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**BRITISH FACE DEATH PLAYING FOOTBALL MATCH**

A writer in a British newspaper says:—"If you want to get picturesque stories of the fighting," said a distinguished officer to me, "you must go to the units that have taken their part in it. I can give you the results achieved; they can fill in the human incidents, and the local colour." And so, taking advantage of a lull in the great conflict, I slipped off to the headquarters of a battalion of the East Surrey Regt. The battalion left its assembly trenches at 7.30 a.m. on July 1st to participate in the great attack. One of the officers carried with him a bottle of champagne, which he and one or two comrades had pledged themselves to drink beyond the German front line. At 12.22 p.m. the battalion was duly quaffed. The goal had been won; but at what a price. Yet not too dear, in the opinion of the survivors, for the glorious victory added to the laurels of the regiment. The captain of one of the companies had provided four footballs, one for each platoon, urging them to keep up a dribbling competition all the way over the mile and a quarter of ground that they had to traverse. As the company formed on emerging from the trench the platoon-commanders kicked off and the match against death commenced. The gallant captain himself fell early in the charge, and men began to drop rapidly under the hail of machine gun bullets. But still the footballs were booted, onward, with hoarse cries of encouragement or defiance, until they disappeared into the dense smother behind which the Germans were shooting. Then, when bombs and bayonets had done their work and the enemy had been cleared out, the Surrey men looked for their footballs and recovered two of them in the captured traverses. These footballs will be sent to the regimental depot as trophies worth preserving.

In the trenches that protect France there are being edited and printed or mimeographed more than one hundred journals written by and for the common soldiers—two of them with a circulation of eighteen thousand each, most of them comic, all of them intensely characteristic of the spirit of France at war. Gelett Burgess, who has studied the origin and history of these journals and talked with those responsible for them, in an article in

the September Century tells how they have developed and what they contain. Harry A. Franck's exciting narrative, "Working in a Mexican Mine," is the product of a man who worked for weeks hundreds of feet down in the Pinguico Mine, his life constantly in danger from cave-ins and native plots. How the German Chancellor reached his present place, how he lives and works, what part he played in the submarine controversy, are discussed by William C. Dreher, who has been in Berlin throughout the war, in "Bethmann-Hollweg and German Policy." An important illustrated art feature is Judith Cladel's "Rodin and the Beaux-Arts," the early history of the greatest modern artist. The number contains a selection from Richard Watson Gilder's letters, now being collected for book publication by his daughter. The second instalment of "The Dark Tower," Phyllis Bottome's new serial, carries the story of Winn Staines and Claire Rivers, against the cool, brilliant background of Switzerland to within sight of its conclusion. "Like Michael," a feature of the issue is another tale of Constantinople, by H. G. Dwight. Other fiction features are: "Miss Willett," by Barry Benefield, the feeting romance of a New York working girl; "The Jilt," by Mazo de la Roche, a story about children for grown-ups, by a promising Canadian author, a further instalment of "The Leatherwood God," by William Dean Howells; "The Dance," by Grant Showerman; and "The March of Progress," by J. C. Squire. The issue also contains a Timothy Cole frontispiece; an inset by Jules Guerin; a series of photographs of our warships firing broadsides, making smoke screens, etc., taken by E. Muller, Jr., the navy photographer; poems by James Oppenheim, Conrad Aiken, Amelia Josephine Burr, Amy Lowell, and others; "Finance and Banking," by H. V. Vann; and the usual genial entertainment of "In Lighter Vein," this time with parodies and burlesque predominating. Published by the Century Company, New York.

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**BRITISH GUNS TOO MUCH, SAYS GERMAN OFFICER**

**Prisoners on Western Front Pays Tribute to Our Artillery—Cut off by Five Days—Thinks War Will End in 1917 and Germany Will Win**

A Hospital in Northern France.—"The war will end early in 1917. Which side will win? Germany will win, of course."

A wounded officer of the noted Prussian Guards made this assertion to the United Press to-day. The words came between big bites of thick white bread laid sandwich-like over a heavy spread of real butter and orange marmalade.

The officer was hungry. With about 200 comrades he had just arrived from the scene of the big British offensive. He had been nipped in the leg by shrapnel. His wound did not starve him from verbal optimism.

But he was greatly thankful for the neat hospital cot and the treatment he was receiving.

"Why were you taken prisoner?" he was asked. "The British had too much artillery for us," was the reply. "Their fire was stronger than our and we were cut off. We had plenty of food but no water. We had to surrender."

**Spoke Good English**

This officer spoke excellent English. He learned it in a German school. He was under thirty and a perfect specimen of manhood.

"How long have you been at the front?" he was asked.

"Twenty-two months," he replied with pride. "I've been in Poland, Galicia, Champagne, Verdun, and at Contalmaison and Mametz Wood. For five days my division was cut off by the British artillery fire. A trip to the rear for water was death. Long range guns were playing streams of steel on the lines between us and the rear. Shorter range guns were doing the same in front. At night we could crawl to shell holes and drink the water gathered there, but it was very risky and the water did not last."

**Not Worried Over Food.**

Despite his wound and the fact that he was a prisoner, the Prussian could not conceal an air of "cockiness."

"Germany will win the war," he added, in his slow, careful English.

"We have the men, the guns, and the material. But I think it will last another year."

"What about the food situation in Germany?"

"Food is very short now, but there is enough to last until the harvest."

Then we will have plenty. We are not worried."

Discussion of the possible duration of the war led the wounded German to a denunciation of the United States.

"You Americans are responsible for the long war that Germany is having," he said. "The war would have been over in a year if you Americans had not sold munitions to England."

