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VERDUN, WORLD'S GREATEST BATTLEFIELD, LOOKS PEACEFUL NOT A SOLDIER VISIBLE

Mighty Conflict Began February Definitely Won by the French, a British Observer Says--Rival Hosts in Hiding Keep Vigilant Watch.

With the French army beyond Verdun, March 26, (Dispatch to The London Daily Chronicle)—A glorious Spring holiday—such was the very deceptive appearance of things at noon to-day when I reached a certain vantage point from which the battlefield was unrolled in a crescent of many colored hills before me. Throughout the vast amphitheatre, twenty miles wide and ten miles deep, not a single human being was visible aside from the little group of officers around me. Over there to the northwest lies the broad dark bank of Malancourt woods, which we know to be a busy hive of Bavarian and Wurtemberg grenadiers, sharpshooters, flammekiters and gunners. Beyond them on the horizon the queer cone of Montfaucou, along the Crown Prince's headquarters, is plainly visible. Passing eastward the two French bulwarks of Hill 304 and Dead Man's Hill block the view northward. Then across the wide and still flooded valley of the Meuse we scan a higher and more deeply indented plateau directly north of Verdun.

Through fieldglasses we can follow every rise and fall of these forever famous slopes—the longer shoulder of Talou in the bend of the river and behind in the Caures woods where the first avalanche fell, the Polivroumont block which runs back northeastward and then to our right the Haudromont woods. Douaumont Plateau, and Vaux woods of bloody memories, and in the whole panorama there is not visible a single human being. In the hollow behind us lies the ancient city of Verdun under a cloud of purple smoke that tells the old tale of Teutonic vengeance.

Not far away we are permitted to inspect one of the old forts of the Verdun circuit, not very old in years, but in a military sense nearly everything is old that antedates the present war. Outside the portcullis the arch-stone carries the motto, "S'en sevel dans les ruines plutot que de se rendre." (Let us bury ourselves in the ruins rather than surrender.) Brave old words! But the soldiers of France have not waited for any Boche professor to teach them. They have evolved for themselves a better kind of resistance and it is upon that that the victory of Verdun is based. We walk up the glacis, around the grassy parapets and through the interior court yards. Not a gun is visible.

Overhead several aeroplanes are soaring and westward I can count five of the anchored observation balloons, called sausages. Before us a network of communication trenches climbs up the open slopes, and although invisible we know it continues through coppices and forest patches toward the summits where geyserlike eruptions of earth mark the main stress of the artillery duel. The crest of Douaumont, in particular, is continually shattered into a crown of cloud and around it the succession gunflashes might be mistaken for accompanying muffled roar of helicopter signals were it not for the explosions.

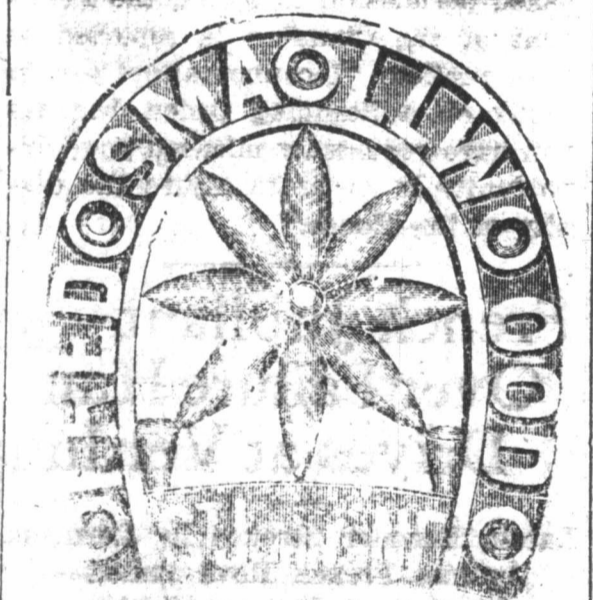
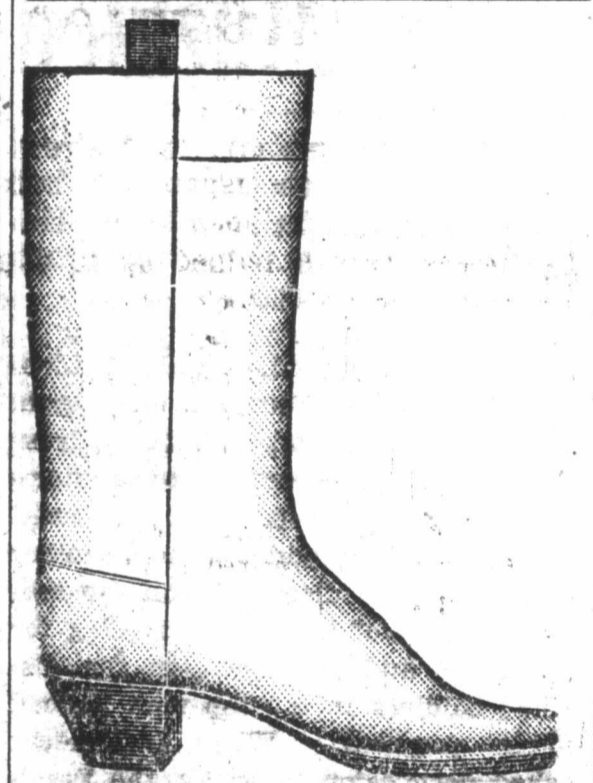
It is what they call a calm day on the front; that is to say, the daily toll of death and wounds and the daily strain of anticipation of these ills are limited to a few points where the pressure is seldom and little relaxed. There has been no infantry action since Wednesday, when the regemy made a slight advance from Malancourt Woods on to the hillock of Hancourt. But the sunshine deceives us when it gilds this scene into a semblance of peace. Before and around and behind us, hidden away under ground and in less elaborate cover, half a million men armed with every ready device modern science can suggest lie in wait, each host watching for any sign of weakness on the part of the other. The preparations for a to-morrow, wrapped in mystery save to a few chiefs themselves, never for a moment cease.

Under its empty and smiling surface the bastion of Verdun is a vast human ant hill seething with multifarious labor. The war has gone under ground again in this sector, and that is the mark that the French victory is definite. It has gone under ground as though it could not bear the light of day, and if it emerge afresh it will be for a new and different battle, not the one that was declared on Feb. 21. Here or elsewhere it will certainly emerge, but I think more likely it will be elsewhere, further west.

Meanwhile there is a pause of relative calm. Let us suppose it to be more the German gunners read our party a little lesson which I may be forgiven for mentioning, trivials as it was. We had visited Verdun and after a motor journey among the hills had inspected an anti-aircraft gun-pit. The officer had explained calculation of distances and angles, putting the men through the various movements, though without actually firing. We had just left the place when to our great surprise these very guns began firing in earnest. Looking up, we watched bubbles of shrapnel smoke forming and dispersing, but could not see the enemy raider who was being aimed at. It became immediately evident, however, that if we could not see him he could see us and, having seen, had signaled his batteries, by wireless no doubt, supposing us to be more distinguished persons. Half a dozen shells came singing over our heads and burst in the wood 300 yards away. A seventh shell smashed up the ground within thirty yards and set us scuttling to cover like so many rabbits.

The only calm hereabouts that is completely unbroken is the calm of the French soldier, now generally a war-worn veteran and the best fellow on earth.

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