# The Victory at Neuve Chapelle it was not intended to be more than a forlorn hope, for only 200

# A Story of Fighting by an Eye Witness fighting said the German losses were velry great, the supports suf-

"This war is a life and death Terrible German Losses struggle between entire nations,

eye-witness account of British op- whelmed by sheer weight of num- "In spite of the generally mo-

#### Tribute to Officers

cumvent these obstacles without which had not been destroyed. getting their men crowded together in narrow places such as

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"The attempt succeeded so far 16th and 17th, passed quietly, exin which all the resources of every as the latter sector was concern- cept for a hearty shelling of the ed, for the trenches had been various points, especially in Neuve ized. In the end not only will vic- blown in and were absolutely un- Chapelle. tory depend very largely on the tenable. To the east of the vil- "On the morning of the 17th action of the artillery but will de- lage, however, our infantry made 200 Germans took advantage of pend equally on the provision and maintenance of artillery ammunimaintenance of artillery ammunimintenance of artillery am manufacturer and the man in the sailants were terrible our men They were seen and fire was open sailants were terrible, our men They were seen and fire was opensticking to their posts until the ed on them, London, March 21.—An official last—in fact until they were over

tion with the reports of the recent fighting it gives the follow- by a mine. Following up their tack on Neuve Chapelle on the ing explanation of the heavy loss success, they penetrated into the 10th. When our infantry were

tersected with hedges and ditches. But by another effort two hours excitement rose to fever heat. platoon commanders had to go for later we succeeded in driving the "Our men jumped on the para- range and the possession of a sin-

### Barricaded in the Streets

The success achieved and the ex- the place, the Germans erected alties. traordinary spirit shown by our barricades across the streets, "The effect of the victory of troops are the best proof of the which they defended by machine Neuve Chapelle has been remarkqualities displayed by their lead- guns. These had to be stormed able. It has caused the troops one by one, our men coming on who by no means were depressed "Since the action at St. Eloi on from time to time regardless of to become even more elated and the 14th and 15th, there has been losses until the village was clear- filled them with confidence. In

has been somewhat eclipsed by "The next morning the Gen- losses, the effect of the recent the story of Neuve Chapelle. On mans displayed a humanity which fighting on the Germans is imposthe evening of Sunday, the 14th, unfortunately is not always shown sible to guage, though they are after an extremely heavy artillery by them and refrained from firing stubborn folk and not easily fire directed against our trenches on our stretcher-bearer parties, downcast. along the eastern and southeast- who were engaged in carrying ern sections, the Germans en- away the wounded within quite "The operations of the last few close range of the enemy's guns. days cannot have been encourag

Attack by 200 Germans

"During the 15th, the enemy made a last effort to recover the ground by assault. Presumably nen took part.

"Prisoners captured during the fering especially severely from our shell fire.

"Wednesday and Thursday, the

dated March 19, has been issued "The Germans then rushed sup- stages of the war there have been awaiting the order to assault and They were not allowed to re- were watching the bombardment "It is unnecessary to speak of main long in undisputed posses- they could see our shells bursting the gallantry of regimental offi- sion, however. Our first counter- in the thick veil of smoke and cers throughout the fighting. The attack took place at 2.30 on the dust which hung over the German casualty lists tell their own tale morning of the 15th. It was par- trenches. As the minutes wore of the heavy toll among them, tially successful, the enemy still on and as the artillery fire grew ing. The form of warfare which

ward to reconnoitre the ground enemy completely out of the vil- pets, brandishing their rifles to- gle yard of ground counts, beand discover the best way to cir- lage, recapturing all the trenches ward the Germans, shouting re- cause it may enable the possessor marks which were drowned in the 10 act against other points with groar of the guns. When the rush greater effect than he could have was actually made our losses were gaps in hedgerows and bridges. "The fighting at St. Eloi was of trifling. Only in subsequent This naturally entailed exposure, the fiercest description. Gaining events were there any heavy casu-

spite of the unusually heavy

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is very much fighting at close

now determined to fight, kill and Donohoe.)

rection in which preparation has session. chiefly affected operations has The valley of the Pruth separ- one of my escort. He immediatelain in the possession of guns and ates the two hostile armies. · ly offered to give it to me-with-

the side with the big battery rather than on the side of the big battalions. This is due partly to the devastating effect of modern covered land. guns and the mechanical traction

### Trench Attacks Made Easy

gain their losses is almost bound

gle between entire nations, in Czernowitz. and maintenance of artillery am- marking where the Austrian dead still found snow and still snow, as that the fate of the crew might not munition, which action is up to sleep. the manufacturer and the man in I found the Russians in good places was the white streaked with the workshop at home."

