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The "Flag of Misery" over Lannepen.


Special dispatch to L'Information, Paris.

News came from Amsterdam.

"A few days ago there was displayed from the belfry of Lannepen the "hunger flag" (de noodvlag) and the tocsin was sounded to let the surrounding country know that the city was dying of hunger. There was nothing more to eat anywhere; no bread, no potatoes, not even of the absolutely necessary foods. Measures were taken at once to relieve this town— but who can tell how many hunger flags will fly from towns oppressed by the Boches!"

Also (personal information) a friend of mine has just returned from Paris! There he met a man who was in a German camp for prisoners and saw with his own eyes Russian prisoners clawing in the ground with their fingers for worms to eat— No one sends those poor creatures anything and the Germans don't feed them any more than they can help!