FESS WIE DER STEIN

"Fest Wie Der Stein"

(By Victor MacClure.)

This is a story of a German prisoner and it was told by a British officer straight from the west front. The officer came right away from the leave train to the club, to pass the time until his train for the north left another terminus. One could see that he had not long left the line. His boots were dusty and his uniform was soiled; he carried a ragged pack, ripped and torn. When he was asked what had made the rents in his pack, his reply was brief but pithy, "machine gun."

Here was a man, hard as nails, burnt brown-red in the face, quick and decisive in movement, with capable broad brown hands. The change was remarkble, even in these days of war-hewn figures, and we felt that he was well worth listening to when he started to talk to a little group that formed round him in the smoking room.

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every nerve in his body was jang-ling, and I couldn't help giving him some cigarettes, and the time of day. As far as I can remember, this

"Your guns nearly drove us mad—it was terrible—I am shaking even yet when I know I am safe. For four fearful days and nights we were exposed to your terrible fire without a lull. Two days of the four together we had nothing to eat or drink, your deadly guns cut off all supply. I was with other eight men in a dugout and it was blown in time and again, and we had to dig ourselves out every half-hour it seemed. We would no sooner have the dugout cleared than "Your guns nearly drove us mad—it was terrible—I am shaking even yet when I know I am safe.

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mon soldiers—cannot but be glad.

"How are things going?" someone asked, as usual.

"Things are going well for us. The German is beaten—now don't anybody be silly and ask me why the war hasn't stopped. What I mean is that we have definitely taken the measure of the Boche and that we have whacked all the resiliency from him. We have more guns than he, we have better men. That's another thing that you folk cannot understand—just how good our men are. They are the finest, cheeriest, toughest and best men you ever saw. We can beat the Hun in gun-power any day, but if it were not for our men, it would be useless. I say that as a gunner.

"This Messines show, now—it was carried out under the nose of the Boche to a great extent—and he was powerless to stop it. As a proof of our superiority, it is entirely convincing.

"With regard to his troops, his shifts to keep up their morale must be very dexterous. In a way, one

BIG DEBATE NEXT WEEK.

be very dexterous. In a way, one is sorry for the poor devils who have to face our fire. My Lord, to hear the barrage when we let her go properly! It is like some huge machine gun or a long roll on great kettle drums, punctuated by close thumps on a mighty bass drum. The reports of the field guns make one big roar and you can hear the lieavies, 'bump-boom-ur-r-r-ump-ump-ump' all the while. Over in the German trenches the earth and turf fly up among columns of smoke that never die down. It simply obliterates—that's all.

"You know that when I was a youngster I lived some time in Germany and that I can get along fairly well-with the language? Well, after that Messines affair, I came down the line and happened on some Boche prisoners. There was one of the crowd of them who looked as if every nerve in his body was jangling, and I couldn't help giving hir.

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number of workers must abstata from going to the mines and shops. It is not difficult to imagine on what short rations are the poor children of Belgium living—the children of the heroes who checked the Hun in his first mad rush to conquer Paris, It becomes a duty as well as a privilege for us to do what we can for those who indeed proved themselves our saviors. The spirit of Christmas should arouse us to do our utmost for the children of Belgium, who ask not fancy gifts,—but food. number of workers must abstatal

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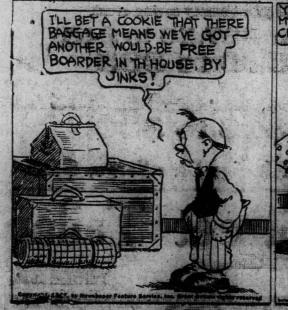
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