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GEAMANS FIRED WITH AMBITION TO HOLD BELGIUM

With German army at Brussels, via the Hague and London, May 13.—After a week with German officers in Belgium and France, I find absolute confidence in the German ranks that the Allies will never be able to penetrate the German lines. There is an equally firm belief in the success of the German offensive around Ypres. Officers told me that the fighting in that locality had been the bloodiest of the war. The British troops they said bore the brunt of the fighting and suffered unparalleled losses.

I spent a day in the first line trenches in Northern France. Our party breakfasted in the woods during a hot artillery fire. I noticed a decidedly favorable change in the attitude of the German officers towards America. Six Generals and one Bavarian Prince dined a party of neutral correspondents, who were alternately escorted everywhere along these sections of the battle front. The highest officer referred repeatedly to Germany's cordial relations with America. During one of the trips a Colonel kicked up an exploded shell stamped "U. S."

The German officers commented regretfully on the loss of life aboard the Lusitania, but added that it was imperative that Americans avoid belligerent ships.

CARL W. ACKERMAN.
PARIS, May 14.—The official eye witness with the French Army gives supplementary details of French suc-

cesses at Carency and Neuville, north of Arras. More than 3,400 prisoners, including forty officers, have been taken in this region since Sunday. The village of Carency is a heap of ruins, but these have been strongly fortified, rendering the fighting extremely difficult. The heights above the town are commanded by the road leading from Givenchy to Bethune.

PARIS, May 14.—Brilliant successes for the Allies in the great battle now being waged from Arras to the sea were claimed in despatches received here today that later confirmed by the War Office. In the woods east of Carency, French troops have captured additional trenches. Further gains, according to correspondents at the front, will force the Germans to North of Carency, Hill No. 125 has been taken up by the French after several days of desperate fighting.

Coupled with the gains elsewhere in this region the French have made important progress in the last twenty-four hours toward Lens, their main objective.

The British drive upon Labasse is proceeding satisfactorily, despite the admitted fact that the British have suffered heavy losses. Givenchy, which is in ruin, is now almost entirely in the hands of the British, who have advanced in the face of murderous machine gun fire. Fierce fighting around Neuville continues.

CHRISTIANITY AND MORAL VENGEANCE.

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not merely as members of the British Empire, but as participants in human civilization, to rise and strike with all our might the opponent of humanity and civilization who is stalking with crime the Continent of Europe today. You have foul, atrocious murders perpetrated by those who name the name of Christ and who claim God as their belligerent. Has the hour not come when, in our sanity, in our determination, civilized humanity as a whole should say, clear the path, that humanity may have its rights and the cause of God be advanced.

Yet there are people who in the name of religion would invite us to lay our neck beneath the foot of the oppressor and caress the very heel that would choke us. Are we going to look on indifferently, are we going to accept ignominiously the domination of power that is destroying liberty, that is crushing freedom, that is overthrowing public right? Are we to drown the voice of national honor that unparalleled crimes may be regarded as national necessities on the part of one nation? If that is Christianity then let us sweep it off the face of the earth for ever.

Dr. Fullerton then referred to the atrocious murder of the hundreds on the Lusitania and the noble way in which they met death, and in this connection he said that the Anglo-Saxon

race might well feel proud of the splendid heroism that was there made manifest. He said:

"We have the consolation of knowing that though their bodies went down, down into the deep, their spirits were emancipated and let home to the Eternal God. Think of it! A nation that claims God, that professes to stand for the ideals of the Christ, cannot fight by fair means but must resort to foul. This is a colossal crime, a sin against Almighty God; a premeditated murder, a relapse into dark and savage barbarism and on the part of a nation that claims culture! It would be an insult to the Holy Ghost whom we worship, nothing short of treachery, to remain silent in the face of such a crime. It would be unjust to humanity to allow this monstrous deed to go unpunished. If this thing must go on our civilization must cease and we had better cease at the same time prating about the cross and its powers.

After eloquently dealing with the savagery of the Huns, Dr. Fullerton concluded:

"We believe that our arms will triumph, that in the hour of victory 'Peace will have her victorious no less renowned than war,' and one of these great victories will be the rendering impossible for all time the indescribable inhumanities that have characterized our foe in this war."

SIR EDWARD CASSEL'S OPINION OF GERMANS

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, May 16.—In an interview today, Sir Edward Cassel, Privy Councillor of the German Birth, said:

"Words fail me to express my deep sorrow at the manner in which this war is conducted by Germany. I have looked upon her as one of the most civilized and humane of nations, so it was difficult to believe the first accounts of atrocities in Belgium and France. Alas, they are only too true. Since then the disregard of non-belligerent life has increased, culminating in the sinking of the Lusitania. Methods of warfare have been adopted such as poisonous wells, and the use of poisonous gases which are a blot on civilization."

"Have you any word for the people of German blood in the United States?" he was asked.

"I do not see how they could change the situation. The German nation appears to have gone mad."

"Why should you and those who agree with you attempt to express your conviction effectively?"

"No word can change Germany's purpose, she intends to subjugate all opposition if ruthless war can do it. Terrorism is a fundamental principle of her policy."

DOUBLE DROWNING AT CLARK'S HARBOR.

YARMOUTH, N. S., May 14.—The body of William Carly, an Indian guide, sixty years of age, was found yesterday floating in Big Publico Lake. Three months ago he left to cross the lake looking after his traps and disappeared.

Abram Tony, another Indian guide, was found dead on the road at Pleasant Lake, Yarmouth, Wednesday. He was in the habit of going to town on a bicycle with his catch of trout. He was seized with heart trouble.

