

# TAKE PRISONERS IN ORDER TO GAIN INFORMATION

## Deep in Snow, French and German Forces Battle on the Slopes of Hartmannswellerkopf

On the summit of Hartmannswellerkopf, Alsace, Dec. 30—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Deep in snow the listening posts of the French and Germans are within a few yards of each other on the slopes of the Hartmannswellerkopf, with the French in possession of the dominating position. For many months this part of the front has been the quietest portion of the line, although the opposing troops are in such close touch. Sometimes days pass without a shot being fired, but just on the day when the Associated Press correspondent visited the most advanced line a daring raid was carried out by a French detachment. The object was to capture a German prisoner in order to discover the composition of the forces in front of the French positions. The exploit was accomplished so well that a party of fifteen prisoners was brought back and not a man of the French detachment was injured.

The lines of the French and Germans on this height are so near together that the troops occasionally engage in a sharp battle with stones intermingled often with hand grenades and these encounters are interspersed with short artillery duels which without exception conclude the silencing of the German guns.

**Summit Held by French**  
The summit of the mountain, in the hands of the French since last January, has been mentioned probably as often as any part of the fighting to the fierceness of the fighting for its possession. It is not, however, considered of prime importance from a strategic point of view, although its ownership permits the troops in occupation to see all the surrounding country. The effect of holding it is greater for the moral value than from any other consideration.

The correspondent was permitted to advance even beyond the front German trench, and was able to study at close hand the system of defence introduced to meet conditions quite different from those prevailing at those sectors of the line where the fighting men face each other under normal conditions of modern warfare.

When the danger zone is reached

the character of the scenery changes. Much of the summit is clear of trees which have been either felled or shot away. The ground is broken up by the trenches and rocky heaps. Scattered about in sheltered positions are detachments of troops at ways on the alert. Some portions are exposed to direct fire from German batteries on other and lower summits of the surrounding hills.

**Snow-Capped Since November**  
When the correspondent visited the mountains in the last part of November snow covered the ground to a depth of nearly a foot. He and his companions with guides—made a small as possible—made their way cautiously toward the front trench.

From this the German line could easily be distinguished, and stretching for miles on either side could be seen the tops of the posts supporting a field of barbed wire entanglements buried partly in snow, which in the bright sunshine took on a reddish color.

In spite of the hardships brought about by cold and wind in the hills making roads and bringing up supplies over the rocky hillsides, many of the officers and men have become so accustomed to their surroundings that they decline to be relieved and sent to the rear to enjoy the rare period of rest accorded to the fighting force.

**Biting Cold; Little Suffering**

The man in the front line, like their comrades at other parts of the front stretching from Switzerland to the North Sea, have to content themselves, with the shelter afforded by means of heavy clothing, as there is peril in lighting fires even under cover. The conformation of the ground, however, permits the approach of supply detail, and under most circumstances at least one hot meal daily is provided. The cold is so piercing that it has been found necessary to shorten the period of duty in the open. Even the hardy mountaineers composing the troops employed here cannot resist the sharp frosts while standing rigidly in guard for many hours at a time. The new system of quick reliefs has been found to work very well and there is astonishingly little suffering and no complaint on the part of the men.

**America's Part in War.**

The extent to which the resources of America have been called upon during this war is perhaps nowhere more in evidence than in the reconquered mountain districts of the former German province of Alsace. While making a trip through that portion of the province now occupied by French troops, the Associated Press correspondent came into contact at many points with signs of the wide range of America's resources.

Immediately after crossing the former frontier between Alsace and France the correspondent passed a mule train, most of the animals composing which had been imported from Algeria, but many from Missouri, Louisiana and other states, and had served in transport columns ever since the early days of hostilities, with great satisfaction to the army authorities. The sure-footedness of these mules and their reliability have been great factors in keeping the men entrenched on the slopes and summits of the Vosges supplied with food and munitions during the long winter months, when other road traffic is next to impossible.

