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THE BRAVE WORDS AND GALLANT DEATH OF CAPT. NORMAN LESLIE

"Try and not worry too much about the war; anyway units, individuals, cannot count. Remember we are writing a new page of history. Future generations cannot be allowed to read the decline of the British Empire and attribute it to us. But count the loss tonight. It is far better to go out with honor than survive with shame."—Capt. Norman Leslie.

Of all the noble words, and they are many and eloquent, which the war has inspired, none shines with a purer radiance than this last message sent to a friend by Capt. Norman Leslie, writes "an Englishman" in the London Daily Mail. They are plain words, the words of a soldier, there is no vaunting in them, no clamor for fame or glory, but, what is far greater, a perfect modesty and abnegation of self.

Capt. Leslie, who bravely and cheerfully gave his life for his country, took a martial view of his duty and his fate. He knew himself, but a part of a vast "British Unit." He refused to exalt the man, the individual. "We live our little lives and die," he said, and thanked God that to some, and to him among them, was given a chance of proving their courage. The loss he counted as naught, for he knew, like the hero that he was, that the gain to the empire was incalculable.

"Greater love hath no man..." So long as there are Englishmen to look upon death and duty with Capt. Leslie's serene confidence we may be sure of the victory. Yet it is not for us, who stay at home to accept the soldier's estimate of the sacrifice which he makes. At the call of his country he gives us the free gift of his life and tells us in his simple phrase not to worry too much about it. Even if we could escape the worry we cannot and we shall not evade the claim of glory. It is in vain that we seek comfort in the commonplace of the philosopher. We guard our lives carefully, even in the very moment that we declare that we are ready, booted and spurred, to depart. And in our hearts we know that "greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

But the gratitude which we owe to such heroes as Capt. Leslie and the men who have fallen with him should not be a thing of mere lip service. A gift, which is a deed, asks a deed in exchange, and for every soldier that falls on the field there should be ten ready to take his place. That is the only reparation that we would demand; it is the only reparation that we can give. "It is far better to go out with honor than survive with shame." There is a call which comes to us from the grave, a call which all who believe in their country's destiny know will be answered.

The Army clamors for recruits and there are still some who lag behind. They understand not the necessity, maybe, or their duty is not set before them with sufficient clarity. Where, if we need a trumpet call, shall we find one louder and deeper than that which rings in Capt. Leslie's gallant words? Let all Englishmen hear them, and they will not fail us in our need. "Remember we are writing a new page of history. Future generations cannot be allowed to read the decline of the British Empire and attribute it to us."

KELVIN

While on the road to Brantford on Saturday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Andrews, met with quite an accident. As they were driving through the village of Scotland, the horse took fright and ran nearly to Oakland, upsetting the rig, throwing both occupants out. Mrs. Andrews was uninjured, but Mr. Andrews received a severe bruise on the side of his head, which has caused him a great deal of pain. However, we hope he may soon recover under the skillful treatment of Dr. Chamberlain, of Kelvin.

The friends here feel very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Miles Wood of Norwich. He was a former resident of this place.

Mr. Richardson of Toledo, Ohio, was through this section on business one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Almas spent Sunday with friends in Scotland.

Mrs. J. N. Ramsay is quite poorly, indeed. We hope for her early recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Roswell spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Almas of this place.

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Graphic Incidents of the War, Told in Soldiers' Letters and by Wounded Men From the Front.

An account of very recent fighting near the Lys is given in the following letter from an officer, which has been placed at the disposal of the London Morning Post:

"Just a line to let you know that we have had a most frightful fight last Saturday night and then again on Sunday morning. It happened like this: Since Friday we held two miles of country near the River Lys in front of a village called Wytsate, and during the first day we were there nothing happened much except that we sniped a few Germans at long range, but during the second night, about two in the morning, the Germans delivered a terrific attack, which was directed almost entirely against this regiment. "Perhaps, a slight, I have never seen anything better, as the Germans advanced in the most gallant way, shouting and screaming at the top of their voices, and in numbers they seemed to come just like a lot of locusts, and in the light of the moon they seemed to be never ending."

"Our position on the whole, I think, was a goodish one, except just where my trench was placed, so I gave my men another order, so that I had 60 rifles to sweep the ground in front of me. The reason why my position was bad was because I had a small farm behind, and the Germans might reach without being seen."

"I was woke up about 2 a.m. by one of the sentries in my trench, who told me thought the Germans were going to make an attack, so, standing by my arms, we heard shouting and screaming, which seemed to come from 700 or 800 yards away. We stayed perfectly quiet for about ten minutes, listening to a perfect babel of voices, which sounded as if thousands of drunken men were coming towards us, and then within the wood in front of us we saw line after line of German infantry advancing, the main body of which swung off left-handed in front of the 1st Life Guards' trench. We then let them come within 300 yards of us, and let drive into them as thick as we could shoot, in thousands. But there were too many of them; it did not seem to make much difference; and on they came until they reached the 1st Life Guards' trench, where a devil of a bayonet fight started, when, pressed back by the numbers, they were eventually driven out (1st Life Guards), but rallied again by M— W—, who was already shot in the side, they made a counter attack and drove the Germans out again in the most gallant way."

