

TRICKS OF SPIES

ONE of the surprising features of the war is the elaborate and extensive spy system, which has been disclosed, particularly on the German. Some of the clever tricks practised by these parties is told in the special war issue of the Scientific American of November 7th, in a genuine letter from the firing line, written by an aide-de-camp of the French army, who tells the following incidents:

"It has just been discovered that the spies of the famous Gen. von Kluck informed were using a very old way of proceeding, very romantic indeed, that of the gypsies, the vagabonds, and the tramps, who, as a means of corresponding with each other, draw various figures on the walls and houses along the roads. One thinks he is looking at the drawing of a child while these awkward lines have a precise significance, and the smallest detail is full of meaning. Moreover, the German spies have lately copied a burglar's trick, and this is how: On the walls are seen some simple drawings, which do not attract attention, and before which no one would stop. The design, for instance, represents a cow, the face is artlessly drawn, however easily discernible. Sometimes the cows are of small dimensions, sometimes big, or medium. Some are looking one way, some another. Certain of them have their heads raised to the skies.

These cows have been drawn by the scouts. A small cow means that the road is poorly guarded; a bigger one that there are French troops in the neighborhood; and a still bigger one, that a fort or some important work of defence was to be found nearby. To render the information more precise, the orientation of the cows' head gave indication as to the dangerous spots to be avoided, or to be watched.

As the cows looked towards the sky, their meaning was that before advancing any further it was necessary to explore the neighboring country."

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Egypt Relieved Of Turkish Blight

Must Become Wholly and Irrevocably British

London, Dec. 15.—Lord Cromer, in a letter to the Times on the future of Egypt says: "If, as appears to be the case, the Khedive has unwisely thrown in his lot with Germany, his defection is probably of no great political importance. The personal influence of His Highness in Egypt is at present slight. "Whatever may be the future political status of the country, Abbas Hilmi can no longer be its ruler. The artificial connection between Turkey and Egypt has for a long time been seriously detrimental to the interests of the latter country.

Egypt as a result of the war, must be wholly and irrevocably relieved from the pernicious mortmain of Turkish suzerainty."

BATTLEFIELD HORRIBLE MESS, SAYS A LANCER

Trooper W. Allen, of the 12th Lancers, in a letter to his sister-in-law, who lives in West Ealing, gives a dramatic description of a charge by the Lancs and Scots Greys. He says: "Did you read of the glorious charge of our regiment in Belgium? Along with the Scots Greys we charged through, and through the German hordes until men and horses were thoroughly exhausted. The Germans ran like rats from our lances, but could not stand our rifles even, but when it came to cold steel I think the Teutons' blood froze in their veins. The battlefield was in an awful mess when we did slacken up at last.

"My word, it was a treat to hear our fellows when the 'Charge' sounded. There was one terrific yell, which we never heard the life of, and, like an avalanche, the regiment formed line and swooped down on the enemy like a yelling horde of demons. As one prisoner said it was like all the fiends in hell let loose."

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NEWS FROM THE FRONT

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But swiftly reinforcements came From (German Censor censored the Name.)

And French's army was defeated Upon the field of (Place Deleted.)

From (Town-blue-Pencilled) lovely spot. The Uhlands galloped, fierce and hot.

But hundreds bit the dust and grass. In place (Press-Bureau-Would-Not Pass.)

The hottest work in all the field Burst round (Locality-Concealed.)

To understand these frightful scraps, Pray, reader, please consult the maps.

Gaston, Williams & Wigmore, a New York agency for handling foreign orders, have placed contracts amounting to \$12,000,000 of provisions and war materials within the last three months.

WHAT PROBABLY IS AILING YOU

When your soul is filled with sorrow and your system's full of kinks, And you crave a warm, soft pillow, and some soporific drinks,

Do not call the undertaker and arrange your final trip, You'll be better in a week, sir, for You've Just Got Grippe!

SOAKED BOOKS IN A LIBRARY IN PETROLEUM

Presiding at the third of a course of addresses on "Louvain and its University," delivered at University College, by Monsieur L. Van der Esen, who was until the destruction of the city by the Germans, Professor of Mediaeval History there, Cardinal Bourne said he had only heard from the Professor a few minutes before he entered the lecture hall that the German soldiers, before they set fire to the building, had saturated the volumes in the library with petroleum.

IRISH LOYAL TO GT. BRITAIN SAYS OFFICER

A correspondent of the Toronto Globe, who has been investigating the conditions on the Canadian-United States border at Niagara, finds that the idea of the invasion of Canada by the Germans is scoffed at in Buffalo.

The most significant point revealed in the investigation was the intense pro-British sentiments of the Irish, of whom there are as many as 100,000 in Buffalo, or as many Irish as Germans.

The officer commanding the militia there, on being interviewed, said: "Even the best of our English Imperialists must take a second place to Pat in loyalty to the British cause in these days."

This wholesale turnover is ascribed almost wholly to the stand of Mr. Redmond and the putting of the Home Rule Bill on the Statute Book. Superintendent Regan, of Buffalo, scouted the idea of German preparations for invading Canada, and every effort will be made to prevent any such movement.

NEWFOUNDLANDER WRITES POPULAR CANADIAN SONG

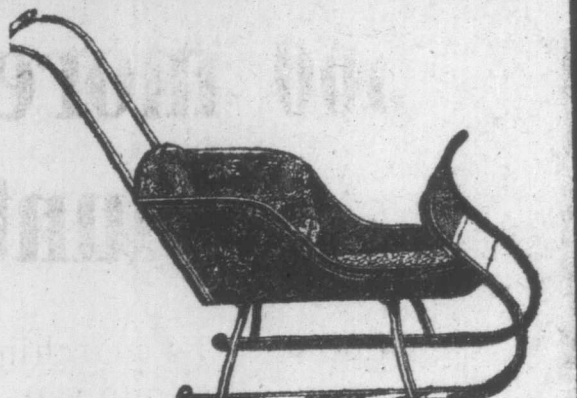
The most popular song of the Canadian troops on Salisbury Plain is one composed by a Newfoundlander and set to the tune "There is a tavern in the town." The chorus runs:

"We're marching on with banners streaming, Rifles flashing, bayonets gleaming, And remember that it's pluck, just British pluck that wins. O, Kaiser Bill, you'll wish you were, you were in hell. When Borden's beauties start to yell, start to yell, For we'll hang you high on your Potsdam palace wall. You're a — poor Kaiser after all."

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