"But Germany might have bought munitions from America as well as England. Perhaps the British fleet was partly to blame?"

"Yes," was the response, "but we blame the United States more."

Neither the Prussian officer nor his comrades had heard about the exploit of the German submarine Deutschland. The details interested them intensely.

Private Gerhard—of the Prussian Guard Regiment No. — was just as confident as his officer about the outcome of the war, but unlike the officer, was willing to give hearty praise to the fighting British "Tommys."

**Portugal Vast Manoeuvre Field**

Country is Preparing With all its Forces to Take Part in War—Organization of Staff—Recruits Being Drilled Rapidly, and Munitions Rushed

PARIS, Aug. 26.—"Portugal to-day is a vast field of manoeuvres," said Major Norton Matos, the Portuguese minister of war, in a recent interview with the correspondent of the Journal, publication of which has been delayed until to-day for military and diplomatic reasons.

"Portugal being in a state of war with Germany and Austria," continued Major Matos, "wants to take part in the war in the most direct form and in a fraternity of arms."

"We are preparing with all our forces to take this direct part in the fight. The mobilization of the army was received with enthusiasm, and has not developed one deserter, and we are continuing to raise men."

"Our first concern was for the organization of the staffs. We have now about 1,500 officers, and this number will be increased by the convocation which has just taken place of all the men from 18 to 30 years old who are in a condition to bear arms. This will form a corps of militia officers."

"As to our troops, you can go through our garrisons, our forts and military camps and everywhere you will see our recruits exercising in intensive fashion."

"Regarding munitions, our effort is similar. A great part of our national industry is in the service of the army. Already we have settled the urgent problem of transports and trucks, and soon we will be ready."

**Jumped Into Graves and Beg for Burial**

**Terrible Suffering of Armenians From Hunger and Exposure in Arabia—Government Investigation Has Shown That in Sepka Some People Had Eaten Their Children**

BOSTON, Aug. 26.—A statement describing the hardships suffered by Armenian refugees in northern Arabia was made public, by Rev. Dr. James L. Barton, Chairman of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. Dr. Barton said that the statement came from an eye-witness, not an American, and could be depended upon as unexaggerated.

The eye-witness said that of 3,500 deported Armenians at Neskeno a part had found employment, but the rest were begging.

"In every tent," he said, "there are sick and dying. Many hundreds of the sick are left without any rent or covering. I saw desperate ones throw themselves in grave trenches and beg the gravediggers to bury them. The Government does not give the hungry any bread."

He described one party of 600 which had been sent from place to place without food. As nourishment, he said, they cooked grass, pressed the water out and made balls, which they dried in the sun. In Hama he found the deported Armenians subsisting on locusts and dead dogs. Similar conditions were found in other places.

"In Sepka," the statement continues, "a preacher from Aintab told me that parents have often killed their children. At the Government investigation it was shown that some people had eaten their children."

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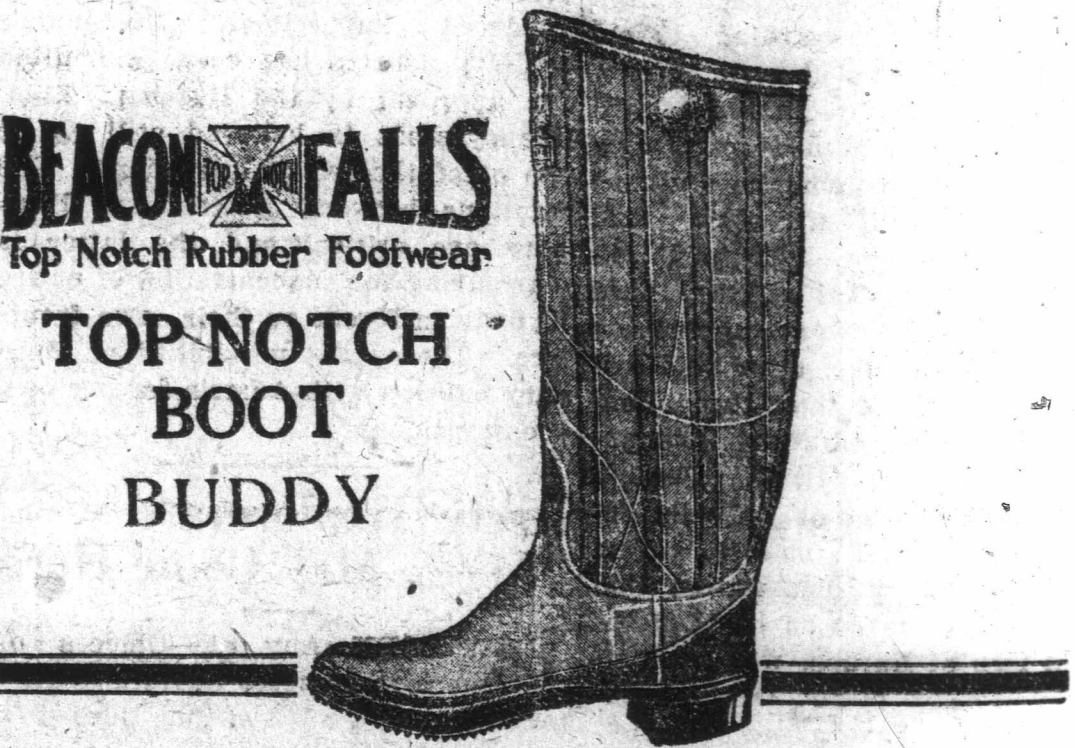
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