A GERMAN DECOY.
"We then retired through the village, after firing a few shots at the enemy, and found outside a company of the North Staffshires, whom we formed up with, and were able, during the rest of the night, to keep the Germans in the village. About six in the morning, however, out came the Germans, and we had to retire a quarter of a mile, where we found that half a battalion of North Staffshires and one battalion of Leicesters had just arrived. We then determined to attack the village again, and see if we could not get into it, so, reinforced by these, we ran under a good heavy fire again towards Wytsate, where eventually the leading company managed to get in."

The most disgusting show I have ever seen then started, as I think the Germans had rats decoyed us in. The result was that the leading company, as well as 220, were practically killed as a man, and half the support company, with which I was, as they had the range of the ground where we were with a machine gun, and every man who did not happen to be behind good cover were killed to a man. Luckily I and about twelve Blues with me, got behind a house, but the Leicesters, who gallantly lined a hedge, were practically exterminated. I never want to see anything like it again; they were simply killed like so many sheep, and the sights made me, even in the excitement of the moment, quite sick."

"The cheery subaltern in command of the half company which I was with said to me: 'What are we to do; we cannot get on, and we obviously cannot get back,' and so I said: 'We must try and get out and run like fun.' So back we went, and I do not think, except perhaps the occasion of a fortnight ago down by the Lys, I have ever run so fast in my life. After we had run back to our old positions we found the Brigadier with the rest of the Brigade, and we were able, till French reinforcements came up, to hold the Germans back. The next day the 1st Lancers made a counter-attack over the ground we had held, and they said the ground in front of our position was simply covered with dead Germans. They said that in front of us alone there must have been at least 700 dead. How many of the poor brutes went away wounded I do not know, but I should say, perhaps a couple of thousand, as they came on so thick you simply could not miss them. We were told officially next day that we had been attacked by sixteen infantry battalions, that is about 16,000 men. This, of course, means a big figure. A great communique came round the following day from Gough, congratulating the Brigade on the way they had fought. I think B— will be mentioned in despatches, and quite rightly, too, as he behaved splendidly."

Our idea of an all-Canadian team would be fourteen modern Franksteins with the build of a bunch of Lawsons, Burkharts, McKenzies and Labreters, endowed with the brains, skill and speed of a Laing and the courage of a Quilty.

Johnson, accompanied by his wife and attended by his usual retinue of managers and sparring partners, invaded the American embassy at London yesterday and clamored to have "my map stamped."

What with getting married, appearing in vaudeville, making talks to the Y.M.C.A. and being the guest of honor at banquets in his honor wherever he goes, Walter Maraville manages to keep before the Stove League pretty well, thank you. And for a younger undersized, hardly out of his teens and destined by his father to be a tinsmith, he's doing well financially. Maraville will clean up about \$15,000 on the season, salary, world's series money, vaudeville and all. That's more than most tinner apprentices make.

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Charley Somers thinks the Naps had too many stars last season. The stars were almost as numerous as the fans.

If peace is arranged in baseball somebody is going to lose a lot of money. Can you imagine a baseball magnate parting with money without the aid of an anesthetic?

THE LAW OF THE GAME

No matter how good they are, No matter their rank or fame; No matter the grip they tighten with; In the whirl and swirl of the Game; No matter the stride they hold; If they follow the long trail through; Some day another will come along— With more than they ever knew.

No matter how fast they look, No matter how great their day, No matter the power and speed they show

War and revolution may come and go, but nothing seems to interfere with horse racing at Juarez, Mexico. The 100-day meet has begun and a fair lot of horses are on the scene.

Almost two months since the world's series was played, so we may expect the films along shortly. It's a long road from Philadelphia and Boston donchuno.

It is difficult in Canada to reconcile the expressions of many of the leading English newspapers with the previous information received that already 100,000 football players had joined the colors, and that thousands more were undergoing military drill at their training quarters, ready to answer the call.

And further, that Lord Kitchener told the football Association that there was no need for stopping the game. "There was nothing better for restraining depression and keeping up the hearts of the people," he said. All the same, it may be that many young men would rather shun than fight, and it is likely that the writers are trying to get at

BUSINESS

A close decision now and then is relished by all fighting men. The experts argue and then the fighters sign to meet again. Cigarettes, according to a well-known highbrow, place a ban on success. But have you ever seen a picture of a successful aviator without a cigarette in his mouth.

Eddie Collins says he is willing to manage the Yanks, confirming the widespread opinion that he is a game guy and a glutton for punishment.

Possibly you can say off hand how the series stands between the All-American and All-National baseball teams. If you can you are a hopeless baseball fan.

MOBILIZATION

"Let monarchs mobilize their troops," the bush league magnate hollers.

In the wrack and wreck of the fray, No matter that thousands crown Them king of a nation's fad, Some day another will reap the field With something they never had.

As Time and the Race of Man; As old as the bear of heart and pulse, In the first dim dawn of their land, No matter the height they keep On the crest where their drama swords gleamed, Some day another will storm the walls With more than they ever dreamed.

—Grandland Rice.

BERLIN VERSION

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—A cable from London to the Herald this morning says: "The Berlin version of the events in Poland was made public last night in a despatch reaching here via The Hague, and which said that the presence of the Kaiser at Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's headquarters is interpreted as indicating that everything is thought to be going well."

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