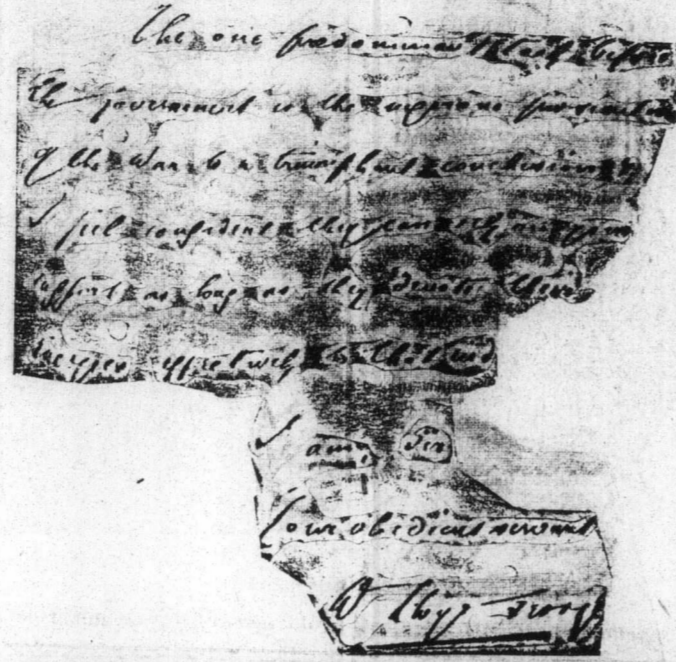
Another method of transport emanating from across the Atlantic is composed of teams of dogs from Alaska and Labrador. When snow put out of the question any other means of conveying supplies to the troops, these animals are harnessed to sleds in teams of eight, with a leader or guide chosen from the most intelligent among them and they make rapid progress with heavy loads over the snowfields. On the day of the correspondent's visit one kennel containing 150 dogs had just completed four successive days' work under a heavy fall of snow, and had in that period conveyed from the valley to the front line upwards of 50 tons of food and other supplies.

Besides the dogs from Alaska and Labrador, there are many breeds of animals kept in the kennels usually dug into the rock at three or four thousand feet up the hill slope. They comprise sheep-dogs from Alsace, Scottish collies, mastiffs and cross-breeds. All of them apparently enjoy the work, and they are of inestimable value to the troops.

**Well Trained and Eager**

The correspondent had the opportunity of seeing their training at a kennel on one of the high peaks of the Vosges. When a team was chosen and the dogs composing it released from their leashes, all their companions, with one accord, leaped and barked in jealousy. The team selected was harnessed to a sled capable of carrying several hundred pounds, on which two soldiers took their seats. On guiding reins were used, the men in charge relying on the perfect training of the animals who turned to right or left, as their leader, in answer to the driver's voice, went one way or another with absolute precision and at a high rate of speed. The transatlantic dogs have become so well accustomed to their new surroundings that many of them have started

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family life, and several strings of puppies play about the vicinity of the kennel.

**The Motor Car, of Course**

In the transport of the wounded from the summit to the hospitals below many American motor cars are used. They have been chosen for this work owing to their lightness and the facility with which they surmount the inequalities of the mountain roads, over which the cars of the French and British ambulances cannot go. In nearly every instance these cars are driven by American boys, some of them straight from college or university. The Associated Press correspondent met young men from nearly every state of America on duty at almost inaccessible spots on many of the peaks of the Vosges. They were taking their turn in the risky work of conveying the wounded from the most advanced positions of the front. Every French surgeon who has seen them at their work is full of praise for their spirit of self-sacrifice.

**Burford**

(From our own correspondent)

The turnip supply at the evaporator is still large enough to keep the factory going for some months.

Miss M. Fowler is visiting her brother in Toronto. Mr. L. Rathburn, who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks is able to resume her duties at Robertson's store.

Mrs. Wm. Wooley has been very sick.

Mr. Wilkinson, of Ingersoll, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. T. R. McLennan.

Mr. Stephenson, Dufferin Ave., is improving from his severe attack of pneumonia.

Mr. John Charles has taken up the position of Hydro inspector for the village.

Miss Saunders has gone to attend school in Hamilton.

Mrs. Graves has been quite sick at her home King Street East.

What is again pouring in at the local elevators, at the advanced price of \$1.75. No doubt the farmers who held out for \$2.00 wheat before the last drop are not taking chances again.

The coal situation in Burford is still such that only half ton lots are being sold in chestnut size.

It was reported that the 11.04 and 4.30 trains would be taken off this line, but as yet such is not the case.

Mrs. G. Aulsebrook is able to be out again after her late severe illness.

## GRAY HAIR BECOMES DARK AND BEAUTIFUL

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## MORE MISERY FROM DEPORTATIONS

Dependents of Deported Belgians Must Be Cared For by Government

Montreal, Jan. 18.—An official statement has reached Belgian authorities here from Henry Carton de Wiart, the Belgian Minister of Justice, to the effect that the deportation of Belgians to work in Germany in no way relieves their dependents who are left behind, as Germany is trying to make the workers believe. Mr. de Wiart says:

"As to salaries, the truth is that only workmen who consent to sign an agreement (so-called volunteers) have pay. Those who are resisting have 30 pennings a day and are obliged to work in virtual slavery, with bad treatment and insufficient food. The Belgian government was recently obliged to send food to 12,000 workmen reported to be in a desperate state at a camp at Soudau."

