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The part played by "Tank banks" in raising money in Great Britain to bring the war to a successful conclusion is being recognized by the presentation of war-battered tanks to 264 towns as an acknowledgment of the successful efforts made by their citizens to procure investments in National War bonds and War Savings certificates. The tanks have been awarded by the National War Savings Committee, who have kept exhaustive records of the results obtained from each area.

The War Office, with the consent of the Treasury, has undertaken to deliver the tanks to the towns as soon as practicable. The first batch of tanks is already on its way back from the battlefields of France and Flanders. The Local War Savings Committee in each area has been notified of the presentation of the tank, and in conjunction with the civic authority, will arrange for its reception and disposition as a permanent memorial of the town's financial effort for the war.

Preparing for More Atrocities.

Editor—Er, Smith, I want you to order a ton or so of new type—Z's and Y's and X's. They are starting another war in Russia.

The Panama Canal was opened to traffic August 15, 1914.

THIN KHAKI LINE FOILED PRUSSIANS

OFFICIAL GERMAN ACCOUNT ADMITS HUN FAILURE

Drive for Calais Beaten by Haig With Few Machine Guns and Lit- Ammunition for Artillery.

The first official German account of a battle on the western front has been published. It is an admission of failure in the first battle of Ypres in the fall of 1914 and also a glorious tribute to the remnant of the old British "contemptible little army." The defeat of the Prussian Guard in the attempt to take Calais is attributed to masses of machine guns, the superiority of artillery and wonderful "strong points." We know what the Germans describe as masses of machine guns was really only rifle fire, that the British artillery was trivial and short of ammunition, especially high explosive shells, and the strong points were hastily thrown together and block houses built on the experience gained in South Africa. The Germans admit the battle ended Germany's hopes of winning a speedy war, indeed of winning the war at all.

It has been known that by sheer good shooting and obstinate refusal to accept defeat an extraordinary victory was gained by the remnants of the old army against the best troops the German emperor could put his hands on, it has been known that British determination outstayed the Teuton will to victory and that the Prussian Guard recoiled, beaten, when another impulse would probably have carried it through the thin line of muddied khaki. But the immensity of the effort and the full hopes of the enemy's leaders could only be guessed at or inferred. Now they have been disclosed in an authoritative and well-written military narrative, with orders of battle and good sketch maps in which the dispositions even of regiments are sometimes shown.

Germans Sought Calais.

The story is graphically unfolded. There is first the appearance of Von Beseler's corps of three divisions covering the advance of four perfectly fresh reserve corps. Two corps were the Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh, on a front from the River Lys to the sea. The whole forms the new Fourth Army under Duke Albert of Wurtemberg. His directions as summarized are "to close with the enemy, who is apparently still engaged in concentrating and reorganizing his forces, and beat him and gain Calais as the final objective of the 1914 campaign." The Fourth Army pushes in, attacking on the front line from Ypres to the sea, assisted by the Sixth Army on the left. It makes special efforts to capture Dixmude and Nieuport, but failing in these places gets across the Yser between them. There its hopes of breaking through are dashed to the ground by the heroic decision of the King of the Belgians to flood his country rather than to let it pass.

Reserve Divisions Quit.

The writer considers that "the task set for the Fourth Army would probably have been achieved in spite of its very difficult nature if the Belgians at the moment of their greatest peril had not called the sea to their aid." But he admits later that this act was not decisive, as there were possibilities further south, and says:

"The failure of a reserve division of the Twenty-third Reserve Corps to gain a decisive victory between Bixschoote and Langemarck on October 22 and 23 settled also the fate of the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Reserve Corps (further south). Any further thought to break through was at the time out of the question."

In fact, the enemy was only pursuing his usual practice of searching for a weak place, starting north and working southward, and everywhere had failed.

Meantime he was pulling out his troops from any place they could be spared. There appear the Bavarian Seventeenth and Twenty-fourth Reserve Corps, the Sixtieth Bavarian Reserve, the Twenty-fifth Reserve, the Ninth Reserve, the Marine Twentysixth Divisions, the Landwher and Ersatz Infantry Brigades, eight Jager battalions and at least twelve cavalry divisions. Von Fabeck's army group, at first of five divisions, later of nine infantry and four cavalry divisions, is formed "as a strong, new army of attack between the Fourth and Sixth Armies for breaking through the front from Werwice to Warneton, south to Ypres."

