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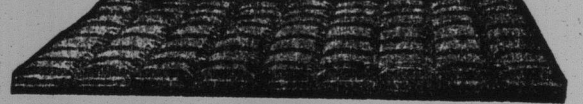
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'THE LAST SERVICE FOR SOME'

The activity on the western front, the gallantry of the men, the cheerfulness and unbroken spirit of the wounded and ministry to the dying are the theme of many letters from chaplains in the field. The Rev. P. Middleton Brunwell writes to the Methodist Recorder:

"We have been down here now for three weeks, and have been, as you will have guessed, in the thick of the recent push. I look back now with gratitude and joy to the last service I had with our men before they went into action. It was the largest and best service we have ever had since we left England. There must have been 250 present, and the men seemed to realize that for some it might be their last service. There was a strange solemnity about it that made, and will always keep, it memorable. Just before we closed I asked for a show of hands of those who would come to a voluntary service in the evening, and as far as I could see every hand went up. So we met again in the evening at 6 o'clock. At 6.30 the Church of England men came for their service—they had arranged for the room at that hour—and as our men nearly filled the place, it was a question of our closing, or continuing elsewhere. We continued elsewhere. We all went into an open field near the station.

"It was a delightful summer evening, one of the warmest and best days we have yet had. We chose a field where the clover had all been cut and stacked in little ricks. There the men sat, and we began again the service just interrupted. The men chose the hymns, and there was no cessation of singing and praying. Men stood up or knelt where they were, and prayed as if in separate and quiet communion with God, and then I spoke and urged decision and consecration as well as those other virtues of which they had heard so much in need in the next few days. And so we closed. It was the last service for some, but a service of holier memories I have never yet attended.

"The next Sunday some of those men were waiting to attack at dawn, and on the Monday I was busy in the Field Ambulance, and here and there I came across one or two who, as I wrote postcards or letters, or put a friendly cigarette in their lips, or helped in some other way to make their lot more cheerful, would turn and remind me of those last services of the Sunday in the field. The brigade with which I had been now so long were to go in a few days later. I went up to them the day before their attack, and saw all those I could, and

wished I were going up with them, to take the same chance as they and share the same fate or glory.

"I had tea with the officer commanding and adjutant and medical officer of one of the battalions. We sat and talked and joked all the time as happy and jolly as four schoolboys. The next evening I was the only one left! The commanding officer was shot in the lungs and died on the way to the casualty clearing station. The medical officer was wounded in the leg and the adjutant has not been seen or heard of since. What a belated service it was! And yet some folk who sit in easy chairs at home hold up their hands in horror when you talk of the necessity of Germany being punished for this unspeakable outrage on civilization. The sights I have seen, and the experiences I have gone through, have taught me stricter views of the punishment of evil than I ever had before."

'A Three-Legged Race'

Mr. Brunwell also gives some instances of the way in which the wounded bear their wounds. Their good spirits are unquenchable. They must have their joke. They will keep smiling. They buy in the Ambulances all the time, morning, noon and night. Poor lads! How they heartily went out to their sufferings, and how heroically they bore it all! One of the first I helped in to the ambulance wagon was one of our own lads who has been with us from the start, and attended services and communion regularly. He won the D. C. M. in the 'crater' fight. Here he was leaning on my arm as I took him to have a wound dressed—a bullet wound in the back! I sat beside him whilst it was being dressed and talked to him of everything, and kept him occupied all the time. As we passed out and went to the next dressing station, he hopped along, and one said as he passed: 'It is good, sir, that we learnt the three-legged race before the war, wasn't it?' There they were imagining they were in a three-legged race, and they just come from the 'dressing' tent! If any man can show me greater heroism and greater self-sacrifice and devotion than I have seen here, I will go miles with him to see it. The Christ-spirit has entered deeper in the hearts of our men, and made its impression on our people, and all unconsciously they show it now."

Verdun and The Somme--A Contrast

(New York Times.)

After seven weeks of Verdun France said: "They shall not pass." The phrase became a symbol, a creed. They did not pass. But certain war critics doubted. They had been told in Paris that Verdun was of no military value to the French, whose army would have surrendered it had it been taken. The phrase became a symbol of the people's faith in a secret service of the senate to lay the blame for the disaster on the materialized. After seven weeks Germany is saying of the Somme: "They shall not pass." And the French, having finally accepted the French creed, are ready to accept the German. With the campaigns of Napoleon and Grant for a background, they paint the Somme as a replica of Verdun and say: "Behold how lie!"

