

# ACCURACY OF ALLIES' ARTILLERY FIRE MADE TRENCHES UNTENABLE FOR THE GERMANS

## EYE-WITNESS DESCRIBES TRENCH WARFARE IN THE WESTERN WAR THEATRE

### Desperate Fighting at Close Range for Possession of Trenches — Attackers Literally Wiped Out in Onslaught on French Positions — German Soldier Hurlled Across Canal by Detonation of British Lyddite Shell.

London, Feb. 7.—A graphic description of the trench warfare which has prevailed on the western front for many weeks is given by the British "eye-witness" in his description of German attacks on British lines and British counter-attacks, which were made last Monday. He says: "The Germans again attacked south of La Bassee Canal, but not in such strength as on previous occasions. Fighting began in the early hours of the morning with an assault on a small trench close to the canal. This was successful, two local counter-attacks carried out by us failed to regain the ground lost. "When daylight came, however, our artillery opened such an accurate fire on the enemy that their position became untenable. A stronger counter-attack then was delivered, and our men, rushing forward, not only drove the Germans from the trench they had captured, but seized another post on the enemy's side of it, on an embankment, and we now had established ourselves in one of them. "Our supports then came up, and passing through our firing line, holding the first of the enemy's posts, rushed on to the second, driving out the garrison at the point of the bayonet. There our men were enabled to take in the flank of the enemy's trenches to the south. "Along the line they fought their way, throwing hand grenades until they had dislodged the Germans on a

considerable length. We thus established ourselves firmly in an advantageous position on the canal bank and in adjoining trenches. During this action we captured fourteen prisoners, many wounded and two machine guns. Our losses were not severe, but the enemy suffered heavily, especially from our artillery fire. "Speaking of three 'singularly' attacks on the French, south of the Bethune road, the 'eye-witness' says the Germans reached the French trenches, and they were almost literally wiped out, seventy-five bodies being counted in front of the defender's line. It was reported that not more than two or three of them escaped. He continues: "The enemy's losses in La Bassee are apt to have been very heavy. The reason for their activity along the canal was that they had suffered severely from an exploding fire, brought to bear upon them by one of our machine guns from a post they attacked. In two days one of their companies had lost thirty men from shell fire alone. "Giving some instances of the forces of modern explosives the eye-witness says a mine which the Germans fired under one of the British trenches hurled a piece of rail weighing twenty-five pounds a distance of over a mile, while the detonation of one of the British Lyddite shells hurled a German soldier across the railway and canal.

## Russian School Girl Under Fire From Enemy Carries Bullets to Czar's Soldiers

### Heroine of Battle Opatowa Reached Front Disguised as Man—Twice Wounded—Received Decoration of Order of St. George.

Petrograd, Feb. 6.—Natalia Tychni, a high school girl of Kiev, has received the decoration of the Order of St. George for distinguished services at the front. Under a heavy fire at Opatowa in the campaign against the Austrians, the girl carried ammunition to the trenches, and attended wounded men. She was wounded twice.

The girl arrived at the front with a detachment of volunteers, dressed as a man. After being wounded she was left lying on the field when the Russians retired, and was attended by Austrian Red Cross workers. When the Russian re-took Opatowa, she was discovered in a hospital there, and sent back to Kiev.

## OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

### FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 7.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office this evening: "In the night of February 6-7 the enemy delivered, in the region of Neuport, several minor attacks, all of which were repulsed. "There is nothing to report concerning the operations of February 7, except the bombardment of district to the north of Soissons. "This afternoon's statement was as follows: "In Belgium the day of February 6 has been quiet. Between the canal and the road from Bethune to La Bassée, a kilometre east of Guinchy, a brick yard, where the enemy had maintained a position up to this time, has been taken by the English. "In the sector of Arras to the north of Ecurie, the German batteries have bombarded the trench captured by us on February 4, but there has been no infantry attack. "From Arras to Rheims there have been artillery fighting, in which we have had the advantage. "In Champagne, we have repulsed an attack by a battalion to the north of Beausejour. "From the Argonne to the Vosges artillery combats have been handicapped in the mountain region by a thick fog. "Last night's official statement read: "The only events worthy of note which have been reported this evening are the very efficient fire maintained by our artillery in Belgium and in the Valley of the Aisne, and slight progress which our troops have made in Champagne, to the north of Messines."

