

Stop Fighting to Watch Dancer; Concerts In Trenches at Night

Girl, Waltzing To Music Of Phonograph, Entertains French and German Soldiers—Girl Soldiers Narrow Escape—Sidelights On the War

An interesting little story of the soldiers' life in the trenches in northern France is told in the last number of the Berliner Zeitung Am Mittag received in this country. It was written by a soldier, who said: "The German and French are entrenched about 100 yards apart. By arrangement fire ceases daily at lunch time. The Germans hold concerts nightly. "Once, when a phonograph was playing the 'Merry Widow' waltz, a girl leaped from the French trenches, advanced to the ground separating the adversaries, danced for a quarter of an hour, after which she returned to French cover. Both sides applauded her."

Too Late to Save Fifth Son.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark.—At the outbreak of the war a retired Colonel of the German army had three sons in the service. Immediately two younger sons joined the army. In the first advance into France three sons were killed and a fourth was shot in the East Prussian fighting. The mother is little better than insane, and the father, a stern old veteran, at last could stand it no longer. He obtained an audience with the Kaiser and told his story, praying that the last of the five might be spared. The Kaiser was much moved by the story and ordered a message sent to the division to which the young man was attached, directed that he be sent to interior duty, away from the front.

The old man, deeply touched, sought to thank the Emperor. "No," said the Kaiser, "it is I and your country who much thank you for the terrible sacrifice you have made. You have done nobly, but at a great price."

The Colonel then went to the place where his boy was stationed. He was met by the commanding General, and asked if the Kaiser's command had been received.

"Yes," said the General. "I received the command, but before I could transmit the order the boy received another command. He was killed ten minutes before the message arrived."

Ruses of War.

LONDON.—A soldier who was in Belgium states that the ruse employed by the Scotch to bring about the defeat of the English at Bannockburn in 1314 was repeated successfully by the British in the battle of the Yser. He says:

"About twenty-five yards in front of our trenches deep pits were dug. These were covered with branches and loose turf, as at Bannockburn, and into these the Germans fell in heaps, calling out pitifully when, too late, they discovered the stratagem."

"Although the Germans more than filled the pits, others came on in great numbers and the pits soon became a scene of appalling horror. The Germans struggled, cried and fought one another in their vain attempts to extricate themselves. Many were accidentally transfixed by the bayonets of those who had first fallen, while

others were shot by comrades. A shell fell into one pit and the huddled mass within was blown out of existence."

A despatch from Petrograd, Russia, reports that near Warsaw recently peasants found huge mounds surmounted by crosses and German helmets which are used to indicate graves. Being suspicious, the peasants dug into the mounds and found German quick firers and ammunition buried there.

Another Petrograd despatch says: "In order to keep up the spirits of the people, the Austrians are filling trains with their own soldiers, dressed in Russian uniforms, thus gaining easy credit for thousands of Russian prisoners on the way for internment or servitude."

Calls Being Shot "Funny."

London, England.—A writer in the sketch says:

"I have a cousin at the front who is an inveterate smoker. In his last letter he says:

"I had a funny experience yesterday. I was smoking my pipe in the trench when a bullet knocked it out of my mouth. Fortunately, there was only a bit knocked off the edge of the bowl, so I picked it up and went on smoking. Five minutes later the same thing happened again, with a similar result, but later in a day a shrapnel exploded near me, and not only blew my pipe to smithereens, but carried several teeth off at the same time, and made a hole in my cheek which makes it difficult to 'draw' properly. A funny experience that."

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IMPUDENT SPY WAS DETECTED

Through Alertness of an Officer Who Grew Suspicious of their Uniforms

THE impudent audacity of German spies is without limit. Two of them were unmasked in a very curious way by the commanding officer of a French Regiment a day or two ago. This officer has been slightly wounded, but after three weeks' treatment had received permission to return to the front, there to rejoin his old regiment.

He had not yet resumed command when he met by chance a sergeant and a private of the regiment. He asked them what they were doing there, and they told him a long story of how they had been fighting for a month, been cut off from their regiment, and had asked permission to take service in another.

Grew Suspicious.

The officer noticed that their uniforms looked extremely new and fresh for men who had had a month's hard fighting.

When he pointed this out they looked rather uncomfortable, but told a fairly coherent story of how they had managed to procure new uniforms the day before. The officer was by this time suspicious. He put a number of questions to the sergeant, who answered them convincingly enough. Then the officer had an idea. He asked them what battalion they were serving in. "In Commander X's battalion," they replied without hesitation, giving the officer's own name.

"And what is Commander X—doing now?" said the officer without moving a muscle. "And, by the way, do you know him, well, personally?"

Told Too Much.

"Oh yes!" they said "he is a good soldier and a fine fellow. He left for Paris a few days ago."

The case was clear. The pseudo-sergeant and soldier were nothing but daring German spies, and, in fact, they confessed when severely questioned. They were shot two hours later. The sergeant was a Prussian colonel, and the soldier had the rank of Captain.

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MEDICAL MEN HAD HOT TIME FOR A WHILE

Got Caught in the Zone of Fire Between the Two Armies and the Majority of Them Were Killed or Wounded

Dr. W. L. Howell, lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps, who was mentioned in Sir John French's last despatch, and is now lying wounded in London, writes to a doctor friend at Newport (Mon.), where he was formerly house surgeon at the Royal Gwent Hospital:

I was hit during the second day's fighting on the Aisne. The damage was done by shrapnel. I was fortunate to get off as I did, but I think it was worth it. I was lucky in getting attached to the 4th Brigade Field Ambulance working for the 4th Infantry Brigade—one of the finest brigades in the Expeditionary Force. After the Germans were rolled back

there were three big fights—the Marne, Haute Vesnes, and Aisne.

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The R.A.M.C. suffered tremendously, especially during the retreat at Landrecies. All the officers left of our unit were a major and three sub-alterns, of whom I was one.

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