In face of the new oppressions, the Belgians are showing greater determination, patriotism, and heroism than ever. Mr. de Wiart continues:

"In spite of all, the population and the deported maintain a splendid heroism. In spite of all the pressure and brutality, very few sign the engagement. The Belgians have a deserved historical reputation for being the most obstinate people in Europe, and they will never resign their independence."

It is thought that this statement from Mr. de Wiart will be very welcome to those who are helping the Belgians by contribution for the Belgian Relief Commission. The Central Belgian Relief Committee of Montreal, is in constant receipt of expressions from Belgian authorities of the same moral as well as physical support which is afforded by the generous gifts from Canada.

As Mr. de Wiart has shown by the above, Belgium's need is not lessened but intensified by the recent deportations, which deprive Belgian families of the workers who have been able partly to support their families by such local efforts as are now possible in Belgium. In addition to the thousands upon thousands of Belgian families whose breadwinners have been slaughtered every day now witnesses more breadwinners being carried off into slavery.

Fresh contributions are most urgently needed to feed the starving women and children of Belgium, who surely perish but for outside assistance. Canadians who will give out of their plenty to help succor this suffering nation, may send contributions to the local Belgian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter Street, Montreal. Contributions from \$2.50 up (\$2.50 being the amount necessary to keep a Belgian family a month) will be most heartily welcomed.

## BARBARITIES OF FOE IN SYRIA

Religious Potentates Mistreated and Buildings Pillaged

(Associated Press)  
Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 18.—The newspaper at Hoda says a joint force of Germans and Turks has seized the palace of the Patriarch of the important Maronite church in the town of Bkerkeh, near Beirut, in Syria. The Maronites in the Lebanon district, which is their chief seat, number some 300,000. They are in communion with the Roman Catholic church, but form a distinct denomination and also maintain a certain degree of independence of the Turkish government.

According to the report, the occupying forces did great damage to the buildings of the See, and the Germans removed to Berlin the priceless library, which contained ancient manuscripts and books of great historical value. The Patriarch and his household are reported to be prisoners in the palace, surrounded by German and Turkish troops.

From the same source it is learned that a court martial in Aleh, Syria, has condemned to death and executed sentence upon the Archbishop of the Greek Catholic church in Akka, known in the New Testament as Ptolemais. This place is often called the "key of Palestine," since it commands the maritime plain over which all invaders from the north are compelled to enter the country.

**DYING AFTER OPERATION**

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Winnipeg, Jan. 18.—J. W. Breaky, a member of the legislature for Souris, is reported dying after an operation for appendicitis.

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**LEFT TO INDIVIDUALS.**  
By Courier Leased Wire.  
Quebec, Jan. 18.—At the regular meeting last night the Trades and Labor Council of Quebec went on record as leaving it to each individual to use his own judgment in regard to the signing of the national service cards.

**KILLED IN ACTION**  
By Courier Leased Wire.  
Winnipeg, Jan. 18.—Scotty McFeal, a well known local athlete, has been killed in action.

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The winds are blustering rough; the frost keeps at it as a little winter is enough, you're your share already. You're the winter, grin and dream, you're of all his poses. Cheer up! Spring will soon be here, with its ingales and roses! You're the blowing in your role that you keep from freezing, for cord wood and tons of coal—it sure not pleasing. You're tired of the day by day, to feed the hungry ers. Cheer up! The spring is on

SIDE

By RUTH

Are you ever astonished and palled at the power desired clothes have over the mind of average woman—over your and mine?  
I am.  
I love books. I love out-of-door life. I love the peace and tranquility of nature, the precision of beauty wherever it is in humanity, in art, or nature, an altruistic interest in the progress are the realities of life.  
I know that clothes are not of the vital realities. I know that I can wear becoming, warm, whole clothing, that is all I shall care about.  
The Dress I Bought Three Years Is As Good As Ever  
I know with my mind that the dress I bought three years is still becoming and perfectly I ought to have the strength of it to be contented and not be dissatisfied because it is plainly of a day vintage.  
And then some day I go into a shop and look into the shop windows I meet many beautiful, pretty, fashionable clothes. And the most important things of life. And as I have been exposed to a contagion, I feel the fever of the desire for pr

Goo

Jack Spider, who had a cob shop in which he wove parasols the fairies, was mighty glad to his big, bird-eating spider come from South America. And he mighty glad that his cousin had formed.  
"For you did used to be a terr said Jack Spider. "I've never gotten how you came into the forest that time and threatened eat up my guests!"  
"Pooh!" said Spiderkin, the spider. "I'm as mild and meek you are now. I'm here to help work, Jack Spider. What am I do?"  
"Well," said Jack Spider, "thing stands this way. I've pruned to weave parasols for the fairies, I didn't bargain to work for a girl

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