To Von Fabeck's operations we owe the loss of Wytschaete and Messines Ridge. The story of the desperate fighting there is particularly well told and full credit is given to the French and British for their tenacity.

"The enemy turned every house every wood and every wall into a strong point, and each of them had to be stormed with heavy loss. The enemy fought desperately for every heap of stones and every pile of bricks in the villages before abandoning them."

Passing over the further attacks of the Fourth Army and its attempt to break into Ypres from the northeast and of the group of General Urach, which apparently was detailed to capture Mount Kemmel, we come to the last phase when the army group under General von Linsingen was organized "for a decisive attack to begin November 10."

German Admits Defeat.

"His task was to drive back and push the enemy lying north of the Comines-Ypres Canal. The army group of General Fabeck is to maintain its position west of the canal, pressing forward and supporting the army group of Von Linsingen with a powerful enfilade fire as far as possible. All other units of the Sixth Army are to attack with increased energy on this day."

These attacks led to the loss of Dixmude and further portions of Massines Ridge, often overlooked because they signified so little, and when a decisive attack was made east of Ypres it broke down.

The writer rather fails in his description of Von Linsingen's attacks. Perhaps he does so from an artistic sense, for like the Prussian Guard attack, the story begins brilliantly, gradually peters out, and ends tamely. Failure is, however, conclusively admitted.

"No break through of the enemy's line had been accomplished. His numerical superiority and more especially the strength of his positions help up our offensive. We had not succeeded in making a decisive break through and the dream of ending the campaign in the west in our favor in 1914 had to be consigned to its grave."

Strong Points Beat Guards.

An interesting fact is given which confirms the impression at the time that the line of small strong points, ranged like South African blockhouses by Sir Douglas Haig's engineers, as there was no time to do more, marked the highwater mark of the guard attack. The Fourth Guards Brigade, it is said, stumbled on "new blockhouses not yet dealt with by the artillery with strong wire entanglements provided with strong points. Men tried to work through the gaps single file. Suddenly there was a deafening infantry and machine-gun fire from the right flank and some of the remaining officers fell. Finally the battalions had to fall back to rally." And they did not come on again.

No higher praise could be bestowed, for the supposed machine guns (there being at most two in each battalion) were ordinary rifles, and the artillery must have got the fullest value out of their meager allotment of ammunition. The time available to construct defences had been too short to allow anything more than broken lines, shallow holes, a few loopholes and the most elementary wire. It was the men behind them who formed the bulwark.

It would be far more satisfactory to reduce the cost of living generally than to go on increasing wages.—Viscount Wimborne.

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THE ORIGINAL CAMOUFLAGE

Art First Practiced by the North American Indians.

That the art of camouflage as now practiced in Europe is an American institution and originated by the American Indians is the latest suggestion. It is claimed that the Indian children were taught to place flowers in their hair, as well as twigs, leaves, and other bits of foliage, and that they were able to move along the ground in such a stealthy manner that they were not discernible to the rest of the tribe.

Before a young buck could become qualified as a warrior he had to make his approach to the Indian camp almost in the midst of the assembled warriors without being detected. The real origin of paint on the face, as well as on the wigwams and horses, was apparently in the desire to make the Indian blend with rocks, trees and dirt, so that he could approach his prey or remain hidden without detection.

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To the Lads Returning.

All the wonder of your coming and the greatness of your going,
In our hearts' exultant greetings—in our proudest memory!
Best of welcomes seems so trival as you come, by battle broken,
Back from death—the glory of you —coming back to such as we!

Can you read the hearts in waiting, hushed by prayer and wistful loving?
All the longing for your coming—all the pride we've had for you?
Gratitude beyond our naming—days and nights of awful yearning,
And the constant faith believing that to Duty you were true?

Take it then, our glory in you, in each poorest little token,
In each humble bit of welcome, reading all we cannot tell—
For your coming back to freedom that you bought so dearly for us—
To your Canada and ours, for which you fought and fell.

Keep we reverent remembrance of the silent march of comrades,
Who come only now in spirit with you who went away—
To the lonely ones who see not faces dear for whom they waited—
May you see their Vision Splendid in the Light of Endless Day!

—AMY E. CAMPBELL.

A Modern Fairy Tale.

