

# "VICTORY" FLOUR--THE HIGHEST GRADE MILLED

## BRITISH HAVE TWO MILLIONS IN FRANCE

**American Doctor Declares Germans Will Never Take Calais: Fifty-Six German Spies Caught in London Recently, and All Were Shot.**

New York, September 9.—Dr. Sydney Walter, Jr., of the Cook County Hospital Chicago, who arrived at the Waldorf Astoria yesterday, after serving five months in France as first lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps, says the British had two million troops under arms in France when he left Boulogne 15 days ago. Dr. Walker served first at Arras, six miles west of Bethune, and afterward at Etaples, near Boulogne.

"The British were slow to move at first," he said, "and the army was hampered by its red tape; but they have two million men of all ranks in France, who are better fed, clothed and equipped than any soldiers I have ever seen."

"The Germans will never capture Calais now," the doctor continued, "because for miles, and have 1,250,000 troops encamped around the city, in the first line of defences, there are eight trenches, then a mile of barbed wire entanglements and another eight trenches again a mile of barbed wire and eight trenches, and in the rear of that they had 25,000 cavalry, who have never had a scratch."

"As they could not be used in the field General Sir John French ordered them to be dismantled and do trench-work in front of Calais. There are 750,000 more British troops, including a large force of cavalry, who are with the French army near the Argonne."

"The nerve of the troops is remarkable and they suffer the greatest pains imaginable without a moan. On account of the intense strain of trench life on the nervous system, every officer and private in the army serving in France has seven days' leave of absence every four months, so no home and see his family."

"The soldiers have to become injured to the fighting by degrees. The

new men are taken to the trenches at night, after a guard has gone ahead of them to throw the bodies out, and they stay there for three days and nights and are then taken out and kept back for four days. The second time they go on duty for seven days and nights and by this time the men have become hardened to the shrieking of shells and noise of big explosives, and the sight of men falling around them.

"I want to say something about the effects of the poisonous gas on the troops," Dr. Walker went on, "because it has been very much exaggerated in the newspaper reports that I have read. Of course, there are many deaths among the soldiers who are struck down by the full strength of the gas, but with the cases of the men who are injured by inhaling some of the fumes fully 75 per cent. recover. They chiefly suffer from inflammation of the eyes, nose and throat but is not as painful as it has been described. I have handled hundreds of cases during my stay at Etaples and speak from experience."

"The inoculations against typhoid, typhus, tetanus, dysentery, and other diseases which carried off many thousands of British soldiers in the Boer war, have reduced the mortality from these cases to a minimum. During four months at Etaples, where we had accommodation for 15,000 wounded in the hospitals, I only heard of four deaths from tetanus and one from typhoid."

With regard to the big drive by the British and French forces, which was to have begun in May, Dr. Walker, said the expectation of a German march on Calais had no doubt caused a delay and also a change of plan on the part of General Joffre.

When asked about the spy system in France, Dr. Walker said that the French were very suspicious of any

one in uniform, but made a great mistake in not looking after the civilians who came around the camps from time to time.

"When I was in Bethune," he said, "the sappers attached to the Royal Engineers discovered, through one of their men falling over the wire at night, that the proprietor of the restaurant where conferences were held between the British and French commanders had a telephone by which a German spy with his head to a hole in the floor of the room ahead, used to telephone the plans of the Allies to the German commanders ten miles away. After this had been discovered the sappers undermined the house and blew up the restaurant. I saw the remains of the building next day."

"Another time the French commander became suspicious that signals were being made to the Germans from one of their own captive balloons, as the enemy's artillery got the range frequently and made great havoc among the French troops. Finally they hauled down the balloon and shot the officer, who proved to be a German spy."

"The best spy story I heard was told me by a British officer of high rank at Etaples, who said that it was absolutely true. There were so many spies reported going about London, dressed in officers' uniforms, that the War Department decided on the test. On a certain day in July all officers were instructed not to ride in taxicabs for twenty-four hours. This resulted, he said, in the arrest of fifty-nine men, of whom three were bona-fide Irishmen who had just arrived and did not know of the order and the rest were afterwards tried and shot."