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## WOMEN SEARCH FOR LOVED ONES IN RUINS OF ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE



WOMEN SEARCHED FRANTICALLY AMONG RUINS, TRUSTING SOME DEAR ONE MIGHT BE ALIVE. In the earthquake that rocked all of Italy but a few days ago there followed some heartrending scenes. Frantic women, who miraculously escaped from the awful catastrophe, plunged madly among the ruins, trusting that they might find some of their dear ones alive. The accompanying picture shows the unfortunate women engaged in this work, most of whom were saddened by failing to recover any of their beloved ones.

## WAR'S EFFECTS ON CANADIAN TRADE

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—The latest Canadian trade returns, issued by the Department of Trade and Commerce, indicate that the Dominion's trade, although falling off with Great Britain and nearly every other country, owing to the war conditions, is still rapidly increasing with the United States. The interruption of Atlantic transports since during August last, resulted in the diversion to the United States of a considerable amount of Canadian import and export trade. For the twelve months ending with November last, Canadian trade with the United States aggregated \$664,323,000, an increase of nearly \$48,000,000, as compared with the preceding 12 months. Canada's trade with Great Britain during the same period totalled \$238,696,000, a decrease of nearly \$60,000,000, as compared with 1913. Canadian imports from the United States increased during the year by \$28,000,000 and exports to the United States by \$19,000,000. On the other hand Canada's imports from Great Britain decreased by \$40,000,000, while exports decreased by nearly \$70,000,000. J. B. Daggart, secretary of the department of agriculture, was in the city on Saturday. Knox wires them from \$25.00 up.

## BANKS IN GERMANY CUTTING DIVIDENDS

Berlin, Feb. 7.—The Berliner Tageblatt says it learns that the Dresdner Bank will pay a six per cent dividend this year, instead of eight and a half per cent, as previously. It is also stated that the National Bank of Deutschland has announced that it will pass its dividend. This bank paid six per cent last year. A. G. Turney, provincial horticulturist, is at the Victoria. J. B. Daggart, secretary of the department of agriculture, was in the city on Saturday.

## SHE GOT BACK PICTURE OF HER BACK YOUNG MAN WAS ACCUSED OF STEALING



Due to the efforts of the police prosecutor of Cleveland, Ohio, a youth was compelled to bring back a picture of a back, and one young lady, Miss Edna Tyler, is duly happy. The young man in question was accused of having stolen her picture, and her objection to his having it was that she was so carefully draped by the photographer. The picture herewith shows a perfectly moulded back and was the cause of the trouble, but with its return Miss Tyler is pleased and the young man goes unmolested.

## GRAVE MISTAKE NOT TO HAVE INVADDED BELGIUM, GERMAN GENERAL SAYS

Brussels, Feb. 7 (via London)—"The Belgians," said General Von Bissing, the new German Governor General of Belgium, in an interview today with a representative of the Associated Press, are politically undisciplined children. They believe their liberation from German rule may come at any moment, and they are strengthened in this belief by the French newspapers, as well as by some neutral newspapers which continually are smuggled in. "When as frequently happens," continued the Governor General, "a favorable wind brings the sound of cannon to the city, the Belgians believe the long-for day has come. On several occasions the very date for the return of King Albert has been set, and no number of disappointments seem to crush the hopes of the people. "General Von Bissing is 71 years of age. He is somewhat above the middle height, spare and wiry, and with features and demeanor of one who is very just, but very severe. He strengthened this impression by his answer to the question whether the Belgians had attempted to throw obstacles in his way. "Only in petty ways," he replied, "by pin-pricks here and there. Undoubtedly they would like to, but they knew if they did I should immediately adopt very drastic measures. "What has been the attitude of the Belgian government officials toward the German government?" the Governor-General was asked. "The municipal officials," Gen. Von Bissing replied, "generally co-operated with us from the beginning. The higher official took a divided standpoint, while some absolutely refused to have anything to do with us. Officials of the Department of Justice on the other hand, realizing the importance of a proper functioning of the judicial branch of the government worked loyally with the military government from the first. "Not to have invaded Belgium is a Government Mistake. "We have much trouble with the postal and railway officials. The former are being gradually won over to co-operation with us, but the latter, feeling that the railways are an important adjunct of warfare—a conception which is quite true and justifiable—have generally refused to do anything to help us. They feel it would be unpatriotic and disloyal to assist us, even though indirectly, in carrying a war against their own land. "The Belgian civil courts," the General said bluntly, "and they try ordinary cases of breaches of the law of the land. All crimes against soldiers or the military government are tried by so-called field courts, which are military courts, presided over by German judges. "General Von Bissing left unanswered the question whether he believed that if Belgium, or a part of Belgium, eventually became a part of Germany it would ever be possible completely to Germanise the country, making it a harmonious portion of the German empire. "I do not think that is a question I can answer at the present time," he replied. Gen. Von Bissing added that

