

LETTER FROM EBENEZER DICKEY.

Badly Wounded and in Hospital

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Dear Mother:

This is written with my left hand, I should worry. Was wounded at St. Eloi on April 27th at about midnight just after being relieved from outpost where trenches used to be but are all blown to Hell now, were coming across the open when shell caught four out of five of us killing two. It is Hell around St. Eloi. The Cliff Hill 60 and Ypres where the Canadians lost very heavy. The Germans gassed all along the front for 3 nights just after I got clear but with little effect as it blew back 3000 yards into their own trenches in places. Come from where I was wounded about half a mile on left arm and left leg just banded my right arm before starting then met some boys who cut my pant leg off and fixed it some, then on a trench mat and on a trolley to First Aid at Vermeille from there to Decabisch in ambulance to dressing station, thence in ambulance to Poperinge for a couple of days. I had my leg operated on there and some German junk taken out; thence in train to Bologne, Miss McLatchey, matron of No 3 Canadian General Hospital and Dr. Burgess, both of Kings County, left there May 3rd and came here via Dover. Have a couple of nasty wounds in right fore arm which makes hand quite useless for a month or two, ha, ha, one through right thigh, one under right knee which will hinder walking for a while, ha, ha, and a stripe on my left buttock.

Best wishes to all and accept my apology for writing with my left hand, ha, ha, will write and tell you about the country as soon as I can get out and see it.
Your loving son,
Ebenezer.

ARTILLERY DUELS OF GREAT INTENSITY

Geneva, May 8—via Paris—Reports from Innsbruck indicate that the heaviest fighting of the war between the Italians and Austrians during this year is in progress in the region of Rovereto and the Sugana Valley, while there is every evidence that the Austrians have begun a general offensive against the Italians from the Alps to the Adriatic. A large number of bodies of Austrian soldiers killed during the fighting are said to be floating down the river Adige.

The Austrians have brought several batteries of their heaviest guns from Germany and have installed them near Gorizia and Montefalco, where the staff of Archduke Frederick has arrived. The Austrians are also rushing troops from Innsbruck into the region of Trent. Swiss troops on the frontier report that the Austrian positions on the Adamello range have recently been greatly strengthened and that the artillery duels are increasing in intensity.

Death of Cape Breton Soldier.

Sydney, N. S.—Private Donald Pringle, of the 155th Battalion, died last evening in the Glace Bay General Hospital. He was a son of Dr Pringle and was barely twenty years of age. Pneumonia following measles was the cause of death.

For All Occasions

While woman as the sage affirms,
Has brains behind her forehead,
She needs but two descriptive terms—
"Cute" and "horrid."
—Kansas City Journal.

Brigadier-General Marchand, of Fashoda fame, has been killed in action, according to the Exchange Telegraph Company, from Paris.

Two Battalions Took the Hill From Germans.

British Headquarters in France, May 19—It develops that the action of the battalions of the Loyal North Lancashires and the Lancashire Fusiliers on the 15th was a singularly brilliant attack and gained a strategic point, the crest of the redoubtable Vimy ridge, the possession of which means the command of the plain of Lens. Since the British took over this section from the French in the early stage of the battle of Verdun, the Germans had been holding stubbornly the vantage of the higher ground, and inflicting heavy casualties on the British. After a successful explosion of mines, just after dark the Lancashires, who are made up largely of cotton operatives from Manchester, rushed from their trenches to the lips of the craters.

Every detail in the program of the operation, from the putting of machine guns out of action, bringing up sand bags with which to build new breastworks, and defending the position by means of bombs, was carried out successfully. Morning found the Lancashires thoroughly entrenched against a retaliatory German bombardment and had connected their old line by communicating trenches six feet deep. Slight casualties were the cost of the night's success. The value of the ground gained is not to be judged by the 360 yards of front taken, but by the fact that the Lancashires are no longer on the downside of the slope, with the Germans above them.

Reported Huns Are Beginning to Feel Pinch of Blockade.

