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Thrilling Story of the Battle of Gheluvelt---Brave Worcesters and Welsh---25,000 British Troops Check Great German Onslaught Near Ypres

HOW THE DAY WAS SAVED

In one of his earliest despatches, Sir ments were sent up, the line could be John French paid a well-merited trib- a pivot upon which, if reinforceule 10 the gallantry of the Worcest- re-formed and the position linked up. ers in the battle of Gheluvelt on Oct- Holding back by their fire the mass ober 31 last. This week the Wor- of Germans with whom they were (PSlershire County Council, reviving still engaged, the Welsh were coveran old territorial tradition, issued a ing the flank of the 2nd Division and and carried it with the bayonet. The fall narrative of the battle, which checking the German advance. If effect of the charge was to change the relates one of the most dramatic they could hold on and keep the flank entire position. They were now able stories of the war-how, the Worces- covered until help arrived the 1st DIto theraten the left flank of the Ger. ters and the Welsh saved the very vision could re-form, the gap could be mans, who on perceiving this at once

critical situation in the gigantic strug filled up. gle for Ypres last autumn.

desisted from any further advance. The position was critical and a very Their offensive died away. The story is told in simple lan- severe trial for the Welsh, but they

The last two pages of the document guage, and it should prove a fine in- belonged to a regiment who bore on recounts how Sir John French paid centive to recruiting, for it shows their buttons the mottor, 'Gwell angau tribute to the Worcesters, and gives conclusively that whilst there is much na chywilydd,; 'Better death than disthe text of his stirring address to the nonsense talked about the degener- honour.' They had been told to hold regiment. ation of our race, the British infant- the post to the last. They had done ry is the same as it ever was. The so. When Von Beimling advanced in New Theory of Kaiser's "Madness"? German force at Menin represented the morning, hurling on them attack Hamilton Times at least three Army Corps-100,000 after attack, the Welsh held the road The Kaiser is half British himself. men-and it appeared from a copy of against him. When the Germans sur-That must makek him mad. an Order issued by General Von round the Surreys and drove off the Beimling, taken from a Bavarian pris- Scots, still the Welsh held on, firing oner, that to these three corps the steadily firing, keeping back the Ba-Kaiser had especially entrusted the varians. When the Germans carried

task of breaking through the British Gheluvelt and the British line gave lines to Ypres, for in the Kaiser's way the Welsh remained firing, and opinion the success of this attack held their ground against all comers, was of vital importance to the success- [so delaying the German advance, and] fulful issue of the war, On October now at last when orders had been 29 the Bavarians began an attack on given to begin the retreat, the Welsh Gheluvelt village and the 1st Division. still remained where they had been It was made with great force and originally stationed just as if the line

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the Worcesters stormed the village



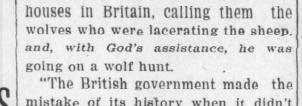
Submarine Warfare of **Enemy Has Little** Effect

"HAZARDS OF HELEN"

That Britain, as a nation, was slow to wake up, but capable of lightninglike action when fully aroused and that just at this time it was yawning ism. and rubbing its eyes, was one of the

many breezy metaphors used by Rev. A. C. Dixon, D.D., pastor of Spurgeon's Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, England, in his lecture at James he thinks is wrong," he said. street Baptist church last evening. Dr. Dixon, who is an American by birth. is a most fluent and forceful speaker and he had a gripping message for the hundreds who thronged the church last evening.

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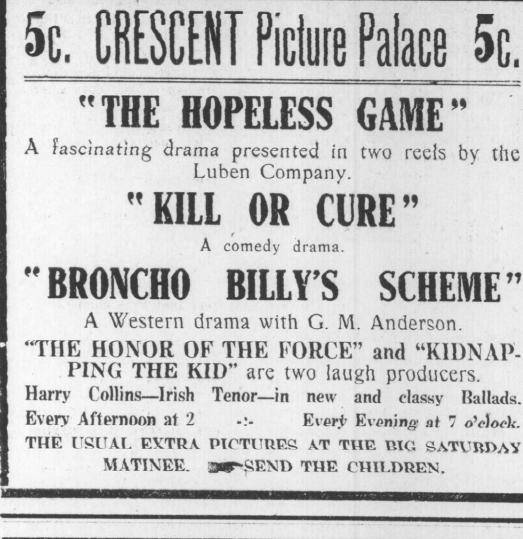
mistake of its history when it didn't throttle that wolf, but though things don't seem bright just now, I honestly believe I'll live to preach the funeral

sermon of the liquor traffic," said the speaker.

In conclusion he referred to three terms mentioned in the Book of the Revelations-the beast, the dragon and the false prophet. Worst of these, he said, was the false prophet, the worst of false prophets was "Russell-

"And I want to congratulate you on having for a pastor a man who has the courage of his convictions, a man who is not afraid to attack that which This war, as Russell thought, was not Armageddon. The war of Armageddon would come when Christ and His hosts arrayed themselves against the evil spirits, the beast and the dragon.