## WILLING TO ENTRUST SALE OF GRAIN FROM U.S. TO AM. COMMISSION

Berlin, Feb. 7 (by wireless to Sayville)—Positive assurances that grain imported from America will not be used for the German army or the German administration were given by Vice Chancellor Clemens Del Brueck in a statement today to the correspondent of the Associated Press. He declared the regulations under which imported grain was subject to sale only to municipalities or the grain monopoly organization had been revoked by the Bundesrath, and announced the willingness of the government to entrust the sale of such grain to an American organization for the duration of the war. By this step, he said, the absolutely non-contraband character of such grain shipments would be established.

## EAST FLORENCE BUSINESS MAN IN DIFFICULTIES

East Florenceville, N. B., Feb. 7.—The business affairs of S. W. Smith of this place have got into an uncomfortable snarl and trustees have been appointed to straighten matters out. He has a large general store here and another at Mount Pleasant, both well stocked. He also runs the Exchange Hotel at this place and is interested in several other projects. It is understood that W. E. Foster of St. John is looking after the interests of Vassie and Co., while other principal creditors are represented. It is understood that an offer of fifty cents on the dollar cash, has been made to the more insistent creditors, while those who are content to wait a little will be paid in full, but in installments. A statement sent out to the creditors is quite reassuring as the assets are fully 50 per cent more than the liabilities and it is only a question of patience and sharp management when matters will be brought out as they should be. Mr. Smith has been doing business at Mount Pleasant for twelve to fifteen years and more recently opened up here, later still taking over the Exchange Hotel.

## OPERA HOUSE

TONIGHT WED. MAT. YOUNG-ADAMS COMPANY Present the Famous Dramatization of Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth's Most Popular Book, "ISHMAEL" You Have Read the Book—Now See the Play. Complete Change in Vaudeville Souvenir Chocolates—Wed. Mat. Prices—Night—10—20—30c. Matinee—10—20c.

## WED. FEB. 15, 16, 17

Benefit of RED CROSS The Splendid Comedy "A MISFIT HERO" By a Strong Local Cast Under the Auspices of the N. B. GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

## PILES

Do not suffer another day with itching, bleeding, swollen Piles. Do not let them grow larger. Sample box free if new mention this paper and enclose 1c. stamp to pay postage.

## HAZARDS OF HELEN

Desperate Episode with Fleeing Embezzler "Mile-a-Minute on a Hand-Car" Gift Autos from Indian Prince. Thrilling Auto Races.

## WED. FEB. 15, 16, 17

Famous Players "THE SPITFIRE"—4-Reel Sea Story

## MAY CELEBRATE MASS ON BATTLEFIELD FOR MEN KILLED IN ACTION

Rome, Feb. 7.—The Observatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican, today publishes a letter from Cardinal Merry Del Val, Secretary of the Supreme Congregation of the Holy Office, which says that Pope Benedict has granted a dispensation which allows that all field masses during the war for those who have fallen will have the same efficacy as if celebrated at consecrated altars. The letter says that the Pontiff is praying for the repose of the souls of the men killed in battle.

## HAVE YOU THAT TICKLING IN THE THROAT SENSATION?

This trouble is most distressing, and caused from a cold which has settled in the throat. How many people have lost a good night's sleep by that nasty, tickling, irritating sensation in the throat? The dry, hard cough keeps you awake, and when you get up in the morning you feel as if you had had no rest at all. What you want to cure the cold is Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. This valuable preparation is composed of the most soothing and healing expectorant herbs and barks with which is combined the virtues of the world famous Norway pine tree. Thousands of testimonials prove that what we claim is true. All we ask you is that when you ask for Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup see that you get "Dr. Wood's," and not some no-account substitute. Mr. Charles S. Chase, Shelburne, N.S., writes: "Coming to Nova Scotia from the State of Maine, I caught a severe cold which persisted for many weeks, and was accompanied by a bad cough and a constant throat irritation. After trying many remedies, a friend handed me part of a bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. It helped me so much I bought another bottle which completely cured the cough and allayed the irritation. It is certainly the best cough medicine I have ever tried. The price of "Dr. Wood's" is 25c and 50c. Manufactured only by The T. Millburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

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