London.—A news agency despatch from Copenhagen sends to German newspapers the statement that the German Government has ordered reindeer, goats, storks, crows, starlings and sparrows to be killed for food.

The Socialist Leipziger Volks Zeitung has been suppressed for a week, it is said for a libellous attack on the Government, accusing it of mismanagement of the food supply.

Munich papers say that Minister Hans Delbrueck, the German Imperial Vice-Chancellor, has been invited to resign owing to his failure in the organization of the food supplies.

The Daily Chronicle says:—"All the news from Germany indicates that the British blockade is likely to prove a decisive factor in the war. The economic pinch has become intolerably severe. The masses of the population are half starved, particularly in the towns. Even the middle classes and the rich are suffering greatly.

"Confirmation of this state of affairs is not only to be gleaned from the German press despite the censorship, but neutral visitors to that country all bring back the same story of an unfed population, stagnant industry, universal war weariness and desperate yearning for peace.

"Diplomats in Berlin have begged to be allowed to import their own food. Some of them have to get milk for their children especially from Denmark and Holland. Rich women are taking their children to Holland to get enough milk for them.

"Other signs that the country is in extremis are; the recent failure of Berlin bread rationing the big advance in the price of potatoes, although the ration is grotesquely insufficient showing the critical shortage; huge jumps in the price of beef, veal and mutton and above all the approaching exhaustion of all edible fats, including butter, margarine, lard and every sort of oil and fat."

A St. John's despatch says that the possibility of the acquisition of the French colony of St. Pierre by Newfoundland is being discussed in official circles as a result of conditions arising out of the European conflict.

THE REAL TRAGEDY

The war is teaching us a great lesson in the value of things. A spectator at a military parade the other day was grieving over the sight of hundreds of young men in the very prime and heyday of life being gathered together to make mere food for war, but he was soon corrected by companions, and given another point of view with such emphasis and directness as would tend to make the lesson an unforgettable one. The sight of men giving themselves up at a time like this to save and safeguard all that we hold dear in the life of nations and peoples is not the tragic sight; to see men to whom these things are mere names, for which they will do and give nothing—that is the real tragedy among us. The saddest sight that can be seen in this Canada of ours today is that of young men going about their sports and pleasures just as usual, as if all those best and highest things for which their fathers have struggled throughout many centuries were not in the direst peril and jeopardy.—Ex.

Turks Reinforced by Huns Trying to Regain Positions.

LONDON, May 16—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Petrograd says:

The Turks in Asia Minor are making hard fight to ward off the consequences of the loss of Erzerum and Trebizond and, if possible, to recover their position. They have reinforced and rearranged their troops and received from their Austro-German allies approximately a division of infantry and a brigade of cavalry, besides artillery, aeroplanes and motor cars. The new Turkish base is at Kharput on the Upper Euphrates, 100 miles South of Erzerum, by difficult mountain roads.

The chief efforts of the Ottoman commanders are directed to breaking the Russian centre at Ashkafch, midway between Erzerum and Erzincan, and so clearing the road to Rizeh and Erzerum. After a fortnight's heavy fighting and that at the cost of great losses, they have succeeded in slightly pushing back the Russians at a few points but this inconsiderable gain in the centre is outweighed by growing Russian success on the flanks.

The Turkish force, engaged at Kut, is said to have been despatched Northward to resist the Russian advance on Bagdad, but the movements of General Corringe's and General Baratoff's forces are strictly coordinated and the struggle for Bagdad seems about to enter a new and interesting phase.

"Let Me Live On"

Let me live on! I only ask to live
Until the war be ended, and I see
What is the Verdict that the Heavens give
To Wrong and Fraud and Force and Treachery.

I would outlast this strife
'twere but an hour;
I would see Belgium righted and repaid;
I would see gallant France
in queenly power,
And little Serbia free and unafraid.

And storied Italy regain her coasts
And mighty Russia seated on the sea;
And martyred Montenegro's murdered hosts
Give back their sons a larger Liberty;

And I would know that Poland breathed anew,
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And my dear England greater than she knew,
And my dead son one hero of the slain.
—H. B. in the London Times

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