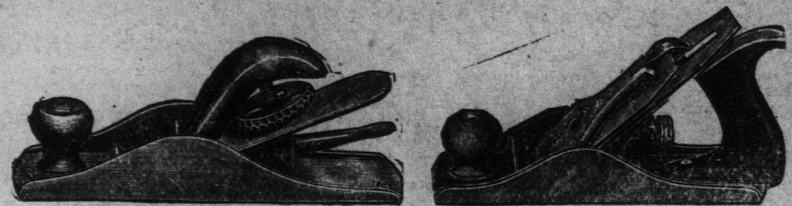


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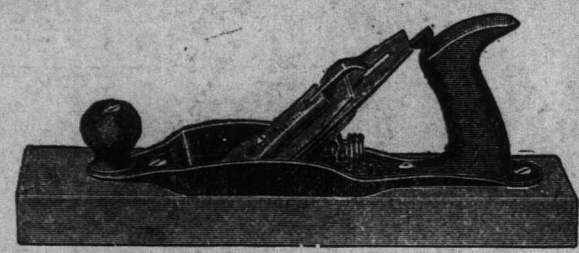
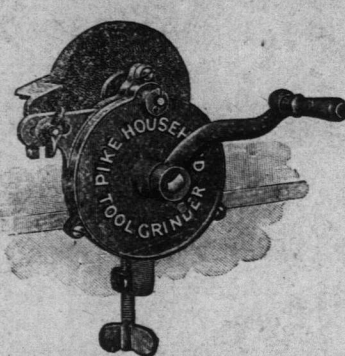
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LATEST**From the Front.**

10.00 A.M.

REPORT FROM GENERAL FRENCH

—HEAVY BRITISH CASUALTIES

—BUT ENEMY'S LOSSES THREE

TIMES AS MUCH.

Special to Evening Telegram.

LONDON, To-day.

Field-Marshal Sir John French, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in the field, speaks in an optimistic vein concerning the position of the Allies as reported to-day by the Official Press Bureau. The report covers in general the activities of British troops from Nov. 14 to the 20th, with extensive reference to the fighting proceeding between those dates. Summing up the situation, in concluding his report, Field Marshal French says: As I close this despatch signs are evident that we are possibly in the last stages of the battle from Ypres to Orientieres (?). For several days past the artillery fire of the enemy has slackened considerably. His infantry attacks have practically ceased. In remarking upon the general military situation of the Allies, as it appears to him at present, General French continues: It does not seem to be clearly understood that operations which we have been engaged, embrace nearly all the central parts of the Continent of Eu-

rope from east to west. Combined the French, British and Belgian armies in the West, and detached only in the east oppose to unite the forces of Germany and Austria, acting with combined armies between us. Our enemies attempted at the commencement of the war to throw the weight of their forces against our armies in the west, and detached only comparatively weak force, composed of very few first line troops, several corps of the second and third line troops to stem the Russian advance until the Western forces could be completely defeated and overwhelmed. Their strength enabled them from the outset to throw greatly superior forces against us in the west. This precluded the possibility of our taking vigorous offensive action, except when miscalculations and mistakes made by commanders opened up special opportunities for successful attack and pursuit. The Battle of the Marne was an example of this, as also our advance from St. Omer and Hazebrouck to the line of the River Lys. We have consequently been called upon to occupy strong defensive positions to hold the ground gained, to invite the enemy's attacks to throw back these attacks, causing the enemy heavy losses in his retreat and following up with successful counter attacks to complete his discomfiture. The value and significance of work of this nature, since the commencement of hostilities by the Allies' forces in the West lie in the fact that at the moment when the Eastern Provinces of Germany are in imminent danger of being overthrown by the numerous and powerful armies of Russia, nearly the whole active army of Germany is tied down in a line of trenches extending from Verdun, from the Alsatian frontier with

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the sea at Newport and East Dunkirk, a distance of 250 miles, where they are held with much reduced numbers and impaired morale by successful action of our troops in the west. I cannot speak too highly of the services rendered by the Royal artillery throughout the battle. In spite of the fact that the enemy has brought up in support of the attacks, guns of great range and shell powers, our men have succeeded throughout in preventing the enemy from establishing anything in the nature of a superiority in artillery. The skill and courage displayed by the Commanders of the Royal artillery were marked. The Royal Engineers have been indefatigable in their efforts to assist the infantry in field fortification and trench work. I deeply regret the heavy casualty which we have suffered, but the nature of the fighting has been very desperate. We have been assailed by vastly superior numbers. I have every reason to know throughout the course of the battle we have placed at least three times as many of the enemy hors de combat in dead, wounded and prisoners. Throughout these operations General Joffre strained his resources to the utmost to afford me all support he could. Expressions of warm gratitude are also due to General Du-bail, commanding the Eight French Army Corps on my left, and General Demaud Ely commanding the Tenth Army on my right.

