

# FIGHTING TOWNS ALLIES

## BRITISH SHIPS ANXIOUS TO GET AT GERMAN FLEET

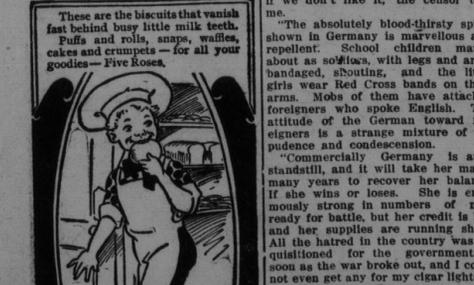
"British ships came rushing forward at full speed and began the engagement as soon as they were near enough", says London Post's account of fight off Dutch coast.

London, Oct. 19.—The Post has published a despatch from Harwich dated Sunday, Oct. 18, on the return to port of the British destroyers which vanquished four German torpedo boats in the North Sea last Saturday. The despatch follows: "During their battle honors proudly the cruiser Undaunted this afternoon led into Harwich from the North Sea, the destroyers which participated in the engagement last Saturday, the result of which was the sinking of four German destroyers. The spectacle ashore and afloat was a moving one. Sailors, soldiers and civilians swarmed on to the pier and to points of vantage, cheering the victory as did the crews of the Fearless, which was in the Heligoland fight and other vessels. "Interviews with the crew of the Undaunted show that this vessel, together with four British torpedo boat destroyers, left Harwich early Saturday morning, and sighted the German fleet in the afternoon. By five o'clock the enemy was forced to fight. The German destroyers faced the odds bravely. With her big guns the Undaunted opened fire at a range of five miles. Then the smaller vessels closed in and became busy. "Then began a running fight. While the cruiser, protected from torpedoes by her fighting consort, devoted her attention particularly to two of the enemy's ships, the destroyers attacked the other two. The reply from the Germans was very poor in comparison. The first of the enemy's craft sank after a half hour's fighting. Within an hour and a half the battle was over. "One sailor pays tribute to the pluck of the Germans. They fought well, he said, and kept firing till they sank. This accounts for the smallness of the number of the German survivors. "The destroyer Loyal brought back three British wounded, together with the bodies of four German men and one German officer who had succumbed to their injuries on the way. "The wounded have been transferred to Shotley Hospital, and the prisoners of war have been taken from the Undaunted and removed to barracks. "From another source it is related that a trawler sighted the German destroyers before the British warships came up. When the German boats saw the enemy they made frantic efforts to escape. The British ships came rushing forward at full speed and began the engagement as soon as they were near enough.

## Germany Did Not Believe England would go to War

If Kaiser Had Had an Idea that Great Britain Would Fight, Says Traveller, the Neutrality of Belgium Never Would Have Been Violated.

If Germany had known that the invasion of Belgium would involve her in a war with England, that country's neutrality would not have been violated, according to the manager in Germany of a great steel company, who returned to this country from Hamburg recently. When it became apparent that England was going to fight, he says, officers of the general staff told him that the government contemplated retiring the troops then before Liege. They were only prevented, he said, through fear of its effect on the national spirit. For a year, this official said, he has known that war was bound speedily to come. Taxes and super-taxes, he said, bore so heavily on the people that there were no funds for civic purposes, and needed improvements in all districts and municipalities were neglected that war munitions might be purchased. Through his close association with high government officials he was made aware of the fact that Germany felt that war must come immediately. In two years, he said, Russia and France would have been as perfectly equipped as Germany, and the latter country would have been overwhelmed. "I have spent seven years in that country," the official said, "and each year, it has seemed to me, I have learned to like the Germans less, although I started out as one of the staunchest friends of the country. The spirit of militarism and autocracy, however, has made the average German an almost impossible person, and this war, for sake of humanity, must end militarism forever. "The spirit there is wonderful.



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## FAMOUS GENERALS FIGHTING GREAT EUROPEAN BATTLES



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## HORROR OF BATTLEFIELD DESCRIBED BY SOLDIER

Terrible Test of Soldiers Advancing Amid Showers of Shells—Asserts Germans Fight Like Machines and That the Kaiser's Officers are Unsparring of Lives of Men.

BY XAVIER SAGER. Well known artist, now at the front with the French army. Can I attempt to describe the field of battle? From morning until evening, without cessation, the heavy German artillery sends over our troops showers of shells, the bursting of which is enough to shatter the nerves of the strongest. Under this storm of iron the foot soldiers advance; they retreat and go forward again. With each wave of the ebb and flow dead and wounded are left behind. It is impossible to say what mental fortitude is necessary for the infantry waiting for hours on their stomachs under a hail of projectiles and then throwing themselves forward, while the creaking guns of the sharpshooters send death through the ranks, often they not only cannot meet with, but cannot even see, their enemies. Such is the superhuman task that the foot soldiers must accomplish, never stopping, while the action lasts. The ravages caused by artillery are frightful. Our artillerymen compare the effect produced by the bursting of shells of melinite to that of a gigantic axe stroke. Those who are directly struck are pulverized; the others succumb in consequence of the concussion produced by the bursting, and their convulsed faces are blackened by the powder. But the German cavalry, to impetuous in manoeuvre, never dares show itself against ours. During some of the terrible combats the hawklike aeroplanes flew over the positions.

