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DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE LIFE-EATING GOD OF WAR IS DOING IN EUROPE?

*He's Feeding Fat on the Lives of Men and Women, and
Has Turned the Inventions of Wright and
Zeppelin Into a New Curse.*

BY WM. G. SHEPHERD

Paris, May 3.—I've been trying within the past few weeks, in Germany, France and England, to heft the awful war load which every man in these countries, rich and poor, is carrying. Everywhere I go in Europe I find that war hangs over every man, woman and child. Just at present the cloud is very low, and the cry of the oppressed Frenchman and German is, "For God's sake, let us fight and have it over with. We'd rather die in war than stagger along under this burden."

Figures don't quite tell the story and I'm going to give only a few.

Germany has just decided to spend \$270,000,000 for war preparations, by taxing incomes.

And this tax will be so great that German business houses, of a certain income, must pay the government the 5 per cent of their earnings, before they can take any earnings themselves.

Wherefore, if a firm wishes to earn 6 per cent it must, in reality, make 11 per cent!

Mr. C. People of Germany, of course, pays the bill.

With beefsteak at 68 cents a pound in Berlin, due to the fact that the butcher must make his 11 per cent, is it any wonder that in this city last year over 7,000 dogs were slaughtered for eating purposes?

It is fair to say that the German workingman pays half a day's wages every week for war!

And the burden will be increased when Germany, next year, begins to collect over \$7,000,000 to spend for airships alone!

War has turned the inventions of

Wilbur Wright and Zeppelin into a new curse.

"This war cloud hangs over every pair of sweethearts in Germany," a young German told me. "Just now war seems certain and my girl and I can't be married and start a home with the chance that she'll be a widow and the children half orphans."