

MR. LLOYD GEORGE QUOTES PRECEDENT

He Shows How the French Respected Their Treaty Obligations to Belgium Though it Meant Ruin

Mr. Lloyd George is a speech at the Queen's Hall, London, brought out one point in the case against Germany. He said:

"This was not the only country to defend Belgium and her integrity. Russia, France, Austria and Prussia—they are all there. Why did they not perform the obligation? It is suggested that when you quote this treaty, it is purely an excuse on our part. It is our low craft and cunning, just to cloak our jealousy of a superior civilization which we are attempting to destroy.

"Our answer is the action we took in 1870. What was that? Mr. Gladstone, was then Prime Minister, Lord Grenville, I think was then Foreign Secretary. I have never heard it



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alleged to their charge that they were ever Jingo. What did they do in 1870? We called upon the belligerent powers to respect that treaty. We called upon France, we called upon Germany. At that time, when in mind, the greatest danger to Belgium came from France and not from Germany. We intervened to protect Belgium against France exactly in the same way. We invited both the belligerent powers to state that they had no intention of violating Belgian territory. What was the answer given by Bismarck? He said it was superfluous to ask Prussia such a question in view of the treaties in force. France gave a similar answer.

"We received the thanks at that time of the Belgian people for our intervention in a very remarkable document. This is in a document addressed by the municipality of Brussels to Queen Victoria after that intervention:

"The great and noble people over whose destinies you preside have just given a further proof of its benevolent sentiments towards this country. The voice of the English nation has been heard above the din of arms. It has asserted the principles of justice and right. Next to the unalterable attachment of the Belgian people to their independence the strongest sentiment which fills their hearts is that of an imperishable gratitude to the people of Great Britain."

"That was in 1870. Mark what follows. Three or four days after that document of thanks the French army was wedged up against the Belgian frontier. Every means of escape shut up by a ring of flame from Prussian cannon. There was one way of escape. What was that? By violating the neutrality of Belgium. What did they do? The French on that occasion preferred ruin, humiliation to the breaking of their bond.

"The French Emperor, French marshals, 100,000 gallant Frenchmen in arms preferred to be carried captive to the strange land of their enemy rather than dishonor the name of their country. It was the last French army defeat. Had they violated Belgian neutrality the whole history of that war would have been changed. And yet it was the interest of France to break the treaty. She did not do it. It was the interest of Prussia to break the treaty, and she has done it. Well, why? She avowed it with cynical contempt for every principle of justice. She says treaties only bind you when it is to your interest to keep them. What is a treaty? says the German Chancellor, 'a scrap of paper.'"

FRENCH RUNNER KILLED

Jean Boulin, Wonderful Distance Man, Fell in Battle

The news of the death of Jean Boulin, the great French distance runner, on the field of battle in France, cast a pall of deep and genuine sadness over all those who had the pleasure of meeting the flashing Frenchman who held the world's amateur record for running one hour. As an athlete Boulin was superb—every inch of him. He had everything—speed, strength, and a type of bulldog grit that is supposed to be found only in an Englishman. No person who saw the 1912 Olympics at Stockholm will ever forget the superb race this Boulin ran against Hannes Kolehmainen. The distance was three miles and nearly 200 yards (5,000 metres). At the crack of the gun Boulin bounded away like a sprinter, and ran in the van until within fifty yards from home, where Kolehmainen jumped up beside the Frenchman and beat him to the tape by less than one foot.

Blacksmith Used His Hammer
A company of British dragoons, called unexpectedly into action, were accompanied by their fARRIER, who turned only with a sledge hammer, have a good account of himself.

The Hobson prohibition amendment was defeated in the United States after a full day's debate.

GENERAL FRENCH FIRST SAW DANGER, BAULKED THE GERMAN CALAIS PLANS WITH A THIN RED LINE OF HEROES

"No more arduous task has ever been assigned to British soldiers, and in all their splendid history there is no instance of their having answered so magnificently to the desperate calls which of necessity were made upon them.

"Words fail me to express the admiration I feel for their conduct, or my sense of the incalculable services they rendered. I venture to predict that their deeds during these days of stress and trial will furnish some of the most brilliant chapters which will be found in the military history of our time. Sir John French.

High appreciations have been given by the British press to the historic and memorable despatch of Sir John French from which the above paragraphs are taken.