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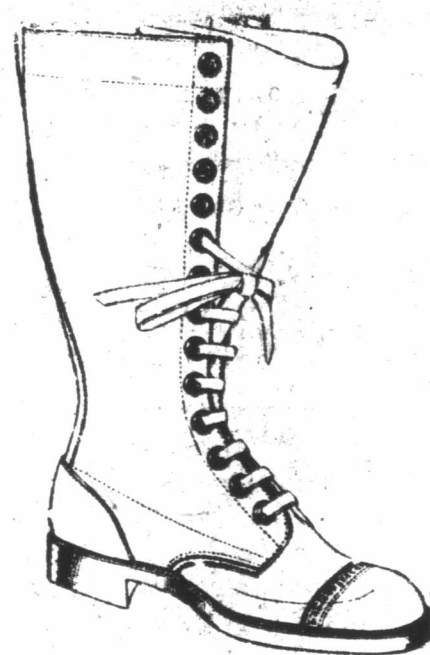
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**Brazil's Political Boss Murdered**

Rio Janeiro, Sept. 12.—The assassination yesterday of Senator Pinheiro Machado has caused a profound sensation throughout Brazil. The Spaniard charged with his murder has confessed, the authorities assert, that he had no accomplices and that he killed Senator Machado because he blamed the politician for the misfortunes which had befallen his family.

[Pinheiro Machado frequently was referred to as the political "boss" of Brazil. He was president of the Senate and leader of the Conservatives.]

## Worst Kind Vandalism

For the past three years Harvey & Co. have kept at the head of each of their steamboat docks a box of lifebuoys to be ready at hand if accidents occurred and people got into the water. They have repeatedly demonstrated their utility and proved a great safeguard to the lives of laborers and others who go to the premises. There are some in this city however who seem to take peculiar pleasure in destroying everything they see and there very useful appearances could not escape them. This morning it was found that the ropes were cut clear of several of the buoys and this is the second time during the year such has occurred. We draw the attention of the police to this and hope they will run to earth those responsible for the outrage.

## Died Suddenly

Mr. J. A. Potts, a man well known in the city and identified for some time with a Labrador timber syndicate operating at Hamilton Inlet, died suddenly at the Balsam House at 8.30 last evening. He had been ill for only 3 days when he was suddenly stricken with heart failure while in his bed and died very quickly. Dr. Mitchell was called but despite his best attention the deceased passed away. Mr. Potts, who was in his 47th year, was a man whom to know was to esteem very highly. Courteous, affable and kindly in his characteristics he was also a man of sterling worth and noted for his probity and strict honesty in all his dealings. He was an Englishman by birth and for some years resided at St. John, N.B. He leaves a wife, son and daughter, to whom The Mail and Advocate profess its sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

## An Exciting Voyage

St. Catharines, Sept. 12.—That the Hesperian had an exciting voyage on her second last eastern trip is told in a letter from a Canadian officer with troops carried by the steamer and now at Shorncliffe. The engines of the convoy broke down a short distance after leaving Quebec, and the steamer was obliged to go on alone. After being three days held up by icebergs at Newfoundland Banks fire broke out on board, but was extinguished. On the same trip three spies were arrested, one being a Canadian trooper, who was found with a complete German signalling outfit. The other two were with the munition workers.

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## THE PERISCOPE

French periscopes of many varieties are to be seen in London shops, and according to Monsieur Ernest Coustet in "La Nature" (Paris) there are at least ten different periscopes that may be used on submarines. The simplest form is a vertical steel tube about 20 feet long, with a reflecting prism at the bottom and the lens of a telescope at the top. In fact, just a telescope with the sight "turning a corner" from horizontal to vertical as it passes through the prism. This instrument takes in 45 degrees of the horizon at one view, and by turning the tube on its axis the observer sees the remainder successively.

### A Clear Image

This periscope, says M. Coustet, gives very clear images, but as it can be used with only one eye at a time it does not allow of distinguishing the different planes of vision, and tires the observer's eye rather quickly. Binocular periscopes have been made, but though one has the advantage of stereoscopic vision, luminosity is lost. The so-called combination periscope allows of vision with both eyes, though it is not stereoscopic. The size of the image is often insufficient to bring out detail. To obtain greater enlargement without diminishing clearness too much, magnifying-lenses are sometimes added. The preceding periscopes do not enable a commander to take a rapid survey of the horizon; it takes five to ten seconds to make a complete circle. Again, the observer

er must himself move around with the eyepiece. If the image is to remain upright without moving the eyepiece, it is necessary to use a compensatory prism whose movement makes up for that of the eyepiece.

### The Panoramic

This is the principle of the panoramic periscope whose tube is fixed, and bears at its summit a glass bulb containing a reflecting prism mounted on a base that may be turned with a handle. There is a compensating prism that turns at half the speed and keeps the image straight. To observe successively all points of the horizon, it suffices to turn the crank without its being necessary for either observer or eyepiece to change place. Nevertheless, however rapid the operation, it does not enable the observer to see the whole horizon at once. This is realized in the periscope with ring-shaped eyepiece. At the top of the tube is a ring-shaped lens which refracts toward the base of the tube rays that reach it from all sides. A panoramic image is thus obtained that includes all surrounding objects, though they appear smaller and more distant than with the naked eye. The observer also sees in the centre of the panoramic image a portion of the field on a large scale.—T. P.'s Weekly.

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