

From Erin's Green Isle

NEWS BY MAIL FROM IRELAND'S SHORES.

Happenings in the Emerald Isle of Interest to Irishmen.

An Inter-Ally exhibition of work done by wounded soldiers was held in Dublin during August.

James McGrath and Deigan Foley were arrested for showing lights on the storm wall at Ardmore.

A memorial service was held in Derry Cathedral for the Derry men who have fallen in the war.

A well-known resident of Rathfriland has passed away in the person of William Hayes, chemist.

A hearty send-off was given at Dublin to a party of recruits who were leaving for a training camp.

The Countess of Randon presided at a meeting held in Cork in support of the Nation's Tribute to Nurses.

Commander J. C. Gaisford, St. Lawrence, Howth Castle, Co. Dublin, has been elected a Commissioner of Irish Lights.

Ella Kernoff, a Russian, was fined £5 at the Northern Police Court, Dublin, for failing to register under the Aliens Act.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin presided at the 100th annual meeting of the Mendicity Institution held recently in Dublin.

Charles Kelly, Summerhill, Dublin, was fined £5 for selling tea at more than the price fixed by the Food Controller.

A successful garden party in aid of the Irish Prisoners of War was held at Howth Castle, Co. Dublin recently.

At a meeting of the Manufacturers' Agents for Great Britain and Ireland it was decided to establish a branch in Dublin.

While searching for military property in Knockmyley the police discovered a quantity of hoarded silver, which they took away.

The Dublin police are making many arrests of persons whom they believe to be absentees from the Military Service Act.

Two of the missing plate dishes of the Royal Tyrone Regiment found in Armagh have been presented to the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

The Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners presented an address of welcome to the Lord Lieutenant on his recent visit.

The death took place recently in Athlone of John Turkin, for sixty-six years manager of the Local Loan Fund Bank.

Five hundred workers in the Portlaoine weaving factories have volunteered their services in connection with flax saving.

The Cookstown Urban Council notified the Recruiting Council that they would give every assistance possible to the recruiting scheme.

WOMEN IN THE WARZONE

Stolid Attitude of French Peasants Amid the Dangers of War.

Nothing is more amazing to the soldier newly arrived near the fighting line than the attitude the peasants of France adopt towards the war. One talks of the phlegmatic British, but few people could be more phlegmatic than the French workers on the land.

Let me take you into the arena of war. We are leaving the cobbled market square of the shell-shattered little village three miles behind our trenches. The dusty lane leads from the square to the close zone of war. As we walk along there is the woff, woff! of the German Archers, shelling one of our patrol aeroplanes. We gaze up, to see the black bursts dotting the sky—to see our airman skilfully banking and twisting to avoid being hit. The young corn, waving green on each side of us, presents the false idea of peace. There are women-workers here and there on these fields, backs bent to the scorching sun, their heads protected by huge straw sunbonnets. They do not look up. A well-hidden British battery fires a half-salvo. It makes us start. To those brown-faced daughters of France it is the common event of the day. The fall of an anti-aircraft "dud" creates interest for them only if it falls a few yards from them.

These French people, who live their whole life in communion with the silent, waving fields are so negative. We wonder why they are not the volatile people we anticipated. Our soldiers are wearing steel helmets and gas-masks, but the peasants would not be encumbered with any such protection. Their whole demeanor seems to suggest a certain fatalism. "If a shell is meant for us it will hit us, no matter how or where we live, or what we do," is their mental attitude.

These young French women are wonderful. Wherever you go it is the same. They are up at sunrise and work incessantly until dark. There are no intervals for food, or practically none. A dozen shells may drop in the field where they are at work. They do not show their alarm, although they must feel frightened.

Their menfolk are at war, and occasionally they come back from their part of the line to their tiny thatched cottage homes, still in the danger-zone. We marvel that they should not get to Paris, or as far away from the war as possible; but war cannot destroy the ties of home, so they come back here to spend their leave within sound of the guns.

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The Song of an Optimist.

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If even not worse off than you. And though you suffer hardship Others suffer hardship too?

Learn to take things as they come. This world is not so bad; You will never miss the little things That you have never had.

Though trials and cares beset you, Why, just perk right up and smile. For this thing of feeling downcast Is not even worth the while.

So if you think you're out of luck Just buck up, boy, and grin; Dismiss dull care, display your pluck And you are sure to win.

And remember through life's journey, Ere your fate you would bemoan, That the world smiles with the smiler And the griever grieves alone.

