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Operations of Red Cross Vessels Reduced to Scientific Principles; Trip From France to England Is One of Considerable Anxiety

A soldier goes to the front and comes under the enemy's fire. Seemingly in the long past, far away among his home surroundings, he remembers vividly the cheering crowds as he left with his company, and the eager enthusiasm of his comrades all through the long trip up.

But once he is in the trenches death loses little time in introducing himself, and soon many narrow escapes have left the new soldier limp and fearless, and his wild enthusiasm dies. Generally he becomes morose and apprehensive. And then a curious thing begins to happen. As he waxes in experience in the gamble for the highest of all stakes, he almost inevitably comes to the point, sooner or later, when he finds himself saying, "What will happen will happen." His apprehension gradually melts away, and he becomes almost light-hearted. It was hard for him to understand at first why the older men, veterans to him, were such a cheerful lot.

A good many hundreds of thousands of fatalists have been turned out in the present war. The front trenches and perilous positions may be regarded as factories where fatal-

ists are made swiftly and surely. As men they come with individual and diversified beliefs, but as soldiers facing death few are they who eventually do not come to believe that "what will happen will happen." So regiments of men, battle-steel and keyed to death, march into the trenches, to battle, laughing and singing.

Every once in a while in France so many young men of a late class are called into service, and the eager companies leave for the front—an impetuous, ardent lot. Every young man as he gives a last farewell look backward, finds himself wondering involuntarily what his fate will be, almost unconsciously it is, and thus the first seeds of fatalism are sown. Later his little division is on its way up to the front line in the darkness. Everywhere is silence except for the mixed swish of feet, while somewhere in front of the marching column a lone Boche star shell, one of those that every now and then flash upward, breaks into a great brilliant gleam and shows the way ahead through the winding ditch.

To the recruits it does not seem like war, all is so quiet, but rather like some giant spectacle for their own entertainment, and when the star shell goes out the silence is broken by the steady march of the men keep steadily on through the ditch while the faraway crack of a rifle now and then in front grows more distinct. And then suddenly come flashes and a rapid, tearing "cr-r-unch!" nearby. High explosives.

Earth spurts upward from near at hand over the parapet and some falls over the marching men. Nobody has been hurt, but the incident has dampened somewhat the spirits of the party. It is their first taste of fire. Just a chance shot and the men trudge on in silence, while through their minds runs a common thought.

They arrive in the first line and relieve the men on duty there. It is done in silence, but in some way the Boches have an unearthly habit of learning about it. This presents an ideal opportunity to take an additional number of lives with the same number of the familiar trench shells. The small trench mortars on the other side start up.

But on this occasion they go wild and happily there are no casualties. Through the long night the trench bombs are sent over at almost regular intervals. Some explode in the trench at places along the trench line. "Cr-r-unch!" They tear up the earth about, break apart sections of the trench, while here some one is hit and there one has been killed. Some of the escapes have been miraculous, for chance has worked strange things. And the seeds of fatalism germinate.

Weeks later the recruits are thinned out in number, while among those who remain are many who have escaped death as by miracle, and they realize the part chance has played.

In the night a body of men is sent out over the parapet of the first line. It is their duty to crawl over to the other side, dodging the light of the rockets, and to learn the strength of the enemy's barbed wire entanglements. It is a very hazardous undertaking, and it is a safe wager that of the few who go out fewer will get back. The work must be done, however, and out they go.

"Take care they don't see you!" someone who remains behind admonishes.

"What will happen will happen," comes a soft reply from one who quietly slips over the top and with grimness and determination and little fear starts out.

A few minutes later and a shot cracks out and then another one. It is quiet again, but a sentry on the French trench peeping out under the next burst of a star shell sees a short distance ahead a form lying unnatural looking.

He wonders whether "his fate" will be like that. Like the majority of his comrades, he feels that already it has been allotted to him. And he wonders what his fate will be.

The French poilus have a little philosophy of their own and they call it the trench creed. They all know it and they tell it to you jokingly. It has been given in our columns before, but is worth repeating. It runs after this fashion: "When you're a soldier you're one of two things; either you are at the front or behind the lines. If you are behind the lines you needn't worry. If you're at the front you are one of two things. You are either in a danger zone or in a zone which isn't dangerous. If you are in the latter you needn't worry. "Now, if you're in a danger zone you are one of two things: Either you're wounded or you're not wounded. If you are not wounded you needn't worry. If you are wounded you are one of two things: Either you are wounded seriously or slightly. If you are wounded slightly you needn't worry. If you are wounded seriously one of two things is certain: Either you will die or get well. If you get well you needn't worry. If you die you can't worry. So there is no need to worry at all."

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CANADIANS QUIT FRESNOY VILLAGE

Furious Assaults Delivered by Foe Caused Him Heavy Losses

London, May 8.—After five days of extraordinary hard fighting between the Canadians and the Germans the little village of Fresnoy, lying southeast of Lens, and the adjacent wood, are again in German hands. In the retaking of these positions where the Canadians had stood for days holding the most advanced salient in the British line projecting toward Douai, the Germans evidently paid a terrible price. Preceded by a heavy artillery fire in which asphyxiating gas shells also were used in large numbers, the counter-attack was launched in the early morning. The machine gun and rifle fire of the defenders met the Germans, and they threw themselves forward, but they would not be denied and finally penetrated the trenches north east of the village and even entered the outskirts of the village itself. Their tenure of the position, however, was short-lived, for within an hour the Canadians again attacked and drove out the Germans and again held full sway.