# REAR ADMIRAL

Robeck, who succeeds Vice-Admiral and cabbage soup. This soup, Austrian and the next day Rus-Carden in command of the Dardan- highly flavored is a staple diet of sian—was plainly visible from my elles fleet, has had the distinction of the Russian soldier on active ser- high hill. It lay at a distance of The Hague Peace Palace having had, in 1912, a new post es- vice, pecially created for him. This was The general had delegated a now setting sun. Its cathedral Untenanted, silent, brooding Admiral of Patrols, whose duty it colonel to act as my guide. We dome seemed of burnished silver. On failure to meet its needs, stroyers of the home squadron.

His title, however, is Swedish. The the favorite musical instrument of their gruesome feast. There are its dead vines fall from trellis and sailor brother was born in 1862 at the soldiers of the Tsar. Gowran Grange, Naas, Ireland. He was a Cadet on H. M. S. Britannia in 1875, and became Rear-Admiral In this corner of the warfield I as many with the Austrians. Sable four years ago.

### Progenitor Anti-British

great-grandfather fought in the Amer where save in the Japanese army, as to seem no fewer now that vast ican revolution on the side of the col- "Good morning, children," was clouds of them have gone south onists. He was a cornet of cavalry the colonel's customary salutation to watch over the army of Rouin the Swedish army and joined, with on entering the men's quarters; mania. the permission of his King, a French and the latter would spring to at- The night fell on the Bukowina It breathes the air of decay. Dragoon regiment sent to this countention and rap out in staccato village; the stars shone very cold The flitting bats and the prowling cats try under Rochambault. For his ser- unison, "Good morning, little and steely blue; the dogs barked Have driven the Dove away. vices he received an American pen- father." sion. At the end of the war, having These were the men who fought and in the trenches the soldiers Untenanted, silent, useless, fallen in love with a beautiful Irish so bravely lately during the ire-loaded their rifles or dozed while a relie that no-one keeps.

girl, the daughter and heiress of a treat through Bukowina. The alert sentries kept sharp watch.

Outside of its gate, and desolate, younger brother of the Earl of Up- Russian soldier seems a big, sim- Meanwhile, and later, on the Its Founder stands and weeps. per Cessory, he emigrated to Ireland, ple-minded child, full of courage, banks of the Pruth, in a peasant's married her and became a naturaliz- who obeys without question, who cottage, I sat and drank and talked British subject. His son, the will follow his officers to the death ed with the General Staff far ingrandfather of Rear-Admiral de Ro- with the same nonchalance as he to the night-hours. ADVERTISE IN THE beck, served under the Duke of Wel- will exhibit in rolling a cigarette. So ended one of the interludes

# largely due to the fact that in advancing over intricate country, intargety due to the fact that in advancing over intricate country, intargety due to the fact that in advancing possession of the St. hotter and hotter, and the time the operations have developed approximates that of a siege. There Rut by another effort two hours excitement rose to fover heat On Banks of the Pruth and said that Brotherhood was best?

(From "The Daily Chronicle" der the severest hardships are ex- That Prussia plotted on the sly, "The British army in France is Special Correspondent, M. H. traordinary. When the news spread that an

knock out as many Germans as Novo Selitza (Russia), Feb. 27. Englishman had arrived, I was possible with the least possible -I have spent the day in the Rus- followed through the village who manufactured mammoth guns, loss to ourselves. The duty be- sian positions on the left (east) streets by groups of soldiers anxi- And served out "fire sticks" to his fore the British nation is by ev- bank of the Pruth through the ous to see the visitor at close quar Huns. ery means in its power to back up kindness of the general command ters. and help the soldiers do this. ing. Cross the Austrian frontier The generosity of the average "The outstanding lesson of this I found myself once more in Russian, like his hospitality, is un- who ultimately showed his cards, war as in other wars, has been the Bukowina, at least in that posi- bounded. I happened to admire a And, buttered by Teutonic bards,

sion, 20 cents; Reserved Seats, 30 cents. One Long Show each night. Be in time.

It has been a cold day, though out any thought of where he who swore to grind us into dust, "Nowadays, Providence lies on the sun has shone brilliantly for might obtain a covering for his But found our land of rot and rust, the first time in some weeks— own head. He seemed hurt at my Quite unexpectedly robust? adding an irridescent gleam to refusal to allow him to go bare-

the light that lay on the snow-headed. From Bojan, the Austrian rail- This happened to be a dull day Before we've done with him, and who which enables them to be brought way station on the Czernowitz from the military point of view. Has bitten more than he can chew? to the field of battle.