1. Eggs In Newspaper.

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"OUR MEN FROM ACROSS THE SEAS"

CANADIAN, AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND TROOPS

English Newspapers Speak in Glowing Terms of the Achievements of Dominion Soldiers.

As the nation looks back on the record of the last weeks it may well be filled with pride at the thought of the magnificent achievements of the British Armies. Canadian, Australian, and New Zealand troops, as well as anonymous English, Scottish and Welsh regiments, have all in turn covered themselves with immortal honor, says the London Daily Mail.

Their victories are the more glorious because they have been won by men who have fought through four weary years with steadfast determination and have passed through the bitter waters of defeat. It is truly a marvellous Army that day after day and week after week is facing privation and death; that has never lost heart; and that, in the words of one of Napoleon's marshals, never knows when it is beaten, and is most dangerous when the enemy imagines that it is broken.

Haig and His Men.

In most salient thing about Sir Douglas Haig's military genius is the fevelation of the solid, steady work done by English, Scottish, and Welsh battalions. No duty comes amiss to them. They are always staunch, hardworking, reliable, says the Times.

Appreciation of what they have done, and are doing, will make the observer all the more ready to give credit to the Dominion troops for their specially brilliant feat of arms. New Zealand troops entered Baupains after being conspicuous in the close fighting that went before it fell. The Australian masterly capture of St. Quentin on Saturday morning will rank as one of the great single feats of this war. The Australians must be very unpopular at the moment with the German General Staff. The Canadians—we follow, it will be observed, the order of recent notable feats by Dominion troops—have won imperishable fame by their breach of the Drocourt-Queant line.

The Canadians have many glorious achievements to their credit, but they have never surpassed their great deed of September 2, when they pierced a defensive system which even the most sanguine experts believed would take much time to subdue, says the London Times.

This is a bare record of what has been done in the battle by men from overseas. They would be quick to resent the obviousness of comparisons—alert to insist on the compact comradeship of the British Armies, and indeed of the Armies of the Alliance. That is the mortar of the structure of victory which rises steadily before the eyes of an astonished Germany.

But we in this country have special reason to observe—so that we may keep in our memory the doings of Dominion troops. The material has been abundant in this battle.

That Impregnable Line.

The Hindenburg or Wotan line, which the Canadians smashed through on the 2nd of September is thus described by the Daily Telegraph.

The Drocourt-Queant, or Wotan line, the extension northward of the colossal system of field fortifications named after Hindenburg, is a deep belt of defence, with its multiple trench systems and jungles of barbed wire, sown thick with machine gun places.

It was the protection of much more than the great concentration of German troops moved up to stem the British advance in this quarter. It covered the enemy's whole readjusted plan of campaign; the gigantic movement of retreat in which he has been engaged for the past few weeks depended upon the legendary impregnability of the so-called "switch" line running northwards from the junction with the main Hindenburg line opposite Bullecourt.

Would it be assaulted now? That was the question troubling many minds during the week-end; for this would be the trench war come again upon long-prepared positions, and those of a strength reputed to be far greater than the strength against which French and British blows had been dealt in vain in the past two years.

It was a time of painful suspense, for the prospect opened by a successful assault would be as dazzling as the effect of a failure would be disheartening after so much victory. But the nation at home trusted, and with good reason, in the generalship at work in its cause; it felt confident that no rash decision would lower the towering prestige won by the armies since their record of triumph opened.

A coil spring attachment has been invented for holding wash boards in tubs.

A wholesome and appetizing kind of muffin is made of nuts, bran and honey.

The most important point in filling a silo is to see that the tramping is well done.

BELGIANS FACE HARD WINTER

UNPREPARED FOR THE RIGORS OF COLD SEASON

Country on Short Rations—Heating Food and New Clothing Not Obtainable.

"Bismarck said he would leave nothing to his enemies by their eyes to weep; his successors do not allow us even a handkerchief with which to dry them," says a Belgian gentleman of good standing, in an account of the unpreparedness of the population of occupied Belgium for the winter made recently.

"The population of occupied Belgium, already on short rations, can look forward to the winter with no prospect of any sufficient provision against its rigors. All the wheat grown in the country is controlled by the Spanish-Dutch Commission, and supplemented by corn from America, but this allows the population only half a pound of bread a day. Meat can be procured only by the rich.

"Potatoes, the staple food of the peasant, are passed through a German office and a proportion handed over to the communes for distribution. In 1917 the Belgians received only 189 pounds of potatoes a head, far less than the normal consumption even when other things were plentiful.

The Lash of the Conqueror.