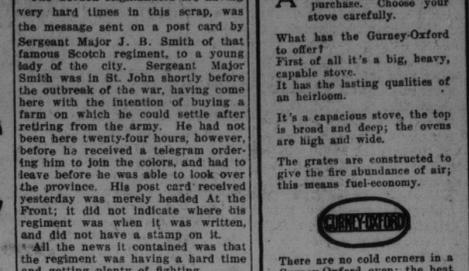
ARE WASTERS OF BLOOD. A few words about the army of the enemy, its remarkable preparation indicates that the war was intended precisely for this moment. There are some brave officers but they are wasters of blood. Of the troops, it can be said they are not men, but machines rather than troops. They do not know why or against whom they are fighting and have but one object—to eat, sleep and see the armistice of what made it so hard to resist them were their numbers. When the enemy comes in such mass that, in spite of the confusion they come and come again, some ground must be ceded. This was the history of the fighting from Charlevoix to Coulmiers. These are the tactics of the Germans, which cost many battalions. These losses mattered little to the authorities, who threw into the Meuse and the Marne the bodies of the wounded as well as the dead who encumbered the bridges. Letters taken from the enemy's officers complain of these useless sacrifices. Our officers and men are marvellous and are prudent, so that today they are doing more and better work with fewer losses. DESOLATE FIELD OF BATTLE. A little while ago there suddenly appeared before us, as if a curtain had been lifted, the field of battle. Great holes made by the shells in the earth, ammunition placed close against the hedges, guns abandoned and houses without doors or shutters. Through the broken walls, greenish smoke, the debris of a bedroom with an iron bedstead and a shaky table in which stands the portion of medicine prepared for the invalid who is no longer there. On the route we saw in the fields remains of German soldiers—corpses blackened with greenish smoke, some of them retained curious postures and on some of the faces were fearful grins.

## ALBANIA FACED BY TERRIBLE FAMINE

New York Missionary says Hundred Thousand lives will be lost by Christmas unless U.S. helps. Chicago, Oct. 19.—"More than one hundred thousand men, women and children of Albania will die of starvation before Christmas, unless succored by the United States," declared Rev. W. W. Howard, of New York, a missionary, before the weekly meeting of Baptist ministers here today. The present war is not to blame, he explained. The plight of the Albanians is due to the devastation of the

## THE GORDONS GETTING LOTS OF FIGHTING

Postcard received in City says Famous Scotch Regiment is in the Thick of It. The Gordon Highlanders are having very hard times in this scrap, was the message sent on a post card by Sergeant Major J. B. Smith of that famous Scotch regiment, to a young lady of the city. Sergeant Major Smith was in St. John shortly before the outbreak of the war, having come here with the intention of buying a farm on which he could settle after retiring from the army. He had not been here twenty-four hours, however, before he received a telegram ordering him to join the colors, and had to leave before he was able to look over the province. His post card received yesterday was merely headed "At the Front"; it did not indicate where his regiment was when it was written, and did not have a stamp on it. "All the news it contained was that the regiment was having a hard time and getting plenty of fighting.



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## RACE HORSES PRIZES OF WAR

London, Oct. 19.—Next to the German ships seized by the government since the outbreak of the war probably the most valuable prizes of war are the racing stables in England, formerly belonging to Germans and Austrians, but now the property of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries. Shortly after the war broke out a London paper published a list of horses owned by Germans and Austrians and racing under their colors on English tracks. Acting on this hint and profiting by an old act which allows private informers to claim a share of the sale proceeds, a number of citizens brought actions and horses valued at half a million dollars were seized. Among the horses seized were the stable belonging to Baron Springer and managed by the veteran trainer, Butters at Newmarket. In this stable are Adular and Aides, bred by the Hungarian government. Adular, valued at a hundred thousand dollars, has not yet been advertised for sale.

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sugar to one of water, the ingredients being brought to the boil and allowed to cook gently till a fairly thick thread can be made by dipping fingers in the syrup and pulling a thread. When the syrup is ready, drop the crabapples and bring gently to a boil; remove the pan from the fire, lift off the scum, lift out the ribs into an earthenware pan and cover with the syrup. Let the fruit soak 24 hours. Now drain off the syrup, add a little more sugar and water and repeat the process. Do this at intervals of 24 hours till the syrup turns a pink jelly and the crabapples are saturated to the core with sugar. They must be handled very carefully so as not to break the skins. The crabapples can be used at once or bottled and used as required.

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