

Two Little French Girls Poisoned Their Husbands To Save Lives Of An Entire French Garrison

Paris, Jan. 12.—How two little French girls poisoned the husbands they loved, to save the life of an entire garrison, on the night of July 30th, and it has created a tremendous sensation.

Rose and Marie Dupont, two eighteen-year-old twins were born at Villerupt, a small village on the Lorraine frontier. In 1912 they married two students of chemistry, named Ulrich and Wilhelm, who loved them so much that they became French citizens and bought a drug store in town.

Both unions were most happy until July 29th of last year, when the husbands received a letter from across the frontier. Immediately both became very nervous and asked the two girls to go to their grandmother's home in Longwy, until the situation cleared.

Both went to Longwy, but found that their grandmother was not there. They returned very late next day to Villerupt.

When they arrived at the drugstore they found it closed. Going through the back garden they peered through the closed shutters and saw their husbands, to their great amazement, talking in quite a friendly manner to two Uhlans in full uniform.

They could not believe their eyes at first, but they were horrified later at the conversation they heard.

A deep plot had been arranged by Ulrich and Wilhelm. They had stored a big dose of strychnine and during the night it was planned to drop it in the wine casks reserved for the French garrison.

"Are you sure the dose is strong enough?" asked one of the Uhlans.

"Why," answered Ulrich, "it is strong enough to kill all the garrison and its reserves."

With a low cry Rose shuddered and almost fainted. Both realized they had been fooled, and that instead of being loved they were the wives of the worst of scoundrels and even worse than that—traitors.

"We must act," said Marie, "to prevent the most awful crime, even if we must commit ourselves."

Made Themselves Widows.

Half an hour later they rang the front doorbell. They appeared very joyous and explained their elation by saying they had heard the war had been averted.

They said they were so glad that they wanted to open some wine in

honor of peace and the friendly Uhlans soldiers.

Marie went out and brought back a champagne bottle. She poured the liquor and they drank it.

Next morning they ran out of the house. They were widows, for they themselves had used the poison.

They went straight to the chief gendarmes and told him of their sorry plight.

"We have killed our husbands," they cried. "Do what is right with us."

But the official simply wept with them and kissed them, for it was found that the plot had been deeply laid and that the sacrifice of the girls which has no precedent in history, had saved thousands of French troops from certain death.

Marie and Rose have been critically ill and were for two months hovering between life and death, and it was feared they would lose their reason, but they have recovered, and are now Red Cross nurses.

In caring for the wounded they are trying to forget their terrible life-drama.

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UNNECESSARY BRUTALITY

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Mr. John T. Cheltenham, an American citizen, one of the crew of a Tyne steamer, who has been interned in a German port, has just returned to Shields. He gives a very bad account of the treatment meted out to the seamen who were, with himself, prisoners on board a German depot ship.

There were, he says, about 2,000 prisoners on that particular ship, and when on deck there was hardly standing room for them. The police carried indiarubber straps about 3ft. long, and it was a common thing to see them use these with great violence on colored men on the least provocation.

The conduct of the officers towards the British was very overbearing; they never went down the hold to see if everything was right, and always carried loaded revolvers. Before the prisoners were removed to wooden barracks ashore Mr. Cheltenham appealed to the Germans to let him free on the grounds that he was an American citizen, and after a good deal of trouble he succeeded in seeing the American Consul and was set free.

He has no idea how the prisoners now fare in their quarters ashore, but they can, he says, be hardly worse as to food and accommodation than they were aboard the depot ship.

Cavalryman Subject Of Great Brutality From the Germans

A surgeon on the staff of the Third Army Corps writes to a Belfast friend: "We rescued one of our cavalrymen, who gave us his experience of the treatment he got while he was a prisoner. He was only a few hours in the hands of the Germans. They tied him up and took him to their headquarters. They kicked and beat him and spat in his face and cursed and howled at him.

He managed to slip away when the trenches were recaptured, and was black and blue. They killed Macnab, the doctor of the London Scottish Territorials, actually bayonetting him while he was in the act of dressing the wounded, with the red cross on his arm and no weapon to defend himself with."

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HAD TO MAKE TEN JOURNEYS UNDER BIG FIRE

Officer of the Honorable Artillery Company Tells of Risks Which Men Are Exposed

THE following extract from the letter of an officer of the 1st Battalion of the Honorable Artillery Company, dated Nov. 26, from the front, was received in London: "I last wrote home when I was expecting a long forty-eight hours' spell. I have had it, and I can't want another—not like last night. Although shelled all day long, we were very lucky in missing everything; but, later, evidence of an advance on the part of the enemy was noticed, and a perfect hail of bullets began on both sides.