Ephraim Nickerson, 38 years of Clark's Harbor was drowned yesterday afternoon when he, with Thomas Nickerson, of Howks Point, were upset from a boat while hauling lobster traps.

LANGEMARCK.

Long shall the deathless story live
Of Langemarck's bloody day,
When fierce Germania's legions drove,
Up-rolling westward, wave on wave,
And swept the French defenders
Rearward in gory fray.

The thundering guns their voices raised,
Attuned to deadly fire;
The huriling bomb and hissing shell
Made war's deep diapason swell,
Till all became a seething hell,
Out-limed in sulphurous fire!

The German hordes in madness charged,
And mighty was their force;
Right through the lines they burst
Their way,
And dread the story of that day
Were not our heroes there to stay.
The Teuton's desperate course.

Then, was it that young Canada
Displayed their mettle tried;
With courage grand they meet that
shock
And like some stern, unyielding rock
That scorns the tide, e'en thus they
mock
The foe-man's wrath and pride:

Long shall their glorious deeds be
praised
Where Britons gathered he;
And Langemarck's lasting fame en-
scrolled
On stone and brass, for aye unfold
The memory of those heroes bold
Who died to keep us free!

J. B. D.
Toronto, April 29.

PARIS PRESS IS PLEASED WITH NOTE.

PARIS, May 14.—The official version of President Wilson's note to Germany is highly praised by this morning's papers. It shows, says the "Figaro," that "the era of banal protests is over and Germany must give formal guarantees that she will not permit similar crimes in future."

It breaks these promises, America will proceed to act. The United States perhaps will not go far as war for it will not be necessary. It is possible the United States may take the initiative in the organization of a defence league of neutrals, which will transform the passive neutrality of non-belligerents into active neutrality, which will manifest itself to begin with by an absolute and complete boycott of Germany, which will definitely place her beyond the pale of civilization. We can in any case be sure the United States will exact full and entire satisfaction."

YOUNG THREE RIVERS BOY FOUND DEAD.

THREE RIVERS, Que., May 14.—A lad named Manseau, aged 9 years, who left home Tuesday noon, was found dead near the military targets about a mile back of the city. He had a wound behind the ear, and an open pocket knife was lying near, also several cartridges in his pocket. He is supposed to have been shot by young companions. The police and coroner are working on the case.

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PEARL GIRLS.

Japan captured Tsing-tao by the regular processes of warfare. Its soldiers and sailors proved sufficient without the aid of women, yet a hundred Japanese girls had offered to help and their offer was declined for reasons of chivalry and tradition, not because they could not have made them selves useful. The girls did not expect to fight, but they volunteered for a task as dangerous as any on the firing line.

They were young women of the province of Shima, divers by profession, and what they asked leave to do was to dive in the mine strewn waters that guarded the German fortress to find and retrieve the mines. Trained from earliest childhood, they are wonderful divers, able to remain under water for an amazingly long time and to see light of the depths. They believed they could slip overboard from the Japanese warships, swim unnoticed to the mine fields, and perhaps dive for some time undiscovered, if discovered, they would offer such small and elusive targets that they might be able to complete their task even under fire. In Japan, where pearl fishing is an important industry, nine tenths of the pearl divers are women. Tiny girls, mere babies, are taught by their mothers to swim and later to dive; the seashore is their playground, and at thirteen or fourteen, when they are in school, they are usually ready to begin diving in earnest. A good mother superintends her daughter's diving exercises as carefully and instructs her as any good German Hausfrau in instructs her daughter in domestic tasks.

A girl does not reach her highest point of efficiency until she is about twenty-five years old. She works from eight to ten hours a day, with only two holidays a month, diving in from fifteen to forty-five feet of water. January and February are too cold for all day work, but even then she often spends from one to five hours daily on and under the water. She wears

THE CURSE OF THE HAPSBURGS.

The reign of Francis Joseph has been a long and troubled one, but the troubles of his family life have been far greater than those of his dominion. Many of his nearest and dearest relatives have met violent deaths. His brother, Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, was deposed and afterwards shot by Juarez. The Crown Prince Rudolph met a tragic death, the mystery surrounding this has never been cleared up, but the generally accepted version is that he was a suicide. Another cruel blow was the assassination of the Empress Elizabeth—one of the kindest and best of women—just as the preparations for the celebration of the Emperor's 50th anniversary were about completed. The disappearance of Archduke John, the messalliance of Archduke Henry, and of Stephanie, widow of Rudolph, are among the many minor troubles that have fallen to his lot. The Curse of the Hapsburgs is laid heavily on Francis Joseph. There are several versions of the origin of this curse, one is that Countess Karoliz, frantic

The Soft Spot

Boatswain (to newly joined Cadet) —"Come, my little man, you must cry on board of one of Her Majesty's ships of war. Did your mother cry when you left?"

Cadet—"Yes, sir."

Boatswain—"Silly old woman! And did your sister cry?"

Cadet—"Yes sir!"

Boatswain—"Stupid little thing! And did your father cry?"

Cadet—"No sir!"

Boatswain—"Ard-hearted old beggar!"—Punch.

A Clash of Wits

He—"I love you."

She—"But I haven't a cent in the world."

He—"Excuse me, you don't allow me to finish. I love you not."

She—"So! I only wanted to try you. I have a fortune of \$50,000."

He—"Yes, but you interrupted me again.—I love you not for your money's sake."

She—"Well, I'm so glad, for that was only a joke about the \$50,000."

Even Worse

Patrice—"Is there anything as bad as being all dressed up and nowhere to go?"

Penelope—"Yes; fixing for company and having nobody call."

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