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Star's Correspondent Tells of Kitchener's Visit to France When Enemy Threatened Havre.

(This letter from Mr. Hill is marked "letter seven." As a matter of fact, it is only the second The Star has received. The others have been held up by the French censor. The contrast between the jubilant note of Mr. Hill's cable, printed above, after his personal view of the German rout, and this letter, written at the high tide of German invasion, is striking.)

Havre, France, September 1.—Despite the general falling back on the extreme left of the Allies, now at Beauvais, La Fere and Compiègne, the spirit of the British troops is good.

This is the news brought down from the firing line by the hundreds of wounded who arrive here daily, and are shipped back to England on the big white hospital ships.

The British resistance from the days of Mons until the present time, when they are holding a line from Beauvais to Compiègne, has been magnificent. So fierce was it that on Sunday and Monday the Germans fell back 15 miles with British cavalry closely in touch. But the French support was again missing, and on Monday, according to the wounded who have arrived here, had to take up another position far to the south to prevent outflanking.

Yesterday Lord Kitchener arrived at Havre on H. M. S. Sentinel. He went direct to Paris on a special train that took the most southerly route possible to avoid the parties of marauding Germans who have even reached the banks of the Seine.

Early this morning the British Minister of War arrived back, and, judging from the look on his face as he stood on the bridge of the returning cruiser, he obtained his own way while at the French capital.

"I don't think by the time this letter arrives at Montreal it will be giving away the plans of campaign to say that a tremendous outflanking movement, in which British, Russians and Belgians will take part, is to be started from the Belgian coast line, probably Ostend, against the extended, too sanguine and rapidly advancing Germans.

TALKS TO RUSSIANS.

I understand from Belgian and Russian staff officers who have been here, that fully a quarter of a million men, outside of those who are already taking the offensive with Antwerp as their base, will launch themselves on the rear of the German right and endeavour to cut off communication.

The main British base, so quickly removed from here when the first German hands appeared east of Rouen, has already been established east of St. Nazaire on the River Loire. This will allow the British army to retire via Orleans to the coast, until such time as the Germans are compelled to give up their forward movement by threatened flanking, and by the Russian advance to Berlin.

For several days we have been ex-

pecting the Germans to enter this great port, but, although they have been within a few miles, they have not attempted to capture the city. Five thousand British cavalry and several regiments of French territoriala remain, but it is estimated that the German force rapidly making its way to the coast is quite 10,000 strong.

An example of how this force travelled was furnished last night, when a French sentry at Harfleur, but a few miles up the Seine, challenged an automobile with five occupants. The challenge was not heeded. Shots were exchanged, but the car dashed wildly on towards Havre. Two peaceful countrymen, bringing in vegetables, drove their heavy wagons side by side as they gossiped. Into this barricade, round a curve, dashed the car. It was completely smashed, but pursuing French soldiers found it well armed with a machine gun, while underneath the British uniforms of the injured occupants were the grey green colors of Prussian cavalry. All five are now in jail here, but report has it that there are scores more of these same cars especially built for raiding ahead of the main column.

SAW THE GERMANS.

Early yesterday morning several correspondents drove a car about 20 miles northwest of Havre towards Totes and Neufchatel. We wanted to see the Germans—and we did. In a long valley, miles away, we glimpsed a great cloud of dust, and through glasses we could see fifty or sixty motor cars and several squadrons of Uhlanes camping by the roadside inn, which generally supplies the needs of peaceful cyclists and motorists on the main road to Paris. To the right, about a mile away, ran the railway line, the Etat route from Havre to the French capital, but the policy of the Germans was not to touch this, as it is guarded by reserve regiments of French, and the whereabouts of the German force would become known.

You could see the various units of the enemy quite distinctly and now and again a rifle barrel would flash in the sunlight. They are moving forward very slowly now. We expected them at Havre at least by noonday, but it seems as if they thought they had got too far in their zeal, and were halting for further advice. There is no question but that they are getting orders either from their main body almost fifty miles away, or that someone in this cosmopolitan seaport is warning them that there will be British cavalry awaiting them until Saturday, when the last of our stores will be safely away.

It may be that they hesitate because there are thousands of United States refugees, the last out from Paris, in the town, and a grey—but grim—neutral cruiser, the Tennessee, is at the big dock flying the Stars and Stripes. Camped on the wharf are over a thousand men, women and

children from New Jersey to California, many without means, most without any idea of self help. As each great transport is tugged out of dock they exclaim that the British are deserting them.

TAKEN TO ENGLAND.

A special steamer took about five hundred to Southampton to-day; to-night another boat will go, and tomorrow the cruiser will take off the remainder. The British are well cared for. Hundreds of them are going by every steamer to Southampton, packed on decks and even in lifeboats, but more of the dapper little channel packets keep arriving, and with the last train from Paris to-night all will be safely taken away.

As for the correspondents—there are twelve of us remaining—we have chartered a small tug and hope to make a dash down the coast to the new bast.

The Germans have not been kindly to those of us they have caught, and we will be glad when we are again taken under the protecting wing of the men in khaki.

ROLAND P. HILL.

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Aviator Witnessed Fight of Germans

FROM HIS AEROPLANE. Paris September 15.—The best view of the retreating German armies was obtained by a French military aviator, who descending from a point near Vitry-le-Francois, flew northward across the Marne and then eastward by way of Rheims, down to the region of Verdun and back again in zig-zag course to a spot near Soissons. He saw the German hosts not merely in retreat, but in flight and in some places in disorderly flight.

