War.
KRUPP, BOHLEN-HALBACH V.	Director of the Krupp Iron Works.
KÜHLMANN, V.	German Ambassador at Constantinople.
KÜHN, DR.	German Secretary of State of the Imperial Treasury.
LANCKEN, V. D.	German Minister at Brussels.
LANSING, MR. ROBERT.	Secretary of State of the United States.
LEBSNER, V.	Secretary of Legation at German Headquarters.
LICHNOWSKY, PRINCE.	German Ambassador at London.
LÖSSL, V.	Councilor of State for Munich.
LUCIUS, V.	German Minister at Stockholm.
LUDENDORFF, V.	General in the German Army.
LYNCKER, BARON V.	Chief of the German Military Cabinet.
MAXEN, MR.	Member of the Second Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry.
MEERFELD, DR.	Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry; Member of the German National Assembly.
MERIZ, V.	Colonel in the German Army; Representative of the German War Department.
MEYDENBAUER, DR.	Ministerial Director of the Prussian Ministry of Finance.
MEYER, CAPTAIN.	Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry.
MONTGELAS, COUNT.	Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry; General in the German Army; Privy Counselor of Legation at Berlin.
MUEHLON, DR. W.	Director of the firm of Krupp.
MÜLLER, V.	Chief of the German Naval Cabinet; Admiral in the Navy.
MÜLLER, MR.	German Consul.
NAUMANN, DR. VICTOR.	German Minister at Vienna.
OVEN, V.	Lieutenant General; Director of Department of Army Administration of the German Ministry of War.

- PACHNICKE, DR. Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry; Member of German National Assembly.
- PAPEN, V. Major in the Army; Military Attaché to the German Embassy at Washington.
- PETERSEN, DR. Member of the German National Assembly.
- PFÜLF, ANTONIE Member of the Second Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry.
- QUARCK, DR. Chairman of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry; Member of German National Assembly.
- RENNER, COLONEL German Military Attaché at The Hague.
- RITTER, DR. PAUL Swiss Minister at Washington.
- ROMBERG, BARON V. German Minister at Berne; Member of the Second Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry.
- ROSEN, MR. German Minister at The Hague.
- SCHAEFER, PROFESSOR DR. DIETRICH Privy Councilor; Member of the Second Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry.
- SCHMITZ, MRS. Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry; Member of the German National Assembly.
- SCHÜCKING, DR. WALTHER Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry; Member of the German National Assembly.
- SCHULTZ-BROMBERG. Privy Councilor; Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry; Reporter of the Second Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry; Member of the German National Assembly.
- SIMMERN, V. LANGWERTH German Privy Councilor.
- SINZHEIMER, DR. Deputy; Recording Secretary of the Second Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry.
- SOLF, DR. German Secretary of State.
- SPAHN, PROFESSOR Member of the First Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry.
- STINNES, MR. HUGO German industrial leader.
- STOLBERG, PRINCE ZU Counselor to the German Embassy at Vienna.
- STRUVE, DR. WILHELM Member of the Prussian Assembly.
- STUMM, BARON V. German Under-Secretary of State.
- TAPPEN Major General in the German Army.
- TIESCHOWITZ, V. Colonel in the German Army.
- TIRPITZ, GRAND ADMIRAL V. Secretary of State for the German Navy.
- TREUTLER, V. Minister at German General Headquarters.
- TSCHIRSCHKY, V. German Ambassador at Vienna.
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- WALDERSEE, COUNT.....Lieutenant General; Acting Chief of the General Staff of the German Army.
- WARBURG, MR. MAX M.Banker at Hamburg.
- WARMUTH, MR.Chairman of Second Subcommittee of the Committee of Inquiry; Member of the German National Assembly.
- WEDEL, COUNT V.German Ambassador at Vienna.
- WEIZSÄCKER, DR. V.German Minister of State; Member of the former Committee for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Council.
- WILLIAM II.German Emperor.
- WILSON, WOODROW.....President of the United States.
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