GERMAN HATRED OF ENGLAND— "SECRETS" TO RUIN HER FOR EVER

(To play the part of unwilling hostess to German invaders of her country and home, has been the lot lot of a Belgian lady living near the Dutch frontier.

In letters to an English friend this lady, whose name we suppress for obvious reasons, tells a vivid story of the plight of her country as seen by an educated native still braving the dangers which beset everything Belgian.

These letters, extracts of which we append, show, too, the hatred of German officers for Britain, and their faith of securing vengeance by some miraculous power.)

(From a letter dated October 10)

On August 6 father was called to Antwerp to direct He was proud and happy, to be of some use. But that left mother alone with five children. Every day the most horrible news came to us, but we hoped to be spared, being on the frontier of Dutch Limburg, and not on the immediate line of advance

My uncle escaped here from Vise, and told us that the Germans there drank till they were quite senseless, then quarrelled, shot their officers and at once accused the inhabitants.

That was the signal; at once the streets, were filled with soldiers shooting, who set fire to the houses, killed the men and boys, violated the women and girls, and pillaged everywhere. The same procedure takes place everywhere.

My uncle saw his church burned, and was taken as a hostage for six weeks into the German camp, where he was treated abominably, fed out of a filthy bucket and slept in rotten hay. The soldiers and officers would come and spit in his face, crying at him, "Pig, hypocrite!" He was set free, thanks to the good offices of the Consul of M—— (in Holland).

The stories of these happenings spread panic here, and on August 21, when the Germans approached ——, we ad prepared to flee. One thousand five hundred came with machine guns, which they placed on the market square—the commander asked for 50 cows, two motor vans, etc. The burgomaster protested that the town was small and poor and the things could not be found.

The answer was, "I give you 20 minutes, otherwise you'll all be prisoners. The poor burgomaster rushed around the neighboring villages to find what he could. Of course they pay for nothing, except with receipts on which they wrote: "Jekauft eine kur—Schein; gut fur zwei kusse des Konigs Albert." (Bought one cow. This is payable with two kisses of King Albert.)

Daughter Carried Off.

Our cousin's house was destroyed; the Germans searching among the ruins found two old cartridges. They imediately accused our cousin of firing on them and decided to shot him and his son of 15, and and carried off his daughter of 20. We cannot find out what has become of her.

After this we had to flee to Holland, where we spent a fortnight in a convent Hearing the Germans had left we had come back, only to be forced to flee again on Monday last, and were harbored by Dutch farmers near; on the road we met my father returning from Antwerp. All non-combatants have been ordered out of the city. Mother and the servant had remained in our house, hoping that their presence would save it from pillage, for once a house is abandoned everything is destroyed in it.

To Conquer England.

(From a letter dated October 16)

We are nearly ill with grief at the events of the past days. And how long will all this last? The population is dying of hunger, especially in the big towns. The anger of the people is growing terrible, and any day may burst into revolt. The German flag everywhere; trains and trams being run for their benefit; letters stamped "Deutches Reich."

It did me good to read in your letter that you in England still have some hope. We have lost ours. Misfortune and fury make us unjust, maybe; but Antwerp has made us despair.

Yesterday 2000 Germans came back to ——. We were tired of fleeing to Holland, and thought we could at least die and put an end to it all. They were billeted on the town. Think of us having three officers—a Bavarian, a Hanoverian and a Hamburger sitting down to dinner. It needs courage indeed to receive them. But refusal would be death.

I must say they behaved well. They told us that we were absurd to blame them for just taking their rights, and gave us the latest news—that they are victorious everywhere—Belgium is theirs for ever, to be included in the German federation, with a new king. France is bound to be vanquished; Belfort is about to fall; the battle of the Aisne was their victory, and France is going to have such a war indemnity that she will have no thought of war for another century. Russia, useless to say, is lost, having no organization.

As for England, it is the most fierce hatred conceivable. I simply shuddered at their words in mentioning her. Not only can nothing resist their 42c.m. guns, but they have now a 52c m gun with which to bombard the English coast. They have also other secret inventions with which they will land in England where they will leave not a thing standing and no one living. Their fleet is now in the Baltic for purely tactical reasons, while their submarines are gradually weakening the English Fleet— they themselves having lost not a single boat. They have also a scheme for reducing England to starvation. Then will England pay to such an extent that she will be ruined for ever, and Sir Edward Grey will be cut into a thousand pieces.