11.30 A.M.

KAISER IN THE EAST.

BERLIN, To-day.
It is announced at military headquarters that Emperor William is now with the German army in the East.

WANDERING STARVED AND HALF FROZEN.

LONDON, To-day.

It is impossible as yet accurately to estimate German losses around Lodz, says Reuter's Petrograd correspondent. Germans in groups and companies, even in battalions, are wandering starving and half frozen in the snow covered fields, seeking opportunity to surrender. It would require something like six or seven fresh army corps to shut off the German retreat completely.

ALLIES TAKING THE OFFENSIVE.

LONDON, To-day.

The Daily Mail's Rotterdam correspondent reports that the Allies are taking the offensive, South of Ypres, having discovered that the German line is weakening.

TWO ATHLETES KILLED.

LONDON, To-day.

The latest list of British killed in France contains the names of two well known athletes, G. R. L. Anderson, hurdler, and L. Collins, a cricket player. Anderson was twice English amateur champion of both high and low hurdles. Collins will always hold a place in the history of cricket as the batsman who made the highest individual score on record.

THE MOVEMENTS THAT FAILED.

LONDON, To-day.

That the enterprise that failed in Flanders will be repeated for the present seems probable (?), as the Allies have been allowed to capture some points of vantage around Ypres, which previously were considered necessary to German plans. There has been a minor attack near Arras, but not in strong enough force to suggest that the Germans have decided to try to get to the coast by direct route from the East. An interesting report from Sir John French, covering the period of the battle in Flanders and the days immediately preceding it, shows that this battle was brought to outflank the Germans who countered and then planned to move to the north east to Ghent and Bruges which also failed. After this the German offensive began with the French coast ports as the objective, but this movement, like those of the allies, met with failure. There has been no development in the Balkan situation, but stress is laid on the clause of the King's speech at the opening of the Romanian Parliament, in which he said: "I am convinced that realizing the importance of the present situation you will give the Government every assistance in passing such legislation, as is demanded by circumstances, and required to meet the needs of the army."

SIEGE OF CRACOW BEGUN.

MILAN, To-day.

The siege of Cracow has begun according to a correspondent who is with the Muscovite army. He writes that the Russians are bombarding forts with their heavy siege guns and that one of the suburbs of the city is reported to be in flames.

NOTHING DOING IN CAUCASUS.

PARIS, To-day.

A despatch from Petrograd contains a statement issued by the General Staff of the Russian army in Caucasus. It says: "That there was no action of any importance on November 23rd."

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Christian Brothers Collection.

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The totals are:—

Cathedral	\$2,912.61
St. Patrick's	1,086.95
St. Joseph's	74.67
Mt. Cashel	43.50
Littledale	6.30
Total	\$4,124.03

Last year the collections were as

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At the Deanery the amount of \$1,086.95 was handed over to Rev. Bro. Cashman by Mr. Bambrick, the Treasurer, references being made by Messrs. J. Barron and T. J. Foran to the conditions responsible for the shortage. Rev. Bros. Cashman and Hearn made suitable replies.

At Mount St. Francis Hon. J. D. Ryan in announcing the total amount paid a worthy tribute to the Christian Brothers, who are so unselfishly giving their services in the cause of education.

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GRAPHIC STORY OF LOSS of BATTLESHIP

Sheerness, Eng., Nov. 26.—Lying at anchor in Sheerness harbor, one of the biggest naval bases in England, His Majesty's man-of-war Bulwark, a battleship of 15,000 tons displacement, was blown to pieces by a mysterious explosion, this morning. Wrapped in clouds of smoke and steam the vessel sank in five minutes, carrying all to their deaths, but twelve men of the crew numbering between 700 and 800 officers and men.

Officially, the destruction of the battleship is regarded as having been due to an accidental explosion in her magazines and from causes as yet unknown. Eye-witnesses have described to me the terrible moment when the magnificent ship met her doom. Workmen on shore who were waiting to be relieved after the night shift, say they were looking casually at the shipping in the harbor and not observing anything in particular, when a terrific crash went into the sky, immediately followed by clouds of smoke, but for a brief minute this drifted seaward, and to the men's amazement, not a vestige of the great battleship remained. So utterly staggering was the blow that the workmen, who had been dazed by the severity of the explosion, for a few moments even discredited their own senses and debated among themselves as to how many ships they had counted before the explosion.

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