The mother was putting her child to bed. "If you will be real quiet," she said, "I will tell you the story about the prince who killed a dragon and rescued a beautiful princess." "Oh, mother," protested the child, "that story is too undemocratic for the present day. Tell me the fairy tale about the Government official who killed the profiteer and rescued the ultimate consumer."

Minard's Liniment Lumberman's Friend.

BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE

Any One Could

Elsie—My grandpa has reached the age of ninety-six. Isn't it wonderful?

Bobby—Wonderful nothin'! Look at the time it's taken him to do it.

Outclassed.

A fellow said to a famous sprinter: "I'll race you and beat you if you'll let me choose the course and give a yard's start."

"Fifty dollars to one that you don't," said the sprinter, confidently. "Name your course."

"Up a ladder," said the challenger.

The Annual Ablutions.

Once a year the newsboys of a certain district of London are taken for an outing up the Thames by a gentleman of the neighborhood, when they can bathe to their heart's content.

As one little boy was getting into the water a friend observed: "I say, Bill, ain't yer dirty?"

"Yes," replied Bill. "I missed the train last year."

Wrong Direction.

The soldier whose specialty had been sewer-trenches for some months past, was found leaning on his shovel.

"What are you dreaming about now?" the non-com. asked.

"I was just thinking," responded the shovel-wielder, "that if these ditches were straight up and down instead of lengthwise, I'd have dug my way back home long before this."

She Never Told On Him.

With a stormy look on his face the master of the house waylaid the servant in the kitchen. "Look here," he began, angrily, "how dare you tell my wife what time I came home this morning after I had told you not to?" The Irish girl eyed him steadily. "Sure, an Oi didn't," she replied, calmly. "She asked me phwat toime ye came in an' Oi only tould her that Oi was too busy gettin' the breakfast ready to look at the clock."

Peeled Chicken.

Three-year-old Kitty was visiting her grandmother, who lived on a farm. Everything about the farm was a novelty to the child. Another pleasant thing about the visit was grandmother's constant questioning of:

"Now, what shall we eat to-day?"

One morning she asked the usual question as to the menu. Little Kitty thought a minute, and then answered:

"Oh, grandma, won't you please catch a chicken and peel it for dinner?"

Disqualified.

A man's reason for giving or refusing his vote are often subtle, as candidates are likely to discover.

Take the authentic case, at a former election of an English county squire who solicited the support of a notorious poacher whom he had once sent to prison. The man refused. "But that little poaching affair was years ago," urged the magistrate candidate; "let bygones be bygones."

"It isn't because you sent me to jail," replied the man, "but the reason for which you did it. You said it was a rabbit I shot, and it was a hare. The man who don't know the difference between a rabbit and a hare isn't fit to sit in Parliament."

Minard's Liniment used by Physicians.

A great secret of tea economy is to add only a small quantity of boiling water at first, and then allow it to "draw" before adding the rest. Tea so made is much better and stronger than when all the water is added at once.

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Don't let father die of infection or lockjaw from whittling at his corns, but clip this out and make him try it.

Cause of Early Old Age

The celebrated Dr. Michenhoff, an authority on early old age, says that it is "caused by poisons generated in the intestine." When your stomach digests food properly it is absorbed without forming poisonous matter. Poisons bring on early old age and premature death. 15 to 30 drops of "Seigel's Syrup" after meals makes your digestion sound. 10

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Awkward Position.

"Yes," said the shopkeeper, "I want a good, bright boy to be partly indoors and partly outdoors."

"That's all right," said the applicant, "but what becomes of me when the door is shut?"

MONEY ORDERS.

Send a Dominion Express Money Order. Five Dollars costs three cents.

An Uneducated Dog.

The Frenchman did not like the look of the barking dog barring his way.

"It's all right," said the host. "Don't you know the proverb, 'Barking dogs don't bite'?"

"Ah, yes," said the Frenchman, "I know ze proverbe, you know ze proverbe; does he know ze proverbe?"

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Girls! Make this cheap beauty lotion to clear and whiten your skin.

Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white, shake well, and you have a quarter pint of the best freckle and tan lotion, and complexion beautifier, at very, very small cost.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Massage this sweetly fragrant lotion into the face, neck, arms and hands each day and see how freckles and blemishes disappear and how clear, soft and white the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless.

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