In reality no such resemblance exists except as the strategy of defense and attack identified with one place reser-

bles that of another. So it has been since the days of Joshua. But in the tactical problems to be solved, in which they became a symbol to find so much in common, there is no resemblance whatever, rather a series of vivid contrasts.

Verdun, when the high-angle fire of the great German howitzers had scraped the steel cupolas and concrete concrete of 200,000 men. After a year of the Germans entered the trap and the trap was sprung. So far the trap has worked well. The capture of only two of the nineteen permanent positions has cost the Germans 500,000 men.

But why Verdun? Due east across the plain of the Woivre lies Metz. Verdun opens its side door to Metz. The front door is opened down the Moselle from Pont-a-Mousson, where behind the cliffs great French guns have slumbered for eighteen months, with the twenty-five German forts in the bowl of the Moselle in full view when they shall awake. This is the military reason for the attack on Verdun and for its stubborn defense. Yet, the Germans had two objectives in mind. They would force the enemy to use up his accumulations of men and munitions and make his offensive elsewhere impossible, and, with Verdun captured, the German line in Champagne could be fed direct from Metz and thus relieve the depots at Cambrai and St. Quentin on the mental front in the west. They had non-military motives, too—economic, sentimental, and perhaps, nepotistic.

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LAST NIGHT'S WAR CABLES

An Entente Allied fleet of 23 warships and seven transports is reported to have arrived off Piraeus, the port of Athens.

A despatch from Athens says it is probable that the Greek elements, sent for Oct. 8, will be postponed for a fortnight.

Russian troops have begun another advance, and Petrograd reports fighting near Vladimir-Volynski, in Volhynia, and in the region of Halicz, in Galicia.

The Russians also have seized a series of heights in the Carpathians, and are making progress along the Roumanian border of Bukovina. The capture of about 16,000 prisoners is claimed by Petrograd.

A withdrawal of the Austro-German lines south of the Zlota Lipa—Dniester section—is recorded by Berlin. Progress by the Russians west of Arnapol is admitted, but Russian attacks in the Carpathians and near Lutsk were repulsed, Berlin says.

In Albania, Italian troops, advancing along the Vojussa river, have occupied Tepeleni.

Rome says that two villages were stormed and that a number of prisoners were taken in the fighting along the Vojussa.

The Germans report the re-occupation of ground near Longueval and Delville Wood, on the Somme front, in Northern France. London admits a German advance, but says the attackers sustained severe losses. On the rest of the front in France there has been little activity.

No fighting is reported on the front in Macedonia, and there are no late reports on the operations in Transylvania.

Petrograd claims the repulse of Turkish attacks west of Erzingon and west of Ognott in Turkish Armenia. The rout of more than two divisions of Russians by the Turkish left wing is reported by Constantinople. Prisoners, the number of 5,000, were captured by the Turks.

German forces in German East Africa are in full retreat. Lieut-General Smuts, the British commander there, reports.

Mogoro, the seat of the German government, has been occupied by the British.

Church Defeats

Jap Champion

Japanese Player Quickly Dispatched by Smashing Net Play of Opponent

The last of the foreign entrants in the 80th annual championship tournament of the National Tennis association were eliminated at Forest Hills, N. Y., on Wednesday, in the second round. Ishiya Kumagae, champion of Japan, went down in straight sets before the smashing net play of George M. Church of Pennsylvania, after a hard fought match at 7-5, 7-5, 6-3. Maurice E. McLoughlin, 1913 champion, had no trouble in defeating Kenneth Hawes of New York, 6-4, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

Several of the California minor stars were also eliminated, in some cases by their own team mates. Roland Roberts of San Francisco lost to William Davis, California, now a student at the University of Pennsylvania, after a hard fought match at 7-5, 7-5, 6-3. Maurice E. McLoughlin, 1913 champion, had no trouble in defeating Kenneth Hawes of New York, 6-4, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

Karl Behr of New York, put James Weber of Chicago out, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2. Watson M. Washburn, New York, won from H. C. Van Vleet, University of California, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4. William J. Clothier of Philadelphia won from E. J. Sweet, Des Moines, 6-3, 6-0, 6-2, and H. Norris Williams, 2nd, Philadelphia, defeated Robert LeRoy, New York, 6-4, 6-1, 7-5.

Chief interest in the day's play centered in the match between Church and Kumagae.

Church made short work of the Oriental expert. Church rushed to the net at every opportunity and his accurate placements shots off the Japanese's returns proved unregrettable in the majority of cases. Kumagae was extremely alert and made many gets that an ordinary tournament player would

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