"We had lost two men killed, and I had my platoon in an isolated position, which meant that every time I wanted to communicate with the major I had to cross 200 yards of rough ground, and was absolutely exposed. Having been sniped at badly over the same ground in bringing wounded out of the trenches the night before, I did not like the journey.

"Last night I had to go up no fewer than five times, ten journeys in all. Everything was going on well in the attack, when a message came to my front trench that my platoon sergeant was hit. I went up to him, but found him past all hope. This is a bad loss to me. He was my right-hand man, and a father to all my platoon. He died well.

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HUMAN SIDE OF KITCHENER

Saw to it That Five Soldiers Got Home in Time to Say Farewell to Dying Mother

London, Jan. 10.—The Daily Chronicle says Lord Kitchener is so generally credited with an iron character, devoid of sentiment in matters affecting his great purpose, that the following story of his thoughtfulness is of special interest.

A Sunderland woman with five sons in the army lay dying. Her one desire was to see her boys again through the officers of the local Salvation Army four of the sons serving England reached home in 24 hours, their expenses being paid by the authorities. The fifth son, however, was at the front and there seemed little chance of the old woman's wish being fulfilled.

But the Salvationist wired to the War Office, and back came a reply over Lord Kitchener's signature, saying that if the son could be found he would be sent home. Afterwards came a wire to say the man was on his way home, and eventually he landed in time to see his mother. The authorities had paid his expenses and gave him a seven days' furlough and ration money.

British Soldier Brought To Earth Pair Of Snipers

Color Sergeant-major Kelly, Connaught Rangers, who is in the Salop Infirmary wounded, relates an instance of how a pair of German snipers were dealt with. "One day the look-out man at the end of the trench said, 'I have spotted a sniper.' With their glasses they saw a man in a tree at 300 yards. He had a comrade on the ground serving him with ammunition. The observers put up one of their number, Private Woods, who is the crack shot of the company, who said, 'Let me have him; I will take the fellow on the ground first.' He got him at the first shot.

His second shot 'lifted the other fellow cold out of the tree.' That was the end of that pair of snipers.

Germans Cut Off Trigger Fingers

Mutilate British Wounded To Incapacitate Them Permanently

London, Jan. 12.—John Murray, of this city has received word that his brother, Lieut. James Murray, of the Coldstream Guards, had his trigger finger cut off by German soldiers while lying wounded on the battlefield.

According to this letter, a number of Murray's comrades-in-arms met a similar fate.

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RUSSIANS CAUGHT AUSTRIAN FORCES IN A DEADLY TRAP

Have Them Where They Cannot Advance on Warsaw and Now Have to Defend Cracow

Geneva, Jan. 9.—The Austrians have been caught in a trap skillfully sent by Generals Ruzsky and Ivanoff, according to a despatch from prominent sources received from Vienna without first passing through the hands of the Austrian censor.

In conformity with the Russian plan, the Austrians say, the Austrian columns toward the Nida river found themselves stopped by dangerous, marshy ground. At the same time the Russians attacking Cracow suddenly abandoned their original plan but the Russians there attacked in a totally unexpected manner.

With the Russian army occupying the most important positions of the Carpathians from the side of Rochna, the Austrian army can advance no further towards Warsaw for the only roads across the marshes are mined and strongly held by the Russians.

On the other hand the Austrians are obliged to defend Cracow and because of the Russian manoeuvres can only meet the Russians along the line from Wieliczka to Bochnia under the most unfavorable conditions.

The Austrian commander being unable to discern which were the Russians intended to occupy Hungary or attack Cracow, or both, they lost five or six days, and it is now too late the movement of troops necessary to oppose the Russian manoeuvres.

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Several soldiers swore that Lieutenant Laimable, of the 19th Regiment of Infantry, who had entered a barn near Messin, accompanied by a corporal and one soldier, was surrounded by fifty or sixty German soldiers who were there. The latter, instead of taking the lieutenant prisoner, killed him, and he received some fifty sword-thrusts and bayonet-stabs. The corporal and the soldier were also killed, but with only a few bayonet and sword thrusts.

Several wounded soldiers saw on their journey a woman and two residents whom the Germans had shot, after they had tied their arms behind them. They also described numerous acts by the German soldiers. They took everything that they were able to carry away, and behaved brutally to women. The wounded soldiers saw also several young boys, from 14 to 15 years of age whose right hands the Germans had cut off.

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