

CRIMEAN WAR SAW ORIGIN OF THE V. C.

Instituted by Queen Victoria in 1856—Some Thrilling Deeds Which Have Won Most Coveted Honor British Soldier or Sailor Can Gain.

About sixty years ago the Russian fleet was being bombarded by an Anglo-French force. Suddenly a shell fired from the fortress fell on the deck of H.M.S. Hecla. In an instant a brave young mate seized it, and with the fuse blazing between his hands, he flung it with a jerk overboard. That young mate—he ultimately became Rear-Admiral Charles Davis Lucas, who died a few days ago—was immediately promoted lieutenant and awarded the V.C., being the first to win that much-coveted decoration, although, owing to three other officers being a senior rank, he was the fourth actually to receive it from Queen Victoria.

Where Crosses Were Won.

It would require a volume to describe the many acts of personal bravery which have won the V.C.; but perhaps the most heroic deeds were those performed during the Indian Mutiny, which provided the most V.C.'s. Altogether during that campaign, 152 heroes won the decoration. The Crimean War accounted for 111, the Boer War for twenty-eight, the Zulu War for twenty-three, the New Zealand campaign for twelve, and the operations on the North West Frontier of India (1897-8) for ten. These wars accounted for 432 crosses, the remainder, between ninety and one hundred, being distributed among the many other campaigns in Africa, India, and elsewhere that have been fought during the past half century.

Each V.C. is made from bronze which once formed part of some Russian gun captured during the Crimean War, and although the medal itself is intrinsically worth only about 9 cents, a number of them have been sold at sales for \$500 and over. The winning of the V.C. carries an annuity of \$50, which may be increased to \$250, to all except officers, but including those who have risen from the ranks.

Boys' Gallant Deeds.

Several boys have secured the medal for valor. There was Bugler Hawthorne, of the 6th Light Infantry, who gallantly tried to save Lieutenant Salkeld at the blowing in of the Cashmere Gate at Delhi on the morning of September 14th, 1857, and it was at Delhi that young Bugler William Sutton, on the eve of the assault of Delhi, voluntarily went close up to the walls to ascertain the state of the breach. He succeeded and by the whole regiment was elected for the V.C. Like Hawthorne, he was a mere lad.

Later at Cawnpore we find Drummer Thomas Finn, of the 6th South Staffordshire Regiment, actually charging the guns of the rebels with the short sword, the only arms of his rank, with which he slew in hand-to-hand combat two stalwart gunners. In a few rare instances the V. C. has been won by more than one member of a family. The most conspicuous case is that of the Gough family, which can boast of three V.C.'s—General Sir C. J. S. Gough, General Sir H. H. Gough, and Lieutenant-Colonel J. E. Gough. The first two were brothers, and the last named is a son of the second. Major-General E. H. Sartorius and Colonel R. W. Sartorius provide another case of brothers winning the decoration. Another instance of a father and son winning the cross is seen in Lord Roberts and his gallant son, Lieutenant the Hon. F. H. S. Roberts, who lost his life in gaining the V.C. at the battle of Colenso. Lieutenant Roberts, as all will remember, won the cross in an heroic attempt to save the guns at Colenso in the Boer War, his cross by order of the late Queen, being awarded to Lieutenant Roberts' parents after his death.

Sailor in a Tree.

The navy has always been proud of the manner in which Sir Norwell Salmon won the V.C. at Lucknow by climbing a tree, and from this dangerous and exposed position silencing the firing of a rifle from the British troops. No man distinguished himself more, however, during the Mutiny than Sir Dighton Probyn. At the battle of Agro, when his squadron charged the rebel infantry, he was separated from his men and surrounded by five or six sepoys. He defended himself from various cuts made on him, and before his own men had joined him he had cut down two of his assailants.

At another time, in single combat with a sepoy, he was wounded in the wrist by a bayonet, and his horse was also wounded, but though the sepoy fought desperately he cut him down. The same day he singled out a standard bearer, and in the presence of a number of the enemy killed him and captured the standard. These are only a few of the gallant deeds of this officer.

A Technical Error.

Harshard—it seems to me that sharpshooting has been the cause of most of the casualties. Wife—But, George, isn't he a war correspondent; not a general?—London Opinion.

One Belgian town is described as "fourteen shots and a dog." How did "culture" come to overlook the dog?—Wall Street Journal.

