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HOLDING THE ENEMY

The great German offensive failed to achieve the initial success of former drives since March 21. Indeed the Havas correspondent on the French front declares the first day was a defeat, since the slight advance made was as nothing compared with the effort made and the losses sustained. We are told that confidence reigns within the French lines. It is of course too soon to predict the final result, but the fact that the enemy has not with such stout and successful resistance at the outset affords good ground for confidence.

Canadians are particularly well pleased to read that the American forces proved their brilliant quality both in meeting the enemy's advance and in counter attack. It must be a peculiarly bitter dose for the Germans to be thrown back by the troops of the nation they had derided and pretended to despise. It is the story of the "contemptible little army" of England over again. And as time passes and more American soldiers and warplanes are thrown into the conflict an ample vengeance will be taken for all the affronts offered and all the crimes committed against the United States.

The defence of their line by the French was also of the most heroic nature. If the German attack had lost some of its impetus the Allied defence is more aggressive. The failure of their armies to achieve greater success yesterday must have been a severe blow to the hopes of the German high command, while the effect upon the attacking forces themselves could not but be most disheartening. They will strike again, but they have not been able to take the Allies by surprise, and every inch of ground gained will be gained at heavy cost.

Toronto Globe.—The men who go down to the sea in ships, not only to withstand the rigors of the elements, but to take chances with the treacherous sea pirates, have made great sacrifices. The merchant seamen have borne the brunt of the submarine campaign. So many of their comrades sleep in the deep that their memories rise up as monuments to German infamy. The perhaps is why the British seamen have made a vow. It has been printed and broadcast. It is stamped on millions of letters that leave the Old Country. It is the spirit of the seamen's Union, and reads as follows:—"A people who can glory in the destruction of merchant ships and the drowning of their crews and passengers is, in my opinion, beyond the pale, and I for one, no long as I live, shall not knowingly consort with Germans or buy German goods."

There has been another battle in Palestine in which Turks and Germans were repulsed with the loss of more than 300 prisoners, of whom more than half were Germans. The French and Italian continue their success in Albania. The landing of British and Americans on the Matapan coast improves the Russian situation.

The first shock of the German attack failed to achieve its object. That is really a victory for the Allies. Orders issued on prisoners showed where the enemy expected to encamp on the 15th, 16th, and 17th, but they have not yet reached the first camping ground.

Major Pincombe says the military service act has revealed an astonishing number of illiterate people in this province. That condition will exist until there is a compulsory attendance law which really compels.

The New Brunswick Power Company does not regard the open door policy with favor, but when Commissioner Currier spoke they soon came down after the city's experts had gone away.

"East of Rheims hundreds of German dead hang on the French wire and beside them are many smashed tanks used to support the infantry." This sentence shows the desperate character of the fighting in the present battle.

The western crops are not as promising as they were. The wet weather has caused some anxiety in this province. Food waste is therefore to be guarded against to the utmost.

The German meteorological experts who said the weather was favorable for a drive on the western front failed somehow to predict the rain of bullets that upset their calculations.

The news that the Canada Food Board has actually seized and sold a car of melons in Ontario gives rise to hope that the Board really means to do something worth while.

The Germans will now throw in their resources. One military critic believes they will also widen the front of attack. There will still be days of keen anxiety.

Germany is coquetting with Mexico for trade after the war, but Uncle Sam will have an eye on that courtship.

LEARNING A LESSON.

(Requested by H. P. R.)

I sat in the school of sorrow:
The Master was teaching there;
But my eyes were dim with weeping,
And by heart oppressed with care.

Instead of looking upward,
And seeing His face divine,
So full of tender compassion,
For weary hearts like mine.

I only thought of the burden—
The cross that before me lay,
The clouds that hung thick above me
Darkening the light of day.

So I could not learn my lesson,
And say, "Thy will be done";
And the Master came not near me
As the lesson hours went on.

At last, in despair I lifted
My streaming eyes above,
And I saw the Master watching
With a look of pitying love.

To the cross before me He pointed,
And I thought I heard Him say:
"My child, thou must take thy burden,
And learn thy task to-day."

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"My child, thou must take thy burden,
And learn thy task to-day."

Then kneeling, the cross I kissed
For one glimpse of that face divine
Had given me strength to bear it,
And say, "Thy will, not mine."

And so I learned my lesson,
And through the weary years
His tender hand sustained me,
And wiped away my tears.

And ever the glorious sunlight
From the heavenly home streamed down
Where the school tasks are all ended,
And the cross is exchanged for the crown.

—Sent in by M. E. D.

LIGHTER VEIN

A Back Number.

The Gaylord Sentinel says this happened to a woman teacher in the grammar grade, when she asked her class "what tense am I speaking in when I say, 'I am beautiful'?"

A small boy replied: "The past tense, ma'am."

How Griggs Saved \$10.

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"They will," he said, Griggs, thoughtfully.

"They sure will."

"Griggs peeled a ten-spot from his roll."

"Here, Griggs, he said, 'here is the ten dollars I've been owing you for so long.'"

Real Yankee Language.

(From London Opinion.)

A French soldier who came proudly up to an American in a certain headquarters the other day, asked:

"You speak French?"

"Nope," answered the American, "not yet."

The Frenchman smiled complacently. "Aye, spik English," he said.

American grinned and the Frenchman looked about for some means to show his prowess in the foreign tongue.

