

ITALIAN GUNS HAMMERING ROVERETO FORTS

HUNGER LOSES ITS PANGS WHEN MAIL FROM HOME ARRIVES

Hours of Hunger and Thirst Forgotten by Soldier Boys on the Firing Line When Postman Reaches Them—Friends at Home Cannot Realize How Eagerly Men Devour Every Word of Home Gossip.

(Special Staff Correspondent)
France, July 20.
"Funny thing about the men in the trenches; they'd sooner get a letter from home than a square meal after days of starvation."

It was a Canadian soldier speaking. He had a leg badly cut up by scraps of shell casing, but he was amazingly cheerful. The British soldier is amazing; sorely wounded he is as cheerful as a cricket, except when mentally affected. And the wounded Canadian is even more amazing than the British.

"At Ypres we lived on bully beef for five days, and little enough of that. We were short of water, too, only could take a mouthful after our sumptuous meal, and wet our burning tongues once between meals. Generally they fed us pretty well, but at Ypres after we were practically cut off, they couldn't get the grub up to us. The Germans were everywhere, and they were pouring shells into the communication trenches as thick as black flies. Sections coming up with supplies were unable to reach us. A dozen of our boys were in the trenches, intending to bring back ammunition and grub; but mostly they never came back.

"At the end of the fifth day we were feeling pretty desperate. Every beggar had been sharpening his bayonet with pieces of stone for three days. Well, I went out with a dozen or more to look for food. We got out all right, and loaded up with boxes of biscuit, water and cartridges. Then they gave us the mail to take in, a bag of letters and a huge bag of newspapers. When we got in the zone we soon dropped the bag of newspapers. At one point in the road the Germans were firing shrapnel every few minutes. As luck would have it we arrived there at the same time as a German shell. It got some of our bunch.

"Appetite for News Greater Than That For Food
"But we went on and finally reached our trench. Some of the men there were high mad with hunger; tongues were swollen and black with thirst. But the first thing they wanted was the letters. Well, there was over one thousand letters, and many of them for dead men. Those beggars nearly fought for the possession of the letters for the dead, and read them eagerly, greedily.

"We told them about the newspapers we had dropped. There was a row. I thought they'd slaughter us. Why, why, why didn't we hang on to the papers, and never mind the food or cartridges?" I managed to get a hearing and told them just what they could find the papers—only twenty yards or so if a Jack Johnson didn't come along in the meantime. They didn't decide to go back for the newspapers; they suddenly remembered they were very hungry and thirsty, and fell upon the supplies we had brought up. But they weren't at all grateful; they kept on grouch.

"The about those abandoned papers. If you've never been up there you can't understand what a letter means to the lads in the trenches. If a man had a hundred V. C.'s he'd give them all for a letter from home. And generally the people at home start by writing to the lads in the trenches, and generally the contents of the letter bear out the preface. Lord, if the people at home knew what a letter meant to the men in the trenches, they'd put some intelligence and energy into the writing of a letter; that is if they are worth fighting for. What kind of a letter do we want? First of all we want something in the letter, telling us the news of the war. Usually we only know what is happening on a front of a few yards—a few hundred yards at the most. Taking the war as a whole, it might be going on in the moon for all we hear about it for weeks at a stretch. Sometimes a paper comes up two weeks old. Sometimes you might say it is almost cut up into paragraphs—so eager are the men to read it. In many cases it is soon so grubby and dirty that you can't read it. Then you go into billets, rummage round for a newspaper, and probably find one you read a month before, advertisements and all.

Home Gossip
"Next to news of the war you want to know what all the folks at home are doing. You want to know who has joined up with the next contingent, and who has joined up with the girl you left behind you. You want to know who has got a commission, and who has got G. B. for eloping with the colonel's daughter. You want to know what for Colonel Sam blew up somebody the last time, and what's the latest row Com. McEellan or Com. Potts has been raising. You want to know what's on this week at the

Imperial, and what was on the bill-of-fare at Wansmaker's last night. You want to know if Col. McLean's street railway is still digging trenches in the streets of St. John, or whether there is any truth in the rumor that Earl Logan delivered an eloquent speech in Beaconsfield, explaining the full satisfaction of everybody why Sweet William was opposed to the idea of building saw-dust wharves on the West Side. In fact you want to know everything, about everybody and how the Every Day Club is getting on, and how much money was raised at the last tag-day, and whether W. J. Mahoney is still the heaviest man in the Knights of Columbus, and if the Maggie Miller has been commandeered by the Admiralty. It is surprising the things you want to know, when you are away from home, and living the sporting life on the line. You want to know if Dutch Evin ran the last wrestling match, or how many policemen have been retired without a pension. What or how are the real estate men doing, and have the bears at Rockwood Park the same old appetite. I could mention a million things a fellow or girl at home could write me about, and I would be tickled to death. Maybe that is the reason they don't write the kind of letters we want. Afraid to tickle us to death, when the Germans are sending over—not missives but missiles that accomplish the same business.