ENGLAND UNDER WAR CONDITIONS

A Nation Fully Awake to the Danger of the Hour.

RECRUITS DRILL IN EVERY OPEN SPACE.

Nation Passes from State of Peace to Warfare Without Slightest Sign of Excitement.

London, Nov. 10.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Two months ago a London newspaper described England as "a nation half awake," and contrasted the unrefined aspect of London life with the transformation that war had cast over Paris and Berlin. Since then England has become a nation fully awake. This awakening has been more an inner than a surface change, and only those who have known England from within can realize how great the change has been.

The most remarkable feature of recent British events has been the entire absence of excitement with which the country has passed from a condition of profound and thoughtful peace to a military status which pervades all the activities of life, and seems almost to have brought upon the scene a harder and soberer nation. Sports, politics, society, the three absorbing interests of the population three months ago, have disappeared from the columns of newspapers, from the talk of the people, and have almost vanished from existence.

War the Absorbing Topic

The contentious word "suffragette" has disappeared from the English vocabulary. The suffragist bodies have turned their efficient organizations to the care of Belgians and other war victims. "Votes for women" is no longer thrust into the face of passers on every corner and in every railway station and restaurant by young women wearing the tri-colored ribbon of purple, green and white. The suffragist papers, like many others supported by special interests, have suspended publication. People read about nothing but the war.

Home Rule is a forgotten text for debate, except as echoes of reminiscences come from a few die-hards in Ulster and the Sinn Féiners of the south of Ireland. All that is left of the absorbing passion for sport is the football games, and a majority of the first class professional teams are drilling in the Territorials and Kitchener Army. And, it would be a brave man of military age, who would be seen carrying his bundle of golf sticks on the street these days.

Streets and trains everywhere are filled with soldiers. Khaki is compulsory in all the restaurants, the gilded and the cheap, and military equipment and uniforms fill the shop windows. Recruits are drilling in all the parks.

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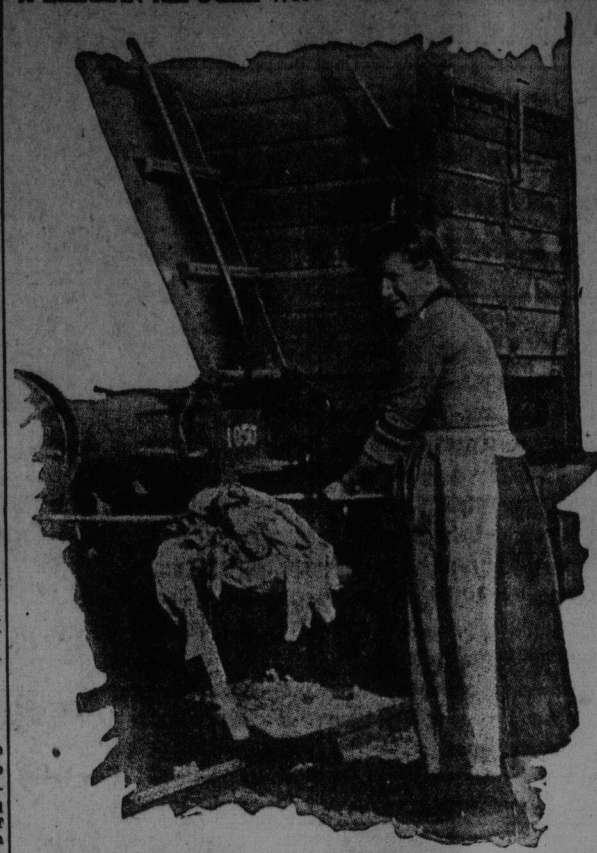
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A BELGIAN REFUGEE WHO FLED FROM GERMANS



Above is pictured a refugee woman who fled to the little village of Roosen daal, in Holland, when the Germans were advancing on Antwerp. She is shown washing the family clothes on the steps of a Belgian car. These cars are used for housing refugees. A correspondent who witnessed the Belgian flight writes:—"I saw a woman of apparent wealth place her fur trimmed cloak around the shoulders of a delicate and poorly clad young mother who was nursing her baby. The intense suffering of the last few days has united all the Belgians into one great family."

In public squares, on the lawn of the Temple where barristers work and live, in all the open spaces among the stately law courts, and in the courtyard of the National Academy sacred to art and science.

