

FRENCH ARTIST WAS WITNESS OF SOME GERMAN OUTRAGES

Tells of Little Boy, Innocently Watching Germans March Past, Having His Head Lopped off by Officer

ENTERED CONVENT OUTRAGED INMATES

"Germans," He Says, "Will Have Much to Answer For When Hour of Retribution Arrives."

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Direct from France, with the scenes and sounds of life and death in the theatre of war still in his mind, M. Ludovic Leblanc of Paris, has just arrived in Montreal. "The attitude of the people of France is one of calm confidence," he said in a chat with The Herald and Telegraph.

"No matter what is now said, France was not prepared for war, nor was Britain nor Russia. I need not tell you that Germany and Austria were prepared and have been for years. Yet the mad rush did not carry us off our feet. At no time was there any panic. I was in Paris when the German army was within fifteen miles of the city. Even then there was no terror among the people. German airships were flying over the suburbs, and the Parisians stood looking up curiously at the unusual sight. When bombs were dropped the boys would run to look at the hole made in the ground. But afraid!

Not Excited. "I was in Calais when the great German attempt to break through to that coast city was at its height. There was no panic, no unusual sign of excitement. People have grown to have supreme confidence in the capability of the French and British army, and admiration for the gallant Belgians. At no time have the forces of the Al-

lies on the French and Belgian frontiers equalled those of Germany. It was not necessary nor desirable that they should. Enough were constantly kept there to hold the enemy in check. We had abundance in reserve after the first few weeks, and the British constantly poured in troops to fill up gaps and keep the line steady.

All For The State. "The resources of our country have not been by any means fully taxed yet, nor do we expect that they will be. As for the British—of course you know that they have an immense army ready still to come. I am a Frenchman and a Royalist, but today Royalists are Republicans, Socialists—all are of one party, and that party is France. My wife is a Belgian, and ten of her nephews are at the front line; twelve of mine are at the front. All males in France are soldiers, ready when called. I am forty-seven and when I applied to the major to be allowed to serve, he laughed at me. "We do not need you chaps, yet," he said.

All Young Men. "What aged men are now serving?" "Those between nineteen and thirty-five have been summoned, and all of that list has not yet been exhausted, yet France has now a fresh army of 1,800,000 men ready for active service."

"Have you been at the front?" "Yes; I have had some connection with writing for the press, and was privileged to see actions, including some near Lille. The French and British are excellently entrenched, quite and cheerful. Supplies flow to them freely and they have perfect confidence, meeting the furious onslaughts of the German hosts with wonderful coolness and steadiness. While German spies had long ago placed concrete platforms for heavy howitzers, in spots where the exact range of forts and towns had been carefully worked out, and consequently wrought great destruction at first, the field artillery of the Allies has proved far superior to the German.

STALKED ENEMY THRU' THICKETS

French Soldier Tells of the Signal Service That Won Him the Military Medal

A French soldier who was wounded in the fighting around St. Mihiel and has been recommended for the military medal writes a long letter to his brother-in-law in London from which we take the following extracts:

I was wounded on the 7th inst. south of St. Mihiel. I had the third finger of the left hand broken by a bullet and the first and second fingers slightly touched. My left eye was also touched by shrapnel, and my left ear and the second finger of my right hand struck by bullets too. You can judge it was pretty hot. I left the firing line when I was exhausted and unable to hold my rifle.

Brought Down By Shell. The day before I climbed a tree for observation, and was brought down by the impact of a shell falling near, and had the shoulder slightly touched by a piece. Some days before I had been twice brought down by shells, but without any injury, except that I burnt my fingers to pick up a fuse falling near me.

After having been fighting for three days they asked for volunteers for a reconnaissance to see where the enemy was. We started, one sergeant and four privates. In front of us the ground was full of thorny brambles, nettles, &c. We had to crawl to get along, laying the rifle to rest our hands on, not without scratches to our face and hands.

Caught the Spies. Afterwards we reached a ditch where the Germans used to come at night covered with sheepskins to make them unrecognizable. I acted as a scout, so had to go first, and then reaching the ditch I saw a reconnaissance of Germans coming towards us, crawling too. There were seven of them, with a lieutenant and a ser-

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