"We see very clearly," says the Times military correspondent, "that it was the field-marshal commanding the Anglo-Indian forces in France who first appreciated the gravity of the German movement in the north, and first took decisive measures to arrest it. It was on his initiative that the army under his command was dexterously withdrawn from the Aisne, bodily transferred to the north and placed athwart the German line of advance on Calais.

"Will and character dominate every other quality in war, and it is first and foremost because Sir John French possesses these qualities in an eminent degree, and is not afraid to ask of his troops the impossible, that our intrepid army in Flanders has added glorious pages to its immortal history.

"Never, in its noblest days, has the British army covered itself with greater glory than in this battle, and never have commanders and troops deserved better of their country. Even if the German reinforcements, thrust in after corps, enabled the enemy to score a few local successes, the fact remains that the allies stood at the close of the fighting, and stand now, many miles east of the line where the fighting began, and that sixteen German army corps, after losing 200,000 men, have not been able to displace them.

"The honors of the battle are shared by the three armies under General Foch which fought so gallantly and afforded us such welcome support; nor can we forget the French marines and the Belgians who shared in the hardships of the stricken field. Great is the honor that one and all have deserved, and never will the mighty deeds of the heroes who fought in the great battle of Flanders be forgotten by their grateful fellow-countrymen."

Sport Notes

NO MID-WEEK GAMES FOR ENGLISH CUP
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Football Association has decided that no cup ties can be played during the mid-week. They must be played on Saturdays if a gate is to be taken.

The association also decided that the cup final cannot be played this year at Crystal Palace, and another venue must be found.

SCOTTISH CUP TIES ARE ABANDONED AT WAR OFFICE REQUEST
LONDON, Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the Scottish Football Association last night it was decided by 14 votes to 13 not to proceed with the Scottish Cup ties this season. This decision is in accordance with the recommendation of a deputation which recently interviewed the War Office authorities.

M'COY SHADED THE SOLDIER
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Middleweight Champion Al McCoy was shaded by Soldier Bartfield in a ten-round bout at the Broadway A. C. in Brooklyn last night. It was a poor fight.

OFFER WHITE, \$10,000 TO BOX WELSH AGAIN.
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Charley White may get another whack at Champion Freddie Welsh shortly. Jimmie Johnson, the Garden matchmaker, yesterday wired White in Chicago offering him a guarantee of \$10,000 to fight Welsh next month, providing he (White) defeated Young Shugrue in their bout at New York next Tuesday night.

WALCOT UNDERTOOK TO FIGHT HIGH AND LOW
No fighter in the ring to-day is prepared to do the stunts that made Joe Walcott famous.

Joe met fighters of all weights. He was a welter and easily remained at 142 pounds, but he took on the biggest men in the ring when in his prime.

He knocked out Joe Choyinski in seven rounds when Joe had to his credit a drawn battle with Jeffries. Joe made one mistake. He tried to fight in the lightweight class and take the title from Kid Lavigne.

When he trained down to 133 pounds he found himself so weak he could not make any kind of a showing against Lavigne.

The two fought a fifteen-round draw in 1895 and Lavigne won in twelve rounds in San Francisco in 1897.

WHY GEO. STALLINGS SHIFTS HIS OUTFIELD
George Stallings is convinced that much of the success of the Braves is due to the double outfield system. The idea of using a right-handed or left-handed trio of batters, as the pitching situation might require, came to Stallings early last year. At that time he did not have outfielders enough of both persuasions to put the scheme into practice. Later, by trading Perdue, he secured Miller and Whited, two right-handed hitters, and was able to put the shift in operation.

"Most of the other managers did not approve of my scheme of shifting men, and one of the newspapers began to kid the club by saying that nobody could determine the regular line-up from day to day," writes Stallings, and he adds: "But I have a no-nonsense attitude on these things. I will pay attention to the shift next year, because it is a great way to beat a left-hander, one of the best, when he sees almost an entire team marching up to the plate and facing him from the right side of the plate. Even some of the managers who hinted that George Stallings was crazy when I first pulled it may do some experimenting with it."

"In terse and simple language" says the Pall Mall, "yet in words which will ring through the Empire, Sir John French tells the story of the fight for Calais. This is the most graphic account of the work done by the army which we have yet had from the Commander-in-Chief, for the names and deeds of the regiments which have distinguished themselves are allowed to appear, and a long and noble list it is. English, Scottish, Irish, and Indian regiments, Regulars and Territorials, the Army of the Empire is united in sacrifice and glory.

