

## FOREIGN LEGION IN THIS CONTEST

In Two Months' Fighting  
825 Survived Out of  
3,200.

### SERGEANT TELLS GRIM STORY.

His Men Saved His Life at  
the Same Time Taking  
His Money.

"Of the Legion I can tell you at first hand. It is a story of adventures, of criminals, of fugitives from justice. Some of them are drunkards, some thieves and some with the mark of Cain upon them and others to keep them company.

In my own section there were men of all races and all nationalities. There were Russians, and Turks, an Annamite and a Hindu. There were Frenchmen from heaven knows where. There was a German, heaven only knows why. There were Bulgars, Serbs, Greeks, negroes, an Italian and a Fiji Islander fresh from an Oxford education, a silent man of whom it was whispered that he had once been an archbishop—three Arabians, and a handful of Americans who cared little for the quiet life. As Burckelkar, the Arabian bugler used to say in his bad French, "Ceux sont le ra-ta international."

"They're the international stew." The story of how the 2nd Foreigner passed in review before the President of the French Republic and the commander-in-chief of her armies, General Joffre, in August, 1915, and were "admitted to equal footing with the regiments of the line" and then two months later, it was October 28—the remnants of this regiment were paraded through the streets of Paris, and, with all military honors, placed its flag at Invalides, and the regiment "ceased to exist," is told in "A Soldier of the Foreign Legion," by Sergeant Edward Morse (The Munsion Book Company, of Toronto.)

There is a wonderful narrative in between the two occurrences. How exciting may well be judged from the statement that: "At Snipies the regiment passed in parade march before some officer, the Etat-Major, and we were counted eight hundred and fifty-two in the entire regiment, out of thirty-two hundred who entered the attack on the 25th of September."

Buried Alive. Personally, the sergeant who is now back again in the United States, being a Frenchman born in California, had his trunk pulled out of his shoulder with his fingers, and extracted a steel splinter from his jaw on another occasion.

Once, at midnight it was, he had just been relieved: "I pulled several handfuls of grass and with that and two overcoats I had stripped from dead Germans during the night. I made a comfortable bed and lay down to sleep. The bank was not uncomfortable. I was very tired, and dozed off immediately. "Suddenly I awoke in darkness. Everything was still, and I could hear my watch ticking, but over every part of me there was an immense leaden weight. Something was holding and choking me at the same time. There was no air to breathe. I set my muscles and tried to give a strong heave. As I drew in my breath, my mouth filled with dirt. I was buried alive!"

With great skill and devotion carefully and graphically described, his men rescued him. Some time after he says: "It was then I happened to feel of my belt. One of the straps had been cut clean through and my wallet, which had held two hundred and sixty-five francs had been nearly removed. Some one of my men who had risked his life for mine with a self devotion that could scarcely be suppressed, had felt that his need was greater than mine. Poor chap, if he lived he needed the money—and that day he surely did me a good turn. Besides he was a member of the Legion!"

"From all of which it will no doubt be judged that the famous Foreign Legion of free-lance, outcast, dare-devils lives up to its reputation, and that however men may come and go, there are always those ready to fill gaps in this picturesque crowd of knight-errants."



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## GERMAN PRISONERS "CHOWING" IN A BRITISH PRISON CAMP.



A group of German prisoners at a "kaffee klatch" in one of the British Prison camps. Empty tins are made into cups. The man with his back to the camera is the interpreter.

## INCOME EQUALS BRITISH BURDEN

### Chancellor of Exchequer McKenna Reveals Financial Strength of Empire.

London, Aug. 11.—Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was subjected to criticism in the House of Commons yesterday on the ground of over-reliance upon Treasury bills, his critics arguing that a large amount of such bills outstanding constituted a danger, and that the Government ought to have issued another war loan.

In the course of his reply the Chancellor claimed that Great Britain was able to borrow abroad at much lower terms than any other belligerent power. He estimated the nation's total indebtedness at the end of the present financial year to be £3,440,000,000. From that amount, said the Chancellor, the nation was entitled to deduct £800,000,000 loaned to Allies and Donations of the Empire, leaving £2,640,000,000 as the net amount which would have to be sustained, as it was practically balanced by the national income. He declared Great Britain was in the position of a man whose income was £5,000 and whose debts amounted to £25,000, which was not an alarming position.

### BILLION DOLLAR CROP EXPECTED

After a thorough canvass of various points throughout Western Canada, Dr. McGill of the Dominion Grain Commission, is quoted in Calgary as saying that Alberta would have a crop as good as last year, that the Dominion would have a billion dollar grain crop and that the grain crop of the three Prairie provinces would be little, if any, behind that of last year.

"The country as a whole never looked better than it does at present," said Dr. McGill. "The weather was made to order, as you might say and I am of the opinion that this year's harvest will be another wonderful one."

Those who contemplate going West will do well to remember that the most fertile districts in Western Canada are served by the lines of the C.N.R. and that this season they can travel from their home districts to destination Canadian Northern all the way. Arrangements have been made whereby passengers may travel in comfort. Colonial and lunch counter cars being a feature. The first of these excursions will be run in August, the date will be announced later. For further information apply to nearest Canadian Northern Agent, or write to R. L. Fairbairn, General Passenger Agent, 68 King St., E., Toronto.

### HINDENBURG'S CONTROL HAS BEEN CURTAILED

German Field Marshal No Longer Controls All Teuton Forces Berne, Aug. 11.—After being in supreme command of all the armies on the Russian front for a short time the power of Field Marshal von Hindenburg was curtailed, according to a despatch received here, setting forth hidden passages of the Central powers' military history.