"Cooking presents another difficulty, as coal is painfully scarce and gas and electricity short. Lighting has to be reduced to a minimum. Heating food, such as oils and fats, is almost unobtainable, and new clothes are a thing of the past. Very little gas is obtainable for heating purposes, all wood, even standing trees, being requisitioned by the occupier, who uses the trunks and larger branches for military purposes, releasing the small branches, which again may only be sold by his agents. A kind of peat, formed by the silt of canals, reached fancy prices, sometimes costing \$5 a cubic yard.

"Candles have disappeared, and the only thing obtainable is the pre-war farthing dip, which is used sparingly on all occasions. Brussels street lighting is so restricted that vehicles have to carry bells after dark. The tiny light burning before the baker's shop, so dear to the pious souls, has to be abandoned altogether or be replaced by an electric bulb.

"Trade is hampered by a regime of permits made out to bearer and without which nothing may be offered for sale. These are issued by German bureaucrats, who usually require bribes."

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Don't let father die of infection or lockjaw from whitening at his corns, but clip this out and make him try it. If your druggist hasn't any freezone tell him to order a small bottle from his wholesale drug house for you.

Deaf Airmen.

The Americans have made an astonishing discovery. They have found out that deaf mutes can be turned into efficient aviators. There are, in fact, certain points where the deaf man has a distinct advantage over the man who can hear.

For one thing, deaf people are never sea-sick. They never grow dizzy when in high altitudes—neither mountains nor clouds hold any terrors for them, and they have no feeling of dread. This is due to the fact that deaf mutes do not possess any sense of motion. Another point in favor of the deaf aviator is that he is not worried by the explosions of aeroplane engines. The fact that he lacks one sense keeps up all his others.

If the tests which are now being conducted in America continue to bear good fruit, a deaf-and-dumb man will not in the future be necessarily disqualified for the Flying Service.

Jolly Optimists.

We are always asking how much longer the war will last, but in France they are quite resigned to a long war, though there are degrees even in resignation.

"The war," said one soldier, "will last a long time yet. Our company has planted rose bushes in front of our trench."

"Oh, you jolly optimists!" said the other. "We've planted acorns in front of ours."

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October's sun has now begun To weave her robe of golden dun: Warm-tinted fruits, gold-tasselled What gorgeous stuff the sun has spun!

On will the merry shuttle run: Of daylight's hours waste no least one 'Till even-close since early morn, October sun.

At last the wondrous work is done: In raiment rich arrayed as none, October scarce her robes has worn. Ere Harvest, blessed babe! is born. Maternal hopes their prize have won: October's son.

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Won't Take Own Poison.

Rudyard Kipling (visited a bookseller's shop recently and commenced casually to turn over some books, entering into conversation with the shopman as he did so.

"Is this good?" he asked suddenly, taking up a volume by himself. "I don't know; I've not read it," replied the bookseller.

"A bookseller," he said with mock solemnity, "and you don't read your own books?"

To which the other answered sharply: "If I were a druggist, would you expect me to take my own drugs?"

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Easy Money.

Two young Irishmen in a Canadian regiment were going into the trenches for the first time, and their captain promised them five shillings for every German they killed.

Pat lay down to rest, while Mike performed the duty of watching. Pat had not lain long when he was awakened by Mike's shouting:

"They're coming! They're coming!" "Who's coming?" shouted Pat. "The Germans," replied Mike.

"How many are there?" "About fifty thousand," "Begorra," shouts Pat, jumping up and grabbing his rifle, "our fortunes made."

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SHIP'S "LISTENER."

A War Device Which Will Prove of Value in Peace Time.

The war has speeded up all sorts of contrivances, inventions and industries, some compensation for its awful wastage of life and limb and property, and one thing it has done which may save countless lives in the future is to make collisions at sea in thick fog at least avoidable, if not impossible.

It is the submarine menace that has brought this great improvement in the dangers and risks of navigation of our narrow seas to the fore, for the listener has been so much used and so much improved in order to detect those undersea piratical craft that hundreds of men are now wonderfully skilful in detecting the whereabouts of something they can neither see with their eyes nor hear with their unaided ears. It will be readily seen that this opens up a wonderful list of possibilities for the future, not the least being the avoidance of collision, one of the most dreadful and deadly dangers of the deep in times of peace.

Many a gallant vessel, after ploughing its way from the Antipodes for weeks, has met its fate in the shape of another outward bound vessel almost within a cable's length of port on account of the thick mists which come down in the Channel. But if every vessel has its listener both human and instrumental, nine-tenths of these fatal encounters will be avoided.

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