Re-forming later and reinforced by two fresh divisions, the Germans again made a bid for victory along the entire front before the village and wood. The right wing of the defenders held steadfastly and inflicted heavy losses on the Germans. The left wing, however, despite stubborn resistance, was compelled to give ground and to withdraw from the village and wood, leaving them in the hands of the Germans. Berlin reports that 200 prisoners and six machine guns fell into the hands of the Germans.

Laid at Rest

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon of Mr. David Hall from his late residence, 83 Arthur street to Mt. Hope cemetery. Rev. W. E. Baker officiated. The pallbearers were G. M. Hall, R. Hall, H. Shurt, N. Hall, Hermon and Alvin Weaver. The floral tributes included: pillow, family wreaths, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hall, George and Newman Hall, Mr. and Mrs. A. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. H. Weaver, Court Southern City, C.O.F., packing dept. Messrs. Harris Co's; sprays, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. A. Shields, Misses Gillam, Mr. and Mrs. E. Campbell, Mrs. F. Fowler, and Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. Keap, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. and Alma, Nellie and Della.

MARINE APPROPRIATION

By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, May 9.—President Wilson to-day began work on getting the \$1,000,000,000 appropriation for merchant ships and sent for several senators on the appropriations committee.

CANALIERS LIGHTER

By Courier Leased Wire. London, May 9.—Andrew Bonar Law, member of the British war council, to-day stated in the House of Commons that the British casualties in the recent offensive on the Arras front in France were from 50 to 75 per cent. fewer than those in the battle of the Somme.

RUSSIAN SUCCESS

By Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, May 9.—Via London, 4:40 p.m.—Russian troops on the Rumanian front northwest of Senne yesterday broke through the Teuton lines and advanced towards Jenawer, says the official statement issued to-day by the Russian department.

WINNIPEG MAN CURED

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TO BAR GRAIN FOR LIQUOR

Proposition Receiving Consideration at Hands of Dominion Government

Ottawa, May 8.—The question of shutting off the supply of grain to brewers and distillers for the manufacture of liquor is receiving the attention of the Dominion government. The announcement was made in the House of Commons today by Sir George Foster at the conclusion of an impromptu debate on the subject precipitated by E. B. Devlin, of West. The proposal is that the members of the House in order to introduce a resolution asking for action. The Acting Prime Minister did not indicate what view of the members of the government was, but during the course of an able address his own sympathies were clearly apparent.

A feature of the debate was the announcement of Sir George that the distillers of Canada were running to capacity in the manufacturing of whiskey and other liquors, but in making explosives.

The debate continued all afternoon, and the various sides emphasizing the necessity of conserving the food supplies of the Dominion by eliminating wasteful use of grain in the manufacture of liquor. The only opposition or suggestion of opposition came from Dr. Michael Clark, Liberal member for Red Deer, and W. B. Northrup, Conservative of East Hastings. Mr. R. Stevens, of Vancouver, urged action that would not only prevent the use of grain in Canada for the manufacture of liquor, but would prohibit its export to England or the United States except for food purposes.

After hearing Sir George Foster's statement that the government had the matter under consideration, Mr. Devlin said that he was satisfied, and withdrew his motion.

DISCONTINUE GRAIN SUPPLY

When Parliament opened Mr. Devlin moved the adjournment of the House to permit the discussion of his resolution, asking the government to take action under the War Measures Act to restrict the supply of grain to brewers and distillers owing to the high cost of living and the necessity of conserving all our food resources for Canada, the Empire and our allies. The grain consumed in the manufacture of beer and whiskey in 1916, was: Barley 2,352,273 bushels, corn 589,394 bushels, rye 123,801 bushels. He claimed that the Government should practice more economy and less waste, and there would be less taxation on the consumer. One way in which they could assist the consumer was discontinuing the grain being used in the manufacture of liquors. It was due to the government, he concluded, to accept and put this resolution in effect.

RETURNED SOLDIERS

By Courier Leased Wire. Calgary, May 8.—The Alberta Veterans association, in convention here, passed resolutions objecting to individuals or societies interfering with the government of troops overseas, favoring "rotating dispensation" of rum to soldiers in trenches, and asking an amendment to the Military Act that would exempt men who die from disabilities received in active service should be granted military funerals. Another resolution asks dominion, provincial and municipal governments to delay action on public works until termination of war so that the soldiers may be absorbed into civil life more easily. The convention advocated disenfranchisement of alien enemy citizens who voted in favor of government taking over food supplies to prevent hardships to widows and dependents of soldiers.

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA



How gladly I would do my bit, if the food supply by raising fields of beans, I cannot chase the brutal foe I'd go and hit a Prussian with a help to make things go by using up my tax. And I can make the kind of spiel that patriots admire, that makes the young man grasp his steel, filled up with martial fire. And I can set examples here, and none I can't enlist. A lot of us must stay at home, too lame to seek the front, too old to sail across the foam and do a warlike stunt. And yet we need not throw a fit, or grumble day and night, for we can surely do our bit, although we cannot fight. I cannot make the Germans die, or still can do my bit and figure in the sink their submarines, but I can help in my own way.

When I begin to kill off Germans, him. We've stood and looked at my motives will be just, no thirst for blood my course determines. I further, if honor were retained. The patience of this mighty nation may appeal to Bill; so now we're off my swords and lances, and hum the martial tune. Long, long I hoped the nutty kaiser would see where he was wrong, that he'd have counsel, saner, wiser, than he has had for long. But he is drunk with blood, besotted, in carnage he would swim; he'll have no sense till I have swotted the sauerkraut out of him. I can set examples here, and none I can't enlist. A lot of us must stay at home, too lame to seek the front, too old to sail across the foam and do a warlike stunt. And yet we need not throw a fit, or grumble day and night, for we can surely do our bit, although we cannot fight. I cannot make the Germans die, or still can do my bit and figure in the sink their submarines, but I can help in my own way.

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