

Aide Memoire.

His Majesty's Government hear that Germany has addressed a note to the Belgium Minister for Foreign Affaires stating that the German Government will be pelled to carry out, if neccessary by force of arms, which thay consider messures indispensable.

His Majesty's Government are also informed that Belgian territory has been violated at Gemmerich.

In these circumstances, and in view of the fact that Germany declines to give the same assurance respecting Belgium as Frances gave last week in reply to the request made simultanously at Berlin and Paris, His Majesty's Government must repeat this request and ask that a satisfactory reply to it and in the communication made by Sir Edward Goschen earlier in the afternoon be received in London by twelve o'clock to-night. If not, Sir Edward Goschen is instructed to ask for his Passporte and to say that His Majesty's Government feel bound to take all steps in their power to uphold the neutrality of Belgium and the observance of a Treaty to which Germany is as much a party as His Majesty's Government.