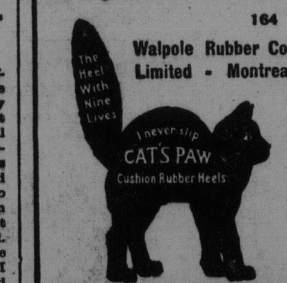
The English Way

Companies of recruits, some fully uniformed and shouldering their rifles, others in civilian clothes and bare headed, with blankets slung over their shoulders, march about the streets. Traffic is held up while they pass, the people stop to look; occasionally an old man raises his hat, but strangely enough to the American spectator there is never any cheering. This is not apathy, it is the English way. The Briton has sentiment, but he conceals it carefully. "We feel too deeply for

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a crumble. Half the theatres are closed. "Society" has disappeared. There are no social columns in the newspapers, because there are no social events to record.

There is no dinner-giving, and there are no balls or shooting parties on country estates. Drinking champagne is as strictly tabooed as carrying golf clubs. Millionaires and Dukes appear in public, when they appear at all, in khaki or old clothes, and drink whiskey and soda, instead of their favorite vintages. The Duke of Norfolk, Lord Gladstone, Lord Robert Cecil, clubmen and members of parliament, who are too old for military duty, spend their time at the railway stations and refugee headquarters meeting frightened and dirty Belgian peasants, giving them coffee and sandwiches and distributing clothes. Others are looking after recruits and wounded soldiers arriving from France.

St. James Palace is the centre of Red Cross work, and the stately town house of the Duke of Devonshire is a Red Cross office. Castles and country houses throughout the Kingdom are given over for wounded soldiers, British, Belgian, Indian and French. Innumerable funds for the soldiers and dependents of soldiers are being raised and administered. Every regiment has a headquarters in London, where workers are supplying its wants in the line of comforts.

Among the women of the country there is a fierce campaign of knitting. Socks, belts, mittens, mufflers are being turned out in prodigious quantities. Ladies knit at their meals, the shop girls are knitting, the maids in hotels, and the cashiers in their boxes at the restaurants, and in the cigar stands of the underground stations. "How to Help," is a standing headline in all the newspapers, and no pages are read more eagerly, if the letters which come to the newspaper offices are any test of popular feeling.

LORD BERESFORD, ENGLAND'S FAMOUS SEA DOG, IN NEW ROLE

Continued from page fourteen. . . . ter-cart came by and turned the water on them. Then the company, looking closer at the driver, perceived that I had won my bet. "Practical" jokes were always, of course, Lord Charles's strong point. He was once he tells us, at Scarborough during the races, when he and a friend happened, on entering the ladies' assembly room of the hotel, to see Mr. Dudley Milner and Mr. Johnny Sharfo standing at the other end engaged in a furious argument about horses:

There was nothing at all in the great room, so far as I remember, except a sideboard and a dish filled with pats of butter, which stood on the sideboard. I picked up a pat of butter on the end of the ash-pant I was carrying, and told Vyner that if he would come outside I would throw the pat of butter to a surprising distance.

"Why go outside?" said he. "Why not take a shot at those fellows who are arguing so busily over there?"

"And so I will," said I. The pat of butter described a beautiful yellow parabola at high speed, and lighted upon the eye of one of the disputants. The impact doubled him up, and he thought that the other man had hit him. Drawing his right fist back very slowly and carefully, he struck his friend full on the point of the nose. The next moment they were both rolling on the floor, fighting like cats. My companion and I were laughing so much that we couldn't separate them; and they finally had to go to bed for a week to recover themselves of their wounds.

It was about the middle period of the author's life, when, returning from a ball in London, in the early morning, he came upon a person selling whelks. He invited "Charlie" to supper breakfast—upon a plate of these delicacies.

"How much do you charge for a plateful?"

"Three-pence," said he. "I'll give you sixpence for every plateful you eat yourself."

"Done," said he. He finished two platefuls and had begun a third, when he was overtaken by rebellion from within, swiftly followed by catastrophe.

"That's not fair," I said. "You can't count those two platefuls."

"O my Gawd," he said, "ave I got to begin again?"

With that we may fairly take leave of a book which is as full of old-fashioned naval jollity as an egg is full of meat. It is like a compound of Maryat, Whyte-Melville and the late Mr. "Lobby" rolled into one.

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