There, my dear friend, is something for you to meditate on.

As to your offer of hospitality, we are resolved to stay in our house as long as possible to prevent it from being pillaged. If things become unbearable and if the North Sea is still open to us we shall flee to England, but so long as we can stay we do not think it right to burden your country with our troubles.

REFUSES TO RESIGN

Naturalized German in England Stands on His Rights.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—The alien hunt is extending to Englishmen of German origin, S. Wertham, an influential naturalized German, whose son in Canada enlisted in the second contingent, is being pressed to resign the chairmanship of Hampton-o-Thames council, but refuses. He says his German origin does not alter his British citizenship.

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Graphic Incidents of the War, Told in Soldiers' Letters and by Wounded Men From the Front.

A number of wounded British soldiers arrived at Craigleith Military Hospital, Edinburgh, on Monday.

More than a dozen privates of the Highland light Infantry are amongst the number, and they supply details concerning the death in action of Sir Archibald Gibson Craig, who was a lieutenant in that regiment. Sir Archibald was in charge of sixteen men, and the party was proceeding to a somewhat steep hill when they came across a large number of Germans, the enemy's force being estimated by the H. L. I. privates who told the story at between 300 and 400. The men had not been aware they were so close to the Germans, but when Sir Archibald recognized the position he drew his sword, and, holding it aloft, shouted, "Charge, men! At them!" rushing in front of his small force himself. "Our men fired a volley, and then charged with fixed bayonets," said one of the soldiers. "The Germans in the rear apparently thought there were more troopst han there really were, for they retreated. Our men had, however, soon to retire, two being killed and three wounded, and the remaind'er got back safely, carrying the bodies of their dead comrades and also the wounded men. Sir Archibald Gibson Craig was shot through the mouth, and I think he must have been instantaneously killed."

A Coldstream Guard's Revenge

Private T. Smithson, of the 3rd Coldstreams, an Englishman who elected to come to Scotland to recuperate when he got the choice, says:—"I got 'laid out,' but just before the shrapnel got me in the ankle and arm I had a narrow escape. A shell burst right over a chum a few feet away and blew him to bits. I couldn't go any further, but, fortunately, there was a heap of manure in one of the fields, and I got cover behind that, and I think that soon I was about the only man left alive in that place. There was a man lying near me, and he was badly hurt.' He asked for some water, and I threw him my bottle, but before he could pick it up another shrapnel finished him. For a long time there was nobody moving near me, but the shells were bursting all round. After a while I got to need a drink badly, but I couldn't crawl to where my bottle was lying.

"After an hour or so, a German patrol came up, and I determined I was going to have a drink no matter what happened, and as they passed I spoke and signed to them to throw my bottle over. But they only laughed, and kicked it farther away. I 'saw red' then, and I was going to plug some of them even if they plugged me afterwards. I waited till they were about four or five hundred yards, and couldn't get back too soon, and though I knew that if anything went wrong with the gun after I fired the first shot it would likely be all up with me, I risked it. My first shot brought down one of them,, and the other three dropped down on the ground. I simply waited till they got up and I got one after the other. I don't know whether I killed any of them, but,' he added with a grim laugh, 'as I hit them all I knew the chap who kicked the water bottle had got something for his trouble, and I felt better after that.'

Shelling the Red Cross.

A Coldstream Guard added some further details to what has already been made evident in regard to the German disr'egard for the Red Cross. "After I was found by the ambulance, I was taken to a sort of cave, but we couldn't get out from there because the Germans were shelling the Red Cross. I saw a medical officer in the Coldstreams killed by a shell while he was dressing a wounded man'. And that was not an isolated case, for they shelled a farm in which the Germans themselves had left eighty of their 'own wounded. And British troops were killed in trying to get the German wounded clear, and altogether thirty-four were got out.

"An'd I'll tell you something that may interest you. Amongst a number of prisoners we took was a chap who used to be a waiter in——Hotel, London. I had seen him there, and knew him, and he said he was glad to get out of the fighting, and wished that he had been taken prisoner sooner."

A Germans Opinion.