Emperor Franz Josef, of Austria, was persuaded to give over the control of the Austro-Hungarian armies in the eastern theatre to von Hindenburg, and on July 30 the German field marshal assumed absolute command. After a few days the armies in the southern half of Galicia were taken out of the control of the German general and placed under Archduke Karl Franz Josef.

The field under von Hindenburg who he formerly commanded, those of Prince Leopold, of Bavaria, Gen von Linsingen and Gen. Boehm-Ermolli, and extends to Tarnopol.

The Hamilton Board of Control will accompany a deputation that will wait on Hon. G. Howard Ferguson to press Hamilton's claims as a place for the location of the nickel refining plant.

## Much Less Trouble

Difficulties of March Across Desert Much Lessened, Says Hun Paper.

By Special Wire to the Courier, Amsterdam, Aug. 9, via London, Aug. 10—4.45 a.m.—Describing the journey of the German troops toward the Suez canal, the Fremden Nachrichten says:

"The difficulties of the desert fighting has diminished by two thirds during the war. The sun is as hot as ever, but the water supply, by means of a long pipe, is so plentiful that part of it can be used for watering the plantations that are springing up along the route. At intervals there are ice factories. Virtually all the land adjoining the railway from Jerusalem to Beersheba has been sold."

### EVERS HAS NEURALGIA

Johnny Evers, according to Percy Haughton, is laid up with an attack of cervico-bronchial neuralgia. Evers' illness is not as serious as neuritis, but is very painful, and some times stubbornly refuses to yield to treatment. Evers remained in bed most of Tuesday, and his physicians said that Johnny would be out of the game for about a week.



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## PRUSSIAN GUARD WAR STRENGTH IS ABOUT 150,000

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The Prussian Guard is supposed to be in the view of every German boy and girl, prince and peasant invincible. Napoleon once called his guard a "moving citadel which protects the Emperor wherever he goes". The Kaiser, on a spectacular occasion early in his reign stole the apothecary and applied it to the Prussian Guard.

To be exact, the Prussian Guard is an army corps, which takes the field as a separate unit and is made up on a peace footing of some 50,000 troops of all arms. It embraces thirteen regiments of infantry, eight regiments of cavalry. When we speak of the "Prussian Guard," therefore, we mean foot, rifles, uhlans, dragoons, cuirassiers, hussars, and even sappers.

In war, the "Guard" may be augmented to as many as 150,000 troops, so that even if 5,000 was the case at Courtaulmain have fallen the "Guard" is by no means "wiped out." The goal of Prussian greatness. The men of the corps are the supposed super-troops of the Kaiser's Army, hallowed by legend with unconquerable prowess. Their officers are exclusively noble and the rank file must be at least 5 ft. 10. and 12st. Unlike other Prussian regiments, the Guard is not a Territorial unit, recruited from the particular local district in which it is raised or has its headquarters, but consists of men from all parts of the kingdom.

Two qualifications are essential—the physical standard mentioned and the "blue-blood" origin. As a rule, the Guards belong to the older framing stock of the Prussian provinces. To have performed his two or three years of military service with Guard regiments in Berlin or Potsdam, where they are exclusively quartered, is for every young Prussian a badge of distinction which serves him well in after life.

The First and Second Regiments of the Infantry of the Guard are the particular pets of the Hohenzollerns. All Prussian Royal Princes serve in their ranks of their tenth birthdays. As "the littlest Willie," the Crown Prince's eldest son, has done conspicuous service in the trenches through the form of "earning" his promotion by successive stances, ending as a subaltern and graduating to a colonelcy.

### Interested in Ireland

His Holiness Following Affairs There With Much Attention. By Special Wire to the Courier, London, Aug. 10.—The Irish situation is being followed by the pope with the keenest interest, according to The Liverpool Post, which states that the pontiff is most anxious for the "pacification of Ireland."

In an article in to-day's issue, the paper says:

"The pope and the statesmen of the Vatican are most anxious for what is described as 'the pacification of Ireland.' This anxiety has been made known to the Irish Catholic hierarchy through the most direct sources and of course it has not escaped attention. The rector of the Irish college in Rome has been in close association of late with the diplomats and statesmen of the Vatican and has conferred with divines who enjoy the pope's confidence, including Cardinal Gasquet, who has recently been in England."

### DISCOVERY OF OIL

Shutting Off Gas in Well by Rising Column of Fluid Led to It.

Petrolia, Aug. 11.—There is a flurry in Oil City and Oil Springs over the discovery of 700 feet of oil accumulated in what was a 1,900-foot gas well, from which the village had obtained partly its supply of gas. The deep oil, as it is termed, is of a very light gravity, containing but little of the heavier substance of ordinary crude form from which paraffin wax, lubricating oils and coke are obtained as by-products. Gas and oil experts are on the ground, and immediate tests will be made to discover the quality and permanence of the supply. The sudden shutting off of the gas by the rising column of oil in the well led to the investigation.

### NEWMARK LOSES SHORTEN

Newark, Aug. 11.—The Boston American club asked the Newark team to return the services of Outfielder Shorten, as Henricks last year, and "Chick" Fraser, the Pirate scout, as other candidates for the job at Pitt, but Blair's appears the most rosy.

For their participation in the riot last Sunday night, Ford, eight men, all of them foreigners, paid in the sum of \$900, following the hearing of their case before the Police Magistrate at Windsor.

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