

UNSEEN DEATH CHIEF TERROR OF THIS WAR

Romance Is Gone Says English Captain In Letter to Paper.

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND, Sept. 20.—"There is no romance left in war; it is a dirty business, and every one of us who is into it is determined that when we finish this war, it shall be so thoroughly finished that nobody will ever start another."

Thus writes a British transport captain in a letter to his local newspaper, describing how he had just lost twenty of his men, although they were nearly a dozen miles behind the front, through a shell from a German long-range naval gun fifteen miles away. The shell was a chance shot. Here is the captain's story:

"We have descended on a war of stink-pots, of spectacled chemists leering horribly in obscure laboratories while they concoct the tortures of the damned, of medieval poisons, of flying death from the clouds. It is less like war than some elemental devilishness which man is as powerless to control as he was the volcanoes which overwhelmed Pompeii or St. Pierre. It is not alone in the fore-front of the battle where men stand face-to-face, but in quiet places far back, where death flings himself with outrageous violence and suddenness. The dead men have never seen their foe; there has been no contest, no combat."

Should Hear of It.

"I witnessed an incident today the like of which I have seen before, the like of which is happening every day along these hundreds of miles of battle line. It is as well you should hear of it, who have a quiet roof over your heads, who wait placidly under your umbrellas at the street corner for your tram car."

"I was at a cross roads, and a vast amount of traffic was moving by it, lorries and wagons and panting motor-bikes and officers on horseback and ambulances. Far in front hung motionless in the air the long row of balloons that marked the circle of the front."

"It endured perhaps but two seconds before it precipitated that frightful tragedy towards which it was moving, but every second was an age. Every man who heard it held his breath."

"Now the whistle changed to a sudden plunging roar. A quarter of a ton was falling headlong through space and yet invisible. A rocking crash, and up from the road leaped a volcano of black earth and smoke and stones. The whole air filled itself with shrieking bits of metal, whirling, swaths of dust and choking fumes. Horses were plunging, men cursing. Above all rang the screams of mortal agony."

"I gazed with horror towards the spot and saw a wagon lying with its wheels up in the ditch. Its horses were motionless nearby. In the grass by the roadside lay some inert figures of men whose absolute motionless told its own tale."

"One thought of the homes suddenly emptied for away of mothers and wives and children that would wait in vain. And it has all been done by the unseen hand that had just pulled a string fifteen miles away."

Iowa Votes on Wet and Dry Question

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 15.—Iowa voters went to the polls in a special election today to ballot on a constitutional amendment to determine whether or not the manufacture and sale of liquor shall be prohibited. Defeat of the amendment means that, by legislative enactment, the state can again authorize the sale of liquor whenever a "wet" legislature sees fit to do so. Iowa has been dry for two years under statutory provision.

Something Rotten Delaying Victory For Allies, He Says

PARIS, Oct. 15.—Leon Daudet, editor of *L'Action Francaise*, who has taken a prominent part in the exposure of German intrigue in France, writes under the heading, "I am doing my duty in the plot against France," that every one had noticed since the war began that "there was something rotten somewhere which delayed the victory of the allies." He continues:

"This something was German money employed within the allied countries. There was the Bolo Pasha fund for corruption of the press, the Von Buelow fund for diplomatic intrigues, and the Hohenlohe fund for promoting crimes and sedition. The last named fund in my opinion was by far the most important."

"It was employed to promote the plot, carefully prepared for months, which broke out in both the army zone and the rear formations in May and June of this year. This plot nearly attained the results hoped for by the German government."

Merger of Friends' Mission Boards

Acting Secretary Ross Hadley of the Friends Board, Mrs. Harlow Lindley and Miss Carolyn Carpenter have returned from Indianapolis, where they attended sessions of the tenth centennial conference of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Union of Friends at Indianapolis.

The merging of the home and foreign missions under one constitution was the most important action taken. Hadley made an address Saturday night.

The smallest dependency of France is the Ile d'Hoëde, situated at the east of Belle Isle. Its population is 22.

150,000 Girl Scouts To Aid Food Administration, "To Save For A Soldier", Is Their Pledge



At top—Girl Scouts learning to use perishable foods.

Soldiers' Names on Church Honor Roll

Names of men who are serving Uncle Sam in the war, and who were members of St. Mary's Catholic church, will be posted on a roll of honor and hung in the church.

Already there have been twenty-five names posted of men who either enlisted or who were chosen for army service by the Richmond selective army board.

NURSE HAD POOR HEALTH

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STATE IN DIRE NEED OF COAL, WILSON IS TOLD

Seek Appointment of State Coal Director Within Forty-eight Hours.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 15.—Edgar D. Bush, Lieutenant Governor acting for Governor Goodrich, at noon today sent telegrams to President Wilson and to H. A. Garfield, federal fuel director, again expressing Indiana's dire need for federal relief in the coal situation through the appointment of a state coal director.

The telegrams, which were identical in wording, ask federal officials to take action by appointing some men to handle the Indiana situation "within forty-eight hours" and to answer "yes" or "no" as to whether such action would be taken.

The Lieutenant Governor meanwhile was to hold a conference this afternoon with President William Lowe Bryan of Indiana University who has been chosen by the Lieutenant Governor to proceed to Washington unless action toward appointing a state coal director is taken at once—and laid the serious situation existing in Indiana and directly before President Wilson.

American Ship so Well Camouflaged it Escapes Notice

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Oct. 15.—An American steamship which arrived here today from Europe was so cleverly camouflaged that freighter met 400 miles off the coast yesterday, did not sight her until the American vessel, suspecting the freighter might be a screen for a submarine, fired a blank shell.

The American ship used international code flags to demand to know the freighter's identity. The cargo vessel failed to reply, but when the shot was fired she immediately ran up the flag of Sweden, followed by a string of pennants, indicating she was carrying food to the Belgians. Later the Swedish ship reported she had failed to observe the American liner, owing to the latter's methods of concealment.

Meantime the American vessel fired a six-inch projectile at what was at first believed to be the periscope of a submarine hiding behind the freighter. The object proved to be a derelict spar. The shell reached its mark.

EAT WHAT YOU WANT WHEN YOU WANT IT

People who consistently deny their appetites some particular dish appealing especially to their palate because of its flavor, will think this a strong statement. It is a fact, however, that most people can, without fear of damage to health, increase their appetite within reason if the foods are active and regular.

Have dinner at late supper can be a joy with many if, before retiring, one will take a spoonful of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Replete a mild combination of simple ingredients which the druggists sell for fifty cents a bottle. Gentle in action and positive in effect, it regulates the bowel in a natural way, without griping or other discomfort, and is the ideal family laxative. Get a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup from your druggist and keep it in the house. Use it occasionally and you will find you can eat almost anything you like without fear of consequences. A trial bottle can be obtained free of charge by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 468 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

Will Advertise Art and Travel Course

The Education committee of the Art Association composed of Miss Mary E. Williams, chairman, Miss Carrie Lesh, Miss Alice Unthank, Miss Martha Whittacre, Miss Emma Leeson, Mrs. Kate Morgan, Miss Anna Lupton, Miss Hettie Elliott, Miss Ada Woodward, Miss Eva Johnston, Mrs. Clara Graves, Miss Agnes Stillinger and Miss Jane Dunlop, met Saturday afternoon at the High School.

The committee decided to distribute cards among the parents of the pupils advertising the Art and Travel Course at the night school.

The committee discussed plans for the coming year relative to interesting the community in art in the homes.

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