"Oh, it's fine up the line. You don't mean much, but you see a lot of life. Still you're awfully glad to a letter, even if there isn't any news in it. You'd like to know what the latest styles were, what kind of hats the girls are wearing, and the latest fashion in summer suits. You want to know what's the thing in shirts and neckties. Of course it is not a personal problem up the line, but you have a consuming desire to know.

"The folks at home can't understand a letter from home! If the War Office wants to settle this war in a hurry, it should have our letters sent to Berlin. If we were told we had to go to Berlin for letters from home, believe me, we wouldn't lose no time in starting, and we'd get there in a hurry, or go to a place where only asbestos letters are the vogue."
COLLIN MCKAY.

FRENCH BISHOPS ASKED TO PRAY FOR PEACE WITH TRIUMPH FOR ALLIES

Paris, Aug. 3.—Pope Benedict's appeal for peace has elicited from the French Cardinals Lucon of Rheims; Andreu of Bordeaux; Gabrielies of Montpellier and Sevin of Lyons. The bishops are enjoining all French Bishops to appoint a day of prayer for the blessing of a durable peace with the triumph of our army.

The letter reviews the circumstances under which the neutrality of Belgium was violated, under which France "was attacked by an enemy long prepared to violate her territory" and states France's cause as that of "our justice and civilization," adding: "And this cause has for its support an army whose valor the valors of its leaders and the heroism of its soldiers render it invincible."

Cardinal Amette, Archbishop of Paris, did not sign the letter. He has issued, however, a pastoral letter to the clergy and the faithful of his diocese on the occasion of the Feast of the Assumption, recalling the story of Joan of Arc, who repelled the theologians objecting that if God decided to give victory to Charles VII, it was needless to fight, by saying: "Soldiers should fight and God will give victory."

FRANCE HONORS BELGIAN KING ON OCCASION OF FIRST WAR ANNIVERSARY

Paris, Aug. 3.—President Poincare, in the course of a visit yesterday to the King and Queen of the Belgians at the village of Loo, the occasion being the first anniversary of the German ultimatum to Belgium, conferred upon King Albert the decoration of the Cross of War. At the same time M. Poincare said that France considered Belgium's cause to be indissolubly linked with her's.

PRESIDENT OF PRIZE COURT WITHHOLDS HIS DECISION

Hearing in Meat Cargo brought to a close yesterday.

London, Aug. 3.—Sir Samuel Evans, president of the British Prize Court, reserved judgment in the meat cargo cases when the hearing closed today with the conclusion of the summing up of the case for the crown by Sir Frederick C. Smith, the solicitor-general.

The case affects the disposal of the cargo of the Norwegian steamships Alfred Nobel, Kim and Bjornsen, and the Swedish steamer Fridland, consisting of farm produce, meat from the great American packing houses, and lard, which have been detained by the British government.

Sir Frederick Smith claimed that the entire cargoes should be condemned on the ground that they had been intended for Germany; that the claimants had failed to prove their innocent destination, and he alleged fraud on the part of the American packers.

The Solicitor-General pointed out that it was only by accident that the Crown was enabled to obtain a gleam of light through the interposition of telegrams which had found their way into the hands of the British censors, because the messages were obliged to traverse the cables passing through this country.

"This has been a vast system of communication, he said, which had not come within the reach of the censors and he asserted that the claimants had persistently refused to produce any documents.

HOLE 16 FEET SQUARE CAUSED BY HEAVY SEAS

In side of steamer—Ontario district has worst storm for years—Steamers on Lakes suffer.

Toronto, Aug. 3.—One of the worst storms in twelve years is raging in this district. So bad was it this morning that the steamer Chippewa, on the Niagara river, after being out two hours, came back to Toronto with a hole sixteen feet square in her side as the result of the heavy seas.

SNOW STORM ON LAKE SUPERIOR

Sault Ste. Marie, Aug. 3.—Captain McLean of the steamer Lakeland, arrived here this morning and reported running through a snow storm on Lake Superior early today. The weather has been rainy and cold for the last 48 hours in this vicinity.

ENEMY ROUTED IN BRILLIANT BAYONET CHARGE BY ITALIANS

Fix Bayonets and Charge, is answer Regiment of Bersaglieri give Kaiserjaegers who called on them to surrender—Austrians driven from positions with heavy losses.

Udine, Italy, Aug. 3.—Italian officers arriving here from the front say that the Austrians attempted to retake the positions occupied by the Italians on Carpo plateau reached their climax when the Austro-Hungarian command launched against Mount Seibus one of four Kaiserjaeger regiments which had just arrived from Vienna.

The Kaiserjaegers met a regiment of Bersaglieri and shouted to them to surrender. The next moment the officers say, 4,000 fixed bayonets flashed in a desperate hand-to-hand struggle and when finally the Bersaglieri occupied the Austrian positions, the field where the Kaiserjaegers had stood resembled a scene of immense carnage. Few of the Austrians had escaped.