Private Hannah, 2nd Battalion King's Own Scottish Borders, like many other soldiers, has a very poor opinion of the German infantry, who, when advancing to the attack, do not take aim, but fire from the hip. The Germans did not strike him as being very keen for fighting. A number of captured', whom he had spoken to on the point, said that they were forced by their officers to fight. In some cases the men had refused to fire, and the officers turnedand shot them. Private Hannah received a rifle wound in the left foot, and was sent to hospital. In the next bed was a wounded German prisoner named Peters. These two men, who would have shot each other at sight on the field of battle, became quite friendly while lying side by side in the sympathetic atmosphere of a hospital, where friend and foe alike were cared for. Peters spoke broken English, and in the course of a chat was asked what he thought of the Engli'sh. "English artillery," said Peters, "no good. English infantry—Mein Gott' This tribute to the British foot soldier was accompanied by a facial expression which more than compensated for the lack of words.

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TORONTO, Nov. 19—The O. R. F. U. last night ordered the winner of the Parkdale-Capitals junior O. R. F. U. game here on Saturday to play Western University at London on Wednesday of next week in London in the semi-finals. This will be a sudden death game and the winners will play the winners of the Dundas-Galt game for the championship.

The T. R. and A. A. protest eaginst St. Patricks on the ground that Bush of Ottawa, is a professional wrestler, was left to th eA. A. U. to decide on Bush's amateur standing; if Bush is declared a professional the protested game must be played in Ottawa. If T. R. and A. A. wins they must play Hamilton Rowing Club for the Senior O. R. F. U. championship and the winner meet the winner of the Hamilton Tiger-Argonauts in the Dominion championship semi-final on Saturday, the 28th.

WOODSTOCK IN O. H. A.

WOODSTOCK, Nov. 18—At a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of the hockey fans of this city last night plans were discussed for the outlook of the approaching O. H. A. hockey season and officers were elected. Prospects for both the junior and intermediate teams are exceedingly good, many of last year's players and several promising newcomers being at the disposal of the club.

It was left to the newly appointed executive whether Woodstock would have one or two teams in the O. H. A. this year, but it was the popular opinion that both a junior and intermediate team would be entered as there is so much available material on hand

Mr Frank Hyde has again been prevailed upon to acept nomination as Woodstock's representative on the O. H. A. executive.

The following officers were elected: Hon. president, W. Nesbitt, M.P.; Frank Hyde, Dr. W. Krupp; president, K. W. Harvey; vice-president, George Childs; secretary-treasurer, A. G. Donald; manager, Garry Walker; coach, Reg. Stone.

SHERIDAN FAVORED

WINDSOR, Nov. 19.—Mickey Sheridan of Chicago, and Johnny Lore of New York, fought eight fast rounds before the Windsor Athletic Club last night, Sheridan getting the newspaper decision.

For two rounds Lore had Sheridan guessing, having all the better of the second rounds, but from that period on Sheridan gutaged his opponent's style and assumed the aggressive. Both men weighed in at 138 pounds.

SIX DAY GRINDERS

Still Keep Up the Pace at N. York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Sprints for money prizes caused the miles to be reeled off rapidly in the six day bike race last night, and records kept falling while trailers in the race were being repeatedly lapped. At 11 o'clock the ten leaders had made 1,440 miles and six laps, having drawn still farther away from the remaining five teams in the furious sprinting.

Thomas and Hanley were the most fortunate of the trailers, losing only one lap, putting them two laps behind the leaders.

The record for the hour was 1,441 miles and one lap, made by Walthout and Collins last year.

BRITISH PUGILISTS

Are Now in Front Rank of the Army

LONDON, Nov. 19—Somebody's complaint about the lack of patriotism among pugilists has brought out a spirited letter from a boxing editor, who says that were he to give a list of all the professional boxers, who have joined the colors since the declaration of war, he would have to fill several newspaper columns. He gives a few names of men who have exchanged the 24 foot ring for a less circumscribed arena. They are worth recording.

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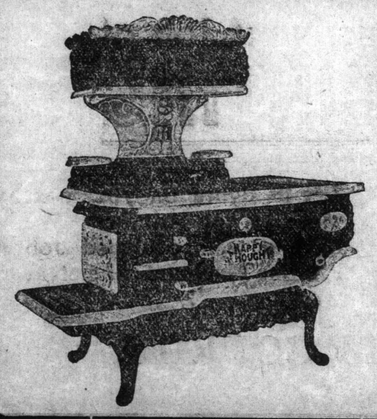

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