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SUMMARY: Principally a manuscript diary kept in English in twelve school notebooks by Silvain van Praet, a member of the Ostend (Belgium) city government, from the day of the German occupation of Ostend (1914 October 14) until its liberation (1918 October 17). It was concealed in a hole in the wall of the Maison Communal. There is also a typescript copy of the manuscript (568 p.) and several related documents.

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Biographical / Historical

Silvain van Praet was a member of the city government in Ostend, Belgium. He kept a diary during the 1914-1918 German occupation of the city.

Scope and Contents

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| b. 1, f. 11reel 1U | 1917 Sep 19-1918 Apr 30 | |
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| b. 1, f. 19reel 1U | Albert I, King of the Belgians: proclamations | 1914, 1915 |
| b. 1, f. 20reel 1U | Miscellaneous documents | 1914-1918, undated |

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

World War, 1914-1918 -- Belgium
World War, 1914-1918 -- Personal narratives

Geographic Names

Belgium -- History -- German occupation,
1914-1918
Ostend (Belgium)

Genres / Formats

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Names

Praet, Silvain van