GET BULGARIA TO JOIN ALLIES WITHOUT DELAY. LONDON PAPER URGES

"Keystone to the Arch" in Balkans and Allied Governments should prevent Tueton influence from winning Bulgaria's cooperation.

London, Aug. 3.—Discussion of the possible course liable to be taken by the Austrians and Germans after the capture of Warsaw leads the Standard today to advocate editorially that the Allies make a tremendous effort to gain Bulgaria, on the theory that a Germanic force on the south side of the Danube would overwhelm Serbia, relieve Turkey, open the road to the Black Sea and the Aegean Sea for the Germans, bring about the complete discomfiture of Russia, and have the gravest effect on the fortune of the Allies.

"It is not at all to the credit of the Franco-British diplomacy," says the Standard, "that this question was not settled long ago. We want Bulgaria's cooperation. We have known from the beginning the price to be paid, yet while we have been talking and arguing, nothing has been accomplished and Bulgaria is losing patience and beginning to listen to the cajolements and offers of adversaries.

An Unfailing Way To Banish Hairs

(Beauty Notes)
Ugly hairy growths can be removed in the privacy of your own home if you get a small original package of delatone and mix into a paste enough of the powder and water to cover the hairy surface. This should be left on the skin about two minutes, then removed and the skin washed and every trace of hair will have vanished. No harm or inconvenience can result from this treatment, but be sure you buy real delatone.

LAKE ONTARIO SWEEP BY GALE

Toronto, Aug. 3.—In a forty mile gale which raged on Lake Ontario today, the worst in four years, according to the weather bureau, the cargo steamer Alexandria of the Canada Steamship Lines, Captain William Bloomfield, in command, bound from Montreal to Toronto, ran ashore at 5.30 this evening at the Scarborough Bluffs, some three miles east of the city. The surf was too heavy to permit of launching a boat, but the crew, 22 in number, were all saved. Equipped with life preservers, they leaped into the breakers, and were dragged ashore by a number of farmers, summer residents and employees of the Radical Railway, who constituted an amateur life saving brigade.

NO IMMEDIATE DANGER OF FAMINE IN MEXICO CITY

Supplies enough for all needs of population for a month, Gen. Gonzales says.

Mexico City, Aug. 3.—General Pablo Gonzales, commander of the Carranza forces, told the Associated Press today that with his army had come sufficient food supplies to plentifully furnish all the needs of the population of the federal capital for at least one month. These supplies, he said, included 7,000 sacks of flour, 100 cars of corn and large quantities of sugar, coffee, butter and beans. A commission will commence the distribution of the food-stuffs tomorrow.

Gen. Gonzales said that communication both by rail and telegraph has been established and that food will soon begin to arrive from various sections of the republic. He asserted that order everywhere in the federal district had been restored and that business once more was assuming its normal way.

WILL WORK TOGETHER TO RESTORE PEACE IN TROUBLED MEXICO

Washington, Aug. 3.—The six South and Central American nations which President Wilson has invited to be represented at the meeting here Thursday to consider plans for restoring peace to Mexico have formally identified their willingness to join with the United States in the preliminary conferences.

PAYS PENALTY FOR MURDER OF POLICEMAN

Vancouver, Aug. 3.—T. C. McIlwain, alias "Mickey" the Dago, was hanged at New Westminster this morning for the murder of Richard Mickey, of the Vancouver police force. He died maintaining his innocence.

BOY CRUSHED TO DEATH IN ELEVATOR SHAFT

Montreal, Aug. 3.—Gaston Battelard, 16 years of age, an elevator boy at the Smart Woods Ltd. factory, 800 Mullin street, was killed this morning when the elevator came down on him crushing his head between the elevator base and the floor on the first flat.

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NO GENERAL EXPULSION OF GERMAN FARMERS FROM THIS COUNTRY

"Yarn" about 1,000 driven out or fled to escape internment, made from whole cloth.

Ottawa, Aug. 3.—The Dominion Justice Department is at a loss to understand a Seattle despatch this morning to the effect that several hundred farmers of German birth who were expelled from Canada or fled from this country to escape internment, are now at Seattle and that 1,000 of them plan to establish a farm colony on the other side of the border.

"We have expelled no German farmers unless perhaps an occasional one with a jail record who would be classed as an 'undesirable citizen,'" was the statement made at the Justice Department this morning. "Quite possibly some have fled to escape internment, but not many. As a matter of fact very few German farmers have been interned at all. Some have been warned and then sent back to their farms and most of them are too busy with the harvest to raise much trouble. On the whole the German farmer of the west has been well behaved."

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PASSPORTS TO CAN SAULORS BOUND TO BRITISH PORTS
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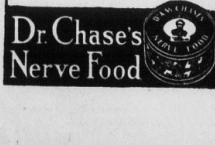
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