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Stories Of The Fighting As Told By The Soldiers

CORPORAL W. HASTINGS, of the Guards, in a letter which he sent home, tells a friend at Merstham of the treachery of the Germans.

"It's an insult to Zulus to compare these square heads to them for treachery. Some of them fight fair and square, but there are thousands of others who are devoid of all human feeling.

What do you think of this? Near the banks of the River Aisne they had attacked and been driven back, and they came again and again, but they were brought down by rifles and machine-guns. A small detachment of the Northampton were in a trench when 400 or 500 of the Germans held up their hands. The "Cobblers" were ordered not to fire, and an officer asked in French and English if they surrendered. They came on in skulking manner, and some threw down their rifles. In every way they showed they were giving themselves up as prisoners.

The "Cobblers" were priding themselves on the capture but when the Germans were three or four yards away they poured a murderous fire at the poor fellows. They had not a dog's chance, and nearly all were knocked over. The devils then tried to get back, and ran for their lives, but our battalion was soon after them. Before they got many yards a machine-gun ripped them up, and scores of them rolled over. Some got away, but our battalion got them in the rear. Our lads were simply furious at such treachery."

Invalided home with wounds in the shoulder and hand, Private Myles, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, relates that between Mons and Cambrai he had his gengarry torn to shreds with shrapnel.

Before he was hit he saw from 600 yards range Belgian women tied to the German guns, and this prevented the Coldstream Guards returning the German fire as they retreated in the neighborhood of Cambrai.

The French soldiers are still astonished by the contempt the German officer-prisoners show for their men, refusing to occupy the same rooms with them or to take any notice of them whatever.

"How can troops be expected to march under such treatment?" the Frenchmen ask.

The relations between them and their officers are curiously intimate, affectionate even.

A compositor who was employed by a provincial paper, the *Eclat* de la Mayence, tells in a letter to his "chapel" that he lost his "kepi" (head-dress) on the march.

When the regiment was next paraded for inspection the inspecting officer, a general noticed that his head was bare.

"You have lost your kepi?"
"Yes, mon general."
"Shall I give you mine?"
"Thank you, mon general."
And next minute the private was wearing the officer's cap. "I have others," the general said simply.

Free from apprehension, untroubled by guns near or far, Parisians are enjoying their little joke at the expense of the magnificently equipped American ambulance. It sallied forth the other night to fetch American

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wounded from the battlefield, and having no very precise indications as to the whereabouts of the armies, it wandered through village after village, but saw nothing resembling a field of battle. Cannon, however, were awesomely audible, and occasionally alarmingly close.

The Surgeon-Major got out of the motor ambulance and proceeded to reconnoitre on foot. Suddenly he came upon a French officer.

He seemed vexed. "What in the name of thunder," said he, "are you doing there?" or words to that effect.

"Excuse me, mon colonel," replied the doctor, "I am here with my ambulance trying to find the battlefield."

"Well, sir," said the Frenchman, "you are right in the middle of it, and what is more, you are exactly in the line of fire. Oblige me by putting out those blazing headlights of yours in double-quick time, or we'll all be dead. The enemy have been directing their fire at this spot for the last three hours!"

SPENT SIX HOURS SWIMMING ABOUT

Marvellous Endurance of one of the Sailors of the Aboukir

"I think I was very lucky," writes Able Seaman William Fagg (R.N.R.) in a letter home to Hull on the sinking of the Aboukir. "I had turned in at 4.30 on the Tuesday morning, and at six o'clock we were torpedoed amidstships. I jumped up, my hammock ablaze. That is how I got my burns."

Told to Jump.
"We were told to jump for it and save ourselves. I never thought I was such a swimmer. I think I shall go in training to swim the Channel after this! When I left our ship I swam towards the Hogue, which was blown up as I nearly reached her. I turned round and made for the Cressey, and managed to get hauled on board after about an hour in the water. I was on board about three minutes when she was blown up, so I had to dive for it again."

Made for a Steamer.
"Many of our men went down, but I thought, 'Well, life is sweet,' and swam out. After a time I saw a steamer and made for her, but do not remember being picked up, as I had lost consciousness when nearly against her. The crew told me it was twelve o'clock when they picked me up, so I had a nice spell in the water from about six to twelve, except for the few minutes on the Cressey."

His Cheery Chum.
"Just before I was picked up I passed a chum in the water about done, the same as I was myself, who the night before had promised to wash for me a duck suit, and have it dry for the morning. He just shouted, 'Good-bye, old pal—I reckon your duck suit is dry!' Then he sank. I did not like to leave him, and would have given anything had there been a chance to save him, but I was done myself."

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CROWN PRINCE GOT FIRST WHIPPING

And the Defeat of His Army Proved Salvation of Paris

The first German Army to be thoroughly whipped on French soil was that of the Crown Prince. This saved Paris. And this remarkable piece of news has remained a secret until now.

At the time of their victory the French did not know the extent of the damage they had inflicted upon the enemy. In fact, they did not make claim to a decisive victory.

Smashed a Crack Regiment.
In the official communication the most they claimed was a drawn battle. Actually they had smashed the flower of German military power.

The total loss of the Germans is placed at figures so high I hesitate to record them. One hundred thousand, of whom 20,000 were killed.

This estimate (says The Telegraph correspondent at Sezanne) is made by a trained observer, who was on the battlefield before the dead had been touched.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

DISCUSS FATE OF THE KAISER

If Prussians Want Him as King He Can't be Dethroned or Sent to Exile

London, October 11—So great a silence has fallen upon the western theatre of war that British newspaper readers perforce clutch at the slightest portent coming of German disaster.

Many changes in high German commands reported from Bordeaux are thus welcomed as good omens. The most pregnant change is the supersession in East Prussia of General Von Hindenberg, who a few days ago was the idol of Berlin. His reported fall actually synchronises with the erection in Berlin of a bust of him as "The victorious leader of the eastern army, 1914." The fact probably is that Hindenberg has been sent to command the Austro-German forces at Cracow, not because he is disgraced, but because Germany's next stupendous task is there in face of the Russian hosts.

Another most unkind message says the Kaiser's return from Eastern Prussia to Cologne was because of a certain amount of discontent with the general staff.

Fate of the Kaiser!

Although admittedly very early, the Ministerial London journal, *The Star*, discusses most gravely what is to be done with the Kaiser when captured, assuming he does not prefer to end his life on the battlefield. It says the theory of the divine right of Kings and the Kaiser's cousinship to the Czar and King George put dethronement or exile to St. Helena, like another Napoleon, out of the question. So long as the Prussian people want him as King, he will remain King.

Ministerial opinion, as expressed in *The Star*, anticipates a dissolution of the German Confederation by the accession of the Kingdoms of Bavaria, Hanover, the annexation of Poland by Russia, return of Alsace-Lorraine to France, and the retransfer of Schleswig-Holstein to Denmark, with the internationalisation of the Kiel Canal. The Kaiser then would automatically cease to be Emperor, but would not be deprived of royal rank, for so long as the Prussian clings to him there would not be the slightest moral justification for his dethronement or imprisonment. He is not a usurper, like Napoleon.

To Celebrate Trafalgar Day.
Londoners are preparing to celebrate Trafalgar Day, October 21, as never celebrated before. The Nelson monument at Trafalgar Square will be specially decorated, while wreaths at the foot will perpetuate the memory of officers and men lost in the North Sea. The Navy League is asking every Londoner, man, woman and child, to pass through the Square during the day to pay silent tribute to Britain's hero.

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