At that moment a French girl, very neat and trim in her peaked hat, long coat, and high leaved boots, came along. The Frenchman jerked his head toward her, looked knowingly at the American, and said triumphantly: "Klicker."

The American roared.

"Shake," he said, extending his hand. "You don't speak English, you speak American."

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SUCCESSOR TO MAJOR PINCOMBE

Major H. G. Starr Here From Toronto to Become A. P. M. for District No. 7—News of the Soldiers

Major H. G. Starr has arrived from Toronto to take over the duties of assistant postmaster general for military district No. 7. He has served in France, going over with the 84th Battalion and seeing service with the 29th. A graduate of the Royal Military College in 1908, he is well qualified for the post.

Major G. G. Pincombe, who has resigned from the office, says that he was not given sufficient office accommodation to enable him to do his work properly.

He also had experienced great difficulty in securing men of the proper calibre for the office, he says, and when the business of the moment is finished he is ready to chat with them for a few minutes on the favorite Irish topics of sport and horses, on both of which subjects he is an expert.

The key to Lord Decies' success as a censor, however, is probably that he has succeeded in convincing all classes of Irishmen, whether Sinn Féin or Orangemen, of his absolute impartiality and fairness to both sides. One of the best tributes to his popularity is that he is occasionally made the subject of newspaper jokes. He has pasted on the walls of his office some of the extraordinary letters and clippings which have reached him. In several of them he is jokingly addressed as "His Royal Highness, the third Earl of Decies."

Lady Decies, his wife, was Viscountess of New York.

RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. Mary Donahy.

The death of Mary Donahy, widow of Pilot William Donahy occurred at the Mater Misericordiae Home on July 15. The deceased was seventy-six years of age and was formerly a resident in Hunting street, but for the last eight years had been in the Mater Misericordiae Home where she was taken some time after the death of her husband who was drowned. The funeral will be from the Mater Misericordiae Home on Wednesday morning.

The death of James McMaster took place last Sunday at his residence, 863 Hunting street, after a lengthy illness. He was sixty-nine years of age and is survived by his wife, one son, James, and three daughters, Mrs. Sullivan of Boston, two brothers, William and John of Fairville, and two sisters, Mrs. Wm. Spaulding of Fairville and Thomas Galbraith of Marshfield, Ore.

Ally Mitchell died at his home in Haverhill, Mass., on July 8. He was born in Campbell and was thirty-eight years of age. He is survived by his wife and two children also his mother, four brothers and one sister.

John C. Gunn, a well known citizen of Moncton, died last evening. He was deputy chief of Moncton's fire department and an employee of the Canadian government railways.

Henry Durkee died at his home in Hebron, Yarmouth, last Thursday at the advanced age of eighty-six years. He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter.

Mrs. Charles H. Bryant died recently at her home in Yarmouth, N. S., after a brief illness. Besides her husband she is survived by three daughters.

The death of Everett Pierce took place at his home in Wellington, Yarmouth County, recently. He was forty-seven years of age and is survived by his wife and one son, also his parents, three sisters and two brothers.

Mrs. Lucy Crosby of Braintree, Yarmouth County, died last Tuesday after an illness of several months. She is survived by her husband, four sons and four daughters.

Captain George E. Hyder died at New Orleans, according to word received in Yarmouth last Tuesday. He was fifty-seven years of age, and was a native of Argyle, Yarmouth County.

The death of Mrs. James Estabrook occurred at her home, near Ogden Mills on July 5, aged eighty-three years. She was survived by three children, Geo. F. Estabrook, Sackville, Philip of New Jersey, Herbert of New Hampshire, Mrs. Blanche, Ottawa, and Mrs. George Phinney, Sackville. Mrs. Bliss Bickerton of Amherst, Delhi of Brooklyn Road, Mrs. Thos. Sears of Centre Village, and Miss Annie at home.

A drowning accident occurred at Joggins Mines Saturday, resulting in the death of Stanford Tower of Rockport. He was drawing a line attached to a scow at Joggins Mines when the small boat in which he was standing upset. The body was recovered after the tide

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THE FRENCH RED CROSS

As representing the French government in this city I frequently receive letters and papers from different cities in France. These letters, etc., breathe a very kindly spirit towards the Canadian people. France recognizes to the fullest the splendid aid that Canada has given, not only through the army with which she is aiding France to keep her soil rid of invaders but also by the patriotic and Red Cross Fund which Canada has given to aid France in her struggle. I see now with much pleasure that the Provincial Red Cross Society is to have a special entertainment in this city. The funds gathered from this source I understand are to be given for French Red Cross purposes. This is only one of the many aids which Canada is giving.

The danger that has hovered over Paris, the numbers of wounded, the splendid bravery at the front, and the great wastage among the French troops during the years 1916 and 1917 appeal to those who are able to assist this fund. I feel that St. John has the true spirit of the Allies and will in every way try to help this patriotic movement to aid in providing the very best of hospital work along the French trenches.

On behalf of the French government I thank the ladies of the Red Cross Society here for their efforts in aiding our French Red Cross.

Thanking you for this space, I have the honor to be,

Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK HATHEWAY,

Consular Agent for France, St. John, N. B., July 15, 1918.

had needed. He leaves his wife and one child, also an aged mother.

On Saturday at Rockport, Rufus Read died, aged sixty-seven years. Besides his wife he leaves three sons, Bedford, Ernest and Clinton, and three daughters, Mrs. Amos Ward, Woodpoint; Mrs. Harry Tingley, Rockport, and Mrs. James Cook of Amherst.

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