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[By Special Wire to the Courier]

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Rendered furious by continuous reverses, the Germans are making violent efforts, though vainly to recapture some of their ground lost. "That," says Lieutenant Colonel Roussel in the Liberté, "is their indisputable right, but what is both ignoble and indefensible is the sort of reprisals, which these brutes from beyond the Rhine are exercising in the form of attacks on a civil population by means of air raids. Saturday a Zeppelin dropped fourteen bombs on Nancy and killed two innocent citizens. It is manifest the savages intend to flout every law of humanity and civilization. We will bear this in mind when the hour of justice arrives. I hope then, no one can be found to talk of moderation or pity for such bandits."

Meantime the military operations in France and Poland are developing favorably for the allies. I note particularly the failure of the counter-attacks on our positions at Perthes. Their pitiful collapse will not contribute to instill courage into the troops which invariably are repulsed at every point.

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[From Our Own Correspondent]

Mr. Norman Fraser has taken up to himself a partner for life in the person of Miss Malcolm of Little Lake.

Everybody is enjoying the sleighing in this vicinity.

The Misses Goring entertained a few of their friends on Sunday.

Mrs. J. N. Ramsay who has been very ill is slowly improving.

The Christmas tree was fairly well attended considering the weather.

A few friends called on Mrs. Wilcox on Christmas.

The relatives in this section were sorry to learn of the death of Samuel McIntyre of Grimsby, which occurred on the 19th ulto. Mr. McIntyre was a resident of Pleasant Ridge for many years.

The weather is fearfully cold at time of writing.

Police Magistrate Dumble of Peterboro, dismissed a test case brought for breach of the Lord's Day Act against a bank clerk, holding that bank clerks are not included in the classes of persons specified under the act.

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"Drink your own blood, Beaumanoir!" cried Dubois, and the weary men cried together in dreadful laughter.

But now the English had learned from experience, and under the guidance of Croquart they fought no longer in a straight line, but in one so bent that at last it became a circle. As the Bretons still pushed and staggered against it they thrust it back on every side, until they had turned it into the most dangerous formation of all, a solid block of men, their faces turned outward, their weapons bristling forth to meet every attack. Thus they stood, and the assault could move them. They could leap against each other back to back while they waited and allowed their foemen to tire themselves out. Again and again the assault. Bretons tried to make a way through. Again and again they were beaten back by a shower of blows.

Beaumanoir, his head giddy with fatigue, opened his eyes and gazed in despair at this terrible, unbreakable circle. Only too clearly he could see the inevitable result. His men were wearing themselves out. Many of them could scarce stir hand or foot, and might be dead for any aid which they could give him in winning the fight. Soon all would be in the same plight. Then he saw the gallant knight break their circle to swarm over his helpless men and to strike them down.

Do what he might, he could see no way by which such an aim might be prevented. He cast his eyes round in his agony, and there was one of his Bretons sinking away to the side of the lists. He could scarce credit his senses when he saw by the scabbard and silver that the deserter was his own well-tried squire, William of Montaubon.

"William! William!" he cried. "Save my soul, would not leave me?"

But the other's helmet was closed and he could hear nothing. Beaumanoir saw that he was staggering away as swiftly as he could. With a cry of fury he rushed into a knot of many of his braves, as could still move, and together they made a last rush upon the English spears. This time he was firmly held down in his gallant soul, that he would come no foot back, but would find his death there amongst his foemen or carve a path into the heart of their ranks. He fit in his breast spread from man to man of his followers, and amid the crashing of blows they still locked themselves against the English shields and drove hand or sword in their ranks.

But all was vain! Beaumanoir's head reeled. His senses were leaving him. In another minute he and his men would have been stretched senseless before this terrible circle of steel, when suddenly the whole array fell in pieces before his eyes, his enemies Croquart, Knolles, Calverly, Belford, all were lying upon the ground together, their weapons dashed from their hands and their bodies too exhausted to rise. The surviving Bretons had but strength to fall upon them dagger in hand, and to wring from them their surrender with the sharp point stabbing through their visors. Then victors and vanquished lay groaning and panting in one helpless and blood-stained heap.

To Beaumanoir's simple mind it had seemed that at the supreme moment the Saints of Brittany had risen at their country's call. Already, as he lay gasping, his head was pouring forth its thanks to his patron Saint Cadoc. But the spectators had seen clearly enough the earthly cause of this sudden victory, and a hurried applause from one side, with a storm of hooting from the other showed how different was the emotion which it raised in minds which sympathized with the victors or the vanquished.

William of Montaubon, the cunning squire, had made his way across to the spot where the steeds were tethered. At first it was thought that he was about to ride from the field, but the howl of execration from the Breton peasants changed suddenly to a yell of applause and delight as he turned the beast's head for the English circle and thrust his long prick spurs into its side. Those who faced him saw this sudden and unexpected appearance. Time was when both horse and rider must have winced away from the shower of their blows. But now they were in no state to meet such a rush. They could scarce raise their arms. Their blows were too feeble to hurt this mighty creature. In a moment it had plunged through the ranks, and seven of them were on the ground. It turned and rushed through them again, leaving five others helpless beneath its hoofs. No need to do more! Already Beaumanoir and his companions were inside the circle, the prostrate men were helpless, and Josselin had won.

That night a train of crestfallen archers, bearing many a prostrate figure, marched sadly toward Plein-Cadoc. Behind them rode ten men, all weary, all wounded, and all with burning hearts against William of Montaubon for the foul trick that he had served them.

But over at Josselin, yellow gorse-blossoms in their helmets, the victors were borne in on the shoulders of a shouting mob, amid the fanfare of trumpets and the beating of drums.

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