"The quality of the whole is summed up in the Field-Marshal's words that the frustration of the Kaiser's dearest hope is due entirely to the marvellous fighting power, and the indomitable courage and tenacity of officers, non-commissioned officers and men. Their leaders demanded of them almost more than it seemed possible for human hardihood to give. But they judged the quality of the army right, and it rose superior to every call made upon it.

HEROISM AND SUFFERING
"Reading this glorious chapter of heroism and suffering, how can any man of age and condition to serve endure to sit idly by at home? Day after day, night after night, our hard-bitten soldiery have fought and killed while the line of battle swayed backwards and forwards. Always outnumbered, but never outought, they have seen fresh masses of the enemy piled against them, and nerved themselves to resist anew while their most trusted leaders and their bravest comrades drooped beside them. The thin stream of reinforcements, welcome and significant as it was, with the dark faces of the Indians among the troops, brought no relief to the thin and much-enduring line. They only sufficed to prolong it to the sea, so that the enemy might fail to reach round what he could not break.

"Had there been half a million more British soldiers available, Sir John French might have been able to record something more than a stubborn defensive and eventual felling of the enemy. There were great and greivous gaps in the splendid regiments which have fought so well. These, we know, have been filled, and the record of their deeds will send many more men to the colors to fight in the historic corps. But more is needed, much more, to reap the fruits of French and British heroism. The Third Book of Sir John French's Iliad should stir the spirit of English manhood, and send it by the thousand to the recruiting stations."

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LITTLE JAP ASKS CHANCE AT THE BIG WRESTLERS
Martin Julian takes exception to the claim of Tarro Mipake as jiu jitsu champion. Says he:

"An expert in the famous Japanese sport by the name of Yamato Taka whom I manage, is the champion. Taka has just arrived in this country from South America. He has been touring the world for the last two years and has beaten everybody that has been pitted against him.

"My man Taka, will agree to throw Gotch, Zbyszko, Hackenschmidt or any of the great big fellows, at jiu jitsu, of course. He only weighs about 160 pounds and it would be a novel sight for the public to see him toss these fellows who weigh many pounds more than he does. Taka will also wrestle and guarantee to throw any wrestler his weight at catch-as-catch-can."

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BELGIANS CROSS AND WIN A STRAT

Many German Prisoners in Ranks of Belgium

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Times correspondent on the Belgian front telegraphs:

"The Belgian troops succeeded yesterday in crossing the Yser near St. Georges in the direction Mannekenvre and establish themselves firmly in spite of a murderous fire. This is an important success. The destruction of the parts of the Belgian front progress gradual, but continuous.

"Depression has overcome the German troops on the Yser, who are tired of fighting vainly in a cold and comfortless land far from their homes. Batches of prisoners have been brought regularly into Flanders every day since the fighting around Nieupoort began again.

"There is considerable activity of the whole of the allies' front in the north. The British guns near Arras have been booming hard and have reason to believe appreciable advances have been made toward clearing Lille of Germans.

"The shelling by the Germans of the hospital in the convent of St. Coeur at Ypres, has compelled surgeons to have the wounded removed. The destruction of the hospital is very much to be deplored. The German gunners doubtless were aiming at the railway station, but fact remains that ever since the bombardment began shells have not

HOW TO AV IS TOLD BY RH
[By Special Wire to the Courier]
DUNKIRK, France, via London, Dec. 24.—A resident of Rheims, who has survived all the successive bombardments of that city advises against taking to the cellar in case of bombardment.

Two of the Rheims hotel were blown into rubbish while I was sleeping in them, he says. "In each instance, most of the people in the hotels took refuge in the cellars, came to losing their lives when the mortar came tumbling in on them. If your house is blown the ruins most certainly will be you in your cellar and you will time end by asphyxiation.

"I had calculated correctly that part of the city where I was living would come under fire from the

AUSTRIA MAKES ADMISSION OF HEAVY DEFEE

A Whole Army Was the Victim of a Servian Success.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—An official communication issued in Vienna gives the result of inquiries made of a high military officer into the details of the Austrians by the Servians follows:

"After he had gained successive chief in command of the Bosnian forces intended to complete the feat of the enemy, but did not sufficient regard to the difficult. Bad weather made the condition the few roads which lead across barren country worse, so that it impossible to supply the army the necessary provisions and ammunition. At the same time, the collected fresh forces and opened attack, the offensive had been up.

"It was thought prudent not to force decisive battle under these unfavorable circumstances. Forced by these conditions, our troops retreated from Servia, but they are not defeated. That we suffered severe losses and war material is inevitable.