The Kaiser.

itza in Rumania, the Pruth fol- sian and Austrian snipers occalows a winding course eastward sionally exchanged shots, and the "The strongest entrenched posi and southward. The river banks crack of the rifles awakened U. S. Submarine tions can be carried with less loss are clothed in a sparse brushwood echoes on the crisp winter airto the attackers than to the de- which shows brown against the that was all. fenders if the assault is sufficient- background of white. There the Behind the village is the main

Dead Under the Snow to fail with immense loss to those On my right, as I look down to on to the horizon.

which all the resources of every Here, in the early days of the few bare leafless trees, here and crew of 21 men remained alive victory depend very largely on Austrians before them. The bat- ony of the snowscape,

spirits, well housed, well fed, discoloration, as if the warm, warmly clad. I inspected the sol- brown earth, aided by the spring diers' quarters; I entered houses sun, was beginning to reassert it-DE ROBECK commodated between whiles; covering. Rear Admiral John Michael de is bath; I ate of their rve bread flow and ebb, which one day is Alsace.

was to command four notillas of de- found the men who were off duty whiling away the time playing I was struck by the immense The Rear-Admiral is an Irishman cards, smoking cigarettes, or number of carrion crows which and the brother of Baron de Robeck. strumming on mouth-organs—follow the army in anticipation of lts fountains are filled with dust, and

have noticed, among the Russians, winged, sharp-beaked they turn The spiders have woven their fabric a certain tone of paternal famili- the sky black as they carry out Across every window pane, arity between officers , and men their manoeuvres in the sunset And shutters than hang by a tendon It is interesting to note that his which I had not observed else- hour. And they are so numerous

to challenge the passing patrol;

His patience and endurance un- of this war.

# THE KAISER

Who hugged us to his martial breast, And on our cheeks false kisses press-

The Kaiser. When wiser patriots raised the cry

And made swashbucklers of his sons? value of preparation, and the di- tion which is still in Russian pos- shaggy sheepskin head-dress car- Dropped air bombs in suburban ried by a giant Cossack who was vards?

Who's got to learn a thing or two

### F-4 Located

ly prepared by artillery. Under outports of the rival armies find road, running close to the con- Honolulu, March 30-The American such conditions any counter at tolerably snug cover where the fines of the Russian Empire. But submarine F-4 which was lost off tack made by the defenders to re- valley dips gently to the left bank. the road is soon lost in the vast this harbor, was located this afterocean of snow which goes on and noon. Heroic efforts were being made tonight to raise the stricken craft the river, there is a sharp ascent Beyond the Pruth, on the Aus- but after having been submerged for "This is a life and death strug- to the wide plateau commanding trian side, there is a similar white more than thirty hours it was regardplain, only with here and there a ed as doubtful whether any of the combatant are or should be mob- war, the Russians forced a pass- there a stray village standing To lift the little vessel to the surilized. In the end not only will age of the river and drove the alone, to relieve the dieary monot face it was found necessary to send the action of the artillery, but will thefield of that time is now a vast Ascending a hill, and gaining a for a derrick and crane. This involved depend equally on the provision cemetery, hundreds of crosses more commanding view-point, I much loss of time and it was thought

### **Mustered Into Army**

far as eye could see. Only in be determined until daylight

Harpies

thousands of these camp follow-

Berlin, March 28.-Dr. Karl Liebwhere men on trench duty are ac- self and peep through its winter knecht, a Socialist member of the Reichstag, has been mustered into houses which they had stove-heat- Czernowitz-over which has re- the army as a member of a Landsturm ed to the temperature of a Turk- peatedly crept the tide of war, in regiment and assigned to service in

# 12 miles, under the rays of the

It rises gaunt, like a ghostly haunt, Out of a waste of weeds.

ers with the Russians; no doubt Its bronzes are red with rust.

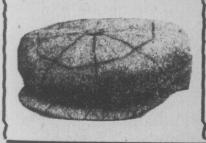
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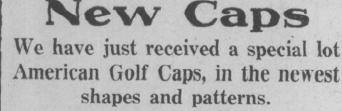
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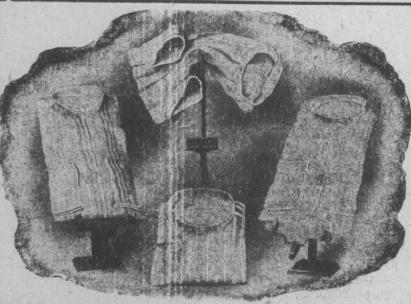
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