

AN APPALLING WAR SPECTACLE

DR. HUMPHREY TELLS OF IN-
CIDENTS AS RELATED BY
WOUNDED SOLDIER

Dr. E. W. Humphrey, in speaking of the early events in the European war said today: "We talked with a wounded soldier who was brought to the Guy Hospital in London. He was present at the first assault upon the forts at Liege. He stated that when the Germans attempted to cross the River Meuse on their pontoon bridges the carnage was so dreadful that the German dead actually blocked the flow of the river. You have read possibly something of the terrible loss of life, but can have no real idea of it over here, for every dispatch is so carefully censored. This soldier said that the Germans lost in the first assaults at Liege fully 18,000 men. It seems incredible, but it seems to be a fact that the Germans went into the attacks massed together and the artillery simply slaughtered them. It seems to me—the whole thing—just like wholesale murder. It is a great big family row and not one of them knows what they are fighting about. If the people could get the rulers and their immediate following and put them out of the way they—the people—would live in peace. The war is a disgrace to civilization and is a blot on the Twentieth century that can never be wiped out."