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with greater determination. It failed, was still intact and no retreat ordered, But to the south-west of the Meniu- Could help be sent to them so as Ypres road the British were not so to enable them to reap the reward fortunate. Here the line of the Can- of their heroic constancy? It would al was held by the 7th Division, rein- need a dauntless regiment to advance forced by the 3rd Cavalry Brigade. If under that hell of shrapnel to support strongly attacked this force was nu- the Welsh cut off from the rest of the merically so weak that it would have line. Could such a regiment be found? to fall back, as it could not hold the On the answer depended not merely long length entrusted to its care. It the fate of the Welsh, but of the Briwas so attacked, and the division feli tish success.

tack to a position only three miles A body of some 600 men, four comfrom Ypres. This retreat left open panies of the 2nd Battalion of the the flank of the 7th Division. Worcesters, were ordered 'to advance In the early morning of October 21 without delay and deliver a counterthe division was ordered to assume attack with the utmost vigor.' No one the offensive, and at least drive back who knew the regiment doubted for the Germans from the Zandvoorde an instant that they would do it; ridge. It must have been obvious to everyone was doubtful whether they the British that they would be in for could do it with success. They were very hard fighting, as the 7th and 2nd only four companies; the Germans Divisions, containing at best some were legion. But, whether they were \$5,000 men, were confronted by at to be successful or unsuccessful, their least 100,000 men, all of whom were plain duty was to attack the Germans. under the positive orders of the Kai however many, with their handful of set to break the British line, let the men, however few. The Welsh had rost of breaking it be what it might to be supported, the Germans had to Von Beimling, having protected his be repulsed. Everything depended upleft against and British attack, de. on their advance.

termined to attack the centre of the On receipt of his orders, Major Han-British line. This began by a very key, who was in command of the batheavy fire on the village of Gheluvelt Italion, sent Lieutenant Haskett Smith and the trenches near it by way of with six scouts to reconnoitre the preparation for an infantry attack in ground and cut any wire entangleforce. The attack was made and rements that would delay the advance. pulsed. Nothing daunted, another at- The A. Company, under Captain Waytack was made and repulsed. It was man, was sent forward to occupy and followed by, if possible, a more se hold the line of trenches between the vere fire of shells and a more fur- wood and the village. Not the least sous infantry assault. It, however of the exploits of the Worcesters on shared the fate of its predecessors that day was the advance of this com-With a pertinacity deserving a better pany to occupy and hold this trench. fate, Von Beimling repeated his ar It was in effect asking an English com tillery preparations and his infantry pany to advance and, as it proved, attacks time after time, but he al- to successfully advance, against the ways met with the same results, in whole German force at that point. spite of his great advantage in al- The trench was occupied, and not ways being able to bring up from merely occupied but held. Some 600 his huge force fresh men for each yards in front of the battalion was a attack, while the British had to rely small wood, forming some sort of on the same men, the Welsh, the Sur- cover. Here they deployed for the reys, and the Scots, to repulse each attack in two lines.

successive attack. Still the Germans | The Worcesters set out on their could make no way. They reduced terrible task. For about half a mile the village of Gheluvelt to a collection they had to advance under a very of blazing ruins, but the British held heavy fire of shrapnel. Over part of on to the ruins. the ground they could rush from one

-Marderous Fire bit of cover to another, but at one The trenches on the cross road to place for about 200 yards it was the east were searched from end to quite open, with no cover at all. end by the German shells; still the Here they had not only the shrap. Weish held on. Everp spot in front, nel in their front, but on their right even the wood in the rear where the flank the Bavarians pouring in a hail Worcesters were posted, was reached of bullets from their rifles and maby the murderous German fire. Still chine guns. It looked as if no one the line held on. Whenever, covered could pass through that fire unhurt. by the fire of their guns, the German [The Germans were constantly bring-



was the subject on which he based his EX-POLICEMAN remarks, and, in discussing the war, he but reiterated what others in a position to know and understand have said before-that no matter how long German Position Rushed and "Gunners" nor how terrible the war would wage, Britain and her allies must Arrested eventually be victorious. Prior to the outbreak of hostilities, An amusing story of how a former Ireland was divided against itself, sol-Liverpool policeman, now a sergeant diers were drilling and arms were bein a Midland Territorial regiment, ing imported. The Germans knew this "arrested" two Germans behind a and acted accordingly. Here they troublesome machine gun is being got their first shock, for the moment told at a British hospital base at that war was decalered all war ceased Boulogne, The hero of the story had in Ireland, and Britain was unified been in the trenches for some days. as it never was before. So it was without anything of importance hapwith the suffragette war, the militant pening, when, early last week, a nummaids hoisting the white flag and joinber of Germans managed to bring four ing the colors. It was hard to imagmachine guns into close range. For ine, he realized, Lloyd George and two days and nights this handful of Mrs. Pankhurst on the same platform, Germans behind the guns kept up a and still harder to realize 50,000 sufdeadly fire on the trenches occupied fragettes in procession, pledging their by Sergeant — and the rest of his support to the government in any acregiment.

The matter was discussed by the officers, and it was decided to call for volunteers to charge down on the few men working the enemy's guns. Without an exception every man of the regiment offered to go. Lots were however, drawn, and a party of men were placed under the command of Sergeant ----, the ex-Liverpool policeman

In face of the withering fire of the four guns the gallant Midlanders rushed forward with fixed bayonets. Man after man fell, but still the sergeant was seen trotting on, followed by the remaining men of the party Soon the sergeant, followed by about half the original number, had reached the enemy's position. With a bayonet

thrust here and there the Britishers started killing off the Germans. Three of the seas. They sneak up to a boat, of the four guns had ceased fire, but

the fourth still worked. The sergeant, who had in the charge forward lost his rifle, made towards this machine gun. Two Germans were then run and hide. They might keep penind it, each with a revolver: 142 policeman was una mod. Fearles ly thorities would soon round them up. he cawled up behind the two Gar And so it is with the submarines. The nane, and taking then, by surprise he British admiralty has successfully caught hole of one man under each arm. Utilizing the knowledge he had acquired whilst in the Force, he soon No transports going from Britain made short work of his enemies. The to France with soldiers had been sunk four guns were eventually dragged

by submarines. Why? Because-and into our own lines. the speaker said he was talking confidentially-wire screens had been BRITISH UNIFORMS stretched beneath the surface of the **TO BE FIREPROOF** water and the transports sailed in the lane so made, perfectly immune from



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