It was a wonderful sight to look down upon those tens and hundreds of thousands of moving men, the long gray columns of the Kaiser's picked troops, some marching in northerly, others in northeasterly directions, and all moving with a tremendous rapidity which was eloquent of their desire to place themselves beyond the reach of the Allied armies, who were harassing them every step of the way. The retreat was not confined to the highways but many German soldiers were running across fields, jumping over fences, crawling through woods without any semblance of order or discipline.

These men doubtless belonged to the regiment which, badly cut up in the fierce fighting which preceded the general retreat, was deprived of the majority of its officers. They were a mere rabble of fugitives, many without rifles, having abandoned their weapons in the mad haste to escape the vengeance of French and British pursuers.

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British Must Keep Up Strength.

London, Sept. 16.—Spencer Wilkinson, noted military expert and historian, writing in The Morning Post, says:—

"Up to the moment of writing, the signs are not those of a decisive victory. The German army has retired, keeping a broad front. The French army in its pursuit has to spread itself rather than concentrate. The effort to pursue is considerable and cannot be indefinitely prolonged."

"The Germans may shortly be able to make a stand and, if that should happen, there will be a fresh wrestle. Not until one side or the other is thrown and is down will the word 'victory' be quite in place. Until that moment, neither side can relax its exertions."

"The British Government, therefore, must not for a moment suspend its efforts to strengthen and reinforce Sir John French. The Government still has troops capable of being thrown now into the scale. There are enough regulars and Special Reserves at home to keep the expeditionary forces at full strength till Christmas."

"The Indian troops must shortly be expected. Then there is the Territorial force, which, if it has been practising with bullets and targets individually and in field firing since it was mobilized ought to shoot better than the German troops. A large part of it has volunteered for service abroad."

"If the Government counts the Territorials after instead of before the new regulars, it will be making two terrible mistakes—that of not appreciating its best men and that of not understanding the value of time in war."

Sulphate of Ammonia.

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Yours truly, D. JAMES DAVIES, B.S.C., F.C.S., Analyst and Assayer.

"Never Before Never Again"

SAYS THIS GERMAN

A wounded German dragoon gave a picturesque description at the Waterloo Station in London the other day, of the British cavalry charge by which he was unhorsed, according to the London Daily Express. His language showed that he was still vividly impressed by what happened when the Scots Greys charged at Mons.

"Mein Gott, it is hell let loose when your English Lancers charge," he said, and I will never face them again, never again!

"We were outside Mons in open country with a clump of hills before us, and it was as we neared them that a troop of howling, yelling devils with lances, but no jackets or hats, came racing round a hill and then straight for us like what you call a blood typhoon!

"Never before have I seen anything like them in our army or in my sleep. Your artillery and your infantry, yes; they are like ourselves, and we can fight them; but these lancers—ach Himmel!

"We were four to one of them, but in a flash, puff, they were on us and through us. Every one of them speared a man—I got this in the shoulder—and some of our horses went over."

"Before we could reform or get ready they came dashing back, yelling like furies, and they were through us again. Ach; it was awful, horrible; and then, by Gott, they turn about and do it again. This time they stayed with us longer, and then indeed we thought that all the devils in hell were let loose. Every man of us was now unhorsed, and yet I doubt if these lancers lost more than ten. I will never meet them again, please you!"

People are doing more reading to-day than ever before, and it is very important to those who wear glasses that they should be properly fitted. If you have any trouble or are in doubt, go to TRAPNELL, the Eye-Sight Specialist.—sep19,14

Louvain.

(A crime for which there can be no atonement.)

Louvain has perished. Let her lie With green fields girdled round: Peace deep and sweet upon her breast— Unmoved by sight or sound.

Let sun and rain and healing Time Build her eternal grave: In hearth and cloister, church and hall, Trees root and grasses wave:

Till, rising from that Plain of Tears, Death's image crouches vast, The Warden of the silent streets, The Keeper of the Past.

Louvain has fallen. Let her rest In Belgium's land of fame: To us a Shrine—to the Ostrogoth A monument of Shame. —D. P. S. in the London Chronicle.

Has Germany Made A Huge Blunder.

London, Sept. 17.—A Petrograd special despatch to the Times says:—"According to the latest information available here the Germans real-

izing the futility of the withdrawal of eight army corps from their Western front, are turning their first line troops from East Prussia westward."

"Military writers here are still puzzled over the problem why Germany should have made the blunder of sending such an enormous army to East Prussia, where it was bound to remain either inactive, or make an attempt to invade Russia with the almost complete certainty of sharing the fate of the Austrian forces in Galicia."

"The real explanation seems to be that when half the population of East Prussia stampeded before General Rennkamp, carrying the panic to Berlin, Germany felt compelled to tranquilize the population by sending a great army to the area occupied by the Russians."

German Warships

FIRED UPON EACH OTHER IN THE BALTIC.

London, Sept. 18.—Telegraphing to the Times its Petrograd correspondent says:

"Reports of disaster to the German fleet in the Baltic have been confirmed by despatches received here which declare that German warships fired upon each other. All rumors of engagements with the Russian fleet in the Baltic, however, are untrue."

"The information reaching Petrograd is that a numerous flotilla, attended by cruisers, while engaged in hunting down passenger steamers, mistook their own for the enemy's ships and engaged in a lively battle. The number of vessels crippled is unknown, but several cruisers entered Kiel badly mauled and riddled and carrying many wounded."

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