# BRITISH RE-TAKE HAMEL AND 1,500 PRISONERS IN SURPRISE ATTACK

### Australians Assisted by Tanks Advanced a Mile and a Half on 4-Mile Front With Light Casualties.

A despatch from the British Army in France says:—Complete success crowned the splendid surprise attack made by the Australians at dawn on Thursday against the Germans between Villers-Bretonneux and the Somme.

The enemy was taken entirely unawares and the big-framed fighters from Australia stormed their way through the bewildered grey coats with little opposition—a veritable human tornado which left a wake of death behind it.

Hamel village was rushed and taken in short order. Vaire and Hamel Woods, with their nests of crackling machine guns, were passed through as though the Australians were doing a practice charge for their commander, and a line of enemy trenches east of these strongholds was cleaned out and annexed.

About 1,500 prisoners were in the British cages this afternoon, while out on the battlefield great numbers of the German Emperor's men lay, silent under the brilliant sunshine which could bring them no cheer.

It took the assaulting forces about an hour and a half to complete their work, and at the end of that time they had, with exceedingly light casualties, wrested from the enemy a strip of territory four miles wide and averaging a mile and a half deep. By this operation they eliminated a salient in the British line and gained valuable high ground.

The Australians went over the top behind a large number of tanks, which were to pilot the way. Two minutes before that hour the British artillery all along the sector dropped a tremendous barrage on the German defences from guns of all calibres. This was the first warning the enemy had of impending trouble. Not a word concerning the attack had penetrated to the other side. Even the great uncouth tanks had been got into position without the enemy being aware of their presence.

# FURTHER GAINS ON THE PIAVE

### Airmen Drop Blazing Oil on Austrian Bridges.

A despatch from Italian Army Headquarters says:—The fighting that is in progress along the lower reaches of the Piave is as severe as was that of last week in this region, where mud, sand and water are everywhere under foot and clumps of tall-growing grasses are frequent. To add to the difficulties, rain and wind storms occasionally sweep over the area.

At four points the Italians attacked the Austrian position in this region, along a frontage of eight miles. In this comparatively small stretch no less than 12 temporary bridges thrown across by the Austrians were destroyed by airplanes dropping small barrels of burning oil upon them. The Italian infantry are frequently seen a short distance away, calmly waiting while the bridges are attacked from the air, the troops then being thrown against the remaining Austrians.

About the most violent resistance displayed by any of the enemy troops is that of the Bosnians and Herzegovinians on this front, who are still wearing their picturesque turbans. As the Italians advance they are finding the dead among these already stripped by their comrades. There are other Austrians, however, who as soon as they are taken prisoner and find themselves safe within the Italian lines cry: "Down with Austria!"

### ROSS RIFLE FACTORY TO MAKE REVOLVERS

A despatch from Quebec, Que. says:—The factory formerly occupied by the Ross Rifle Company will be reopened in September by the North American Arms Company, Limited, a very large order for the manufacture of revolvers for the United States army having been received by the new company, which has just obtained a charter from the Dominion Government and is capitalized at $2,000,000, the head office to be in Quebec. It is a purely Canadian company, the officers being: President, T. A. Russell, Toronto; Vice-President, H. D. Scully, Toronto, and Thomas Craig, former general superintendent of the Ross Rifle Company, has been appointed general manager, and is also on the board of directors. The contract is to be completed by December 31, 1919, and it is said that the maximum number of employes will reach 3,000.

### FRENCH IN VIGOROUS THRUST CAPTURE 1,000 PRISONERS

A despatch from London says:—The French have struck savagely against the German lines on Thursday, this time cutting through the enemy ranks near the town of Autreches, south of Moulinsous-Toutvent, where on Tuesday night they won a local success and captured prisoners. Here the Germans lost 1,066 prisoners. The French improved their positions by gaining rather high ground, which can be readily defended when the Germans launch their expected offensive.

# U.S. LAUNCHED 52 VESSELS JULY 4

A despatch from New York says:—The United States launched on Thursday a greater tonnage in ships than she has lost during the whole progress of the European war, Secretary of the Navy Daniels said, in an address at the Fourth of July celebration of the Tammany Society. More than 400,000 dead-weight tons, he said, are going into the water from American shipyards as a part of the Independence Day celebration, while the total American tonnage destroyed by submarines is estimated at 352,223 tons, including 67,815 tons sunk before the United States entered the war.

"We have launched to-day," Mr. Daniels continued, "more than the Germans sank of the ships of all nations in the last month for which we have official figures. The recent enemy submarine activities off our coast resulted in the loss of 25,411 gross tons of American shipping. During the same time, 130,000 dead-weight tons of shipping were built.

### SHIP PRODUCTION WAS HIGH IN JUNE

A despatch from London says:—The British Admiralty announced that during the month of June 134,159 gross tons of merchant shipping was completed in the United Kingdom yards and entered for service.

The record of British shipyards for June fell below that of May, when a total of 197,274 gross tons was entered for service. That was the highest figure for any month during the last year. In April the shipping completed totalled 111,533, and in March 161,674 gross tons.

### GOOD HARVEST IN MANITOBA EXPECTED

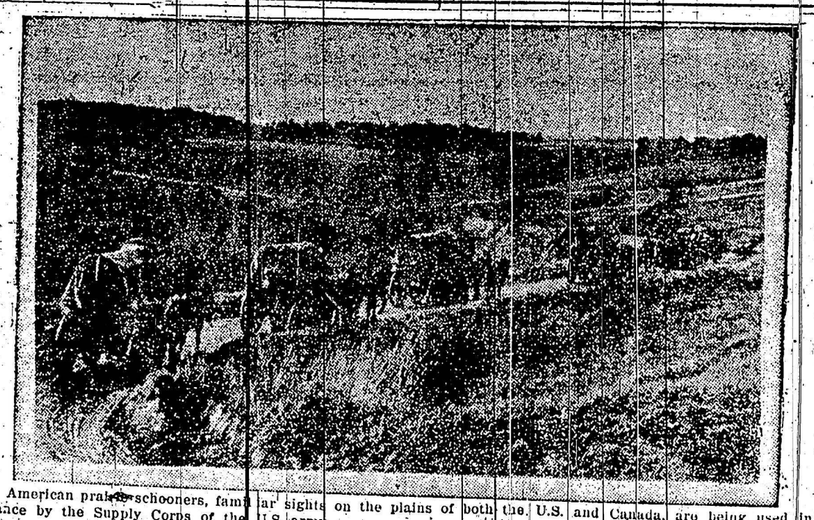
A despatch from Winnipeg says:—Prosperity again stands at Manitoba's door. A rich and plentiful harvest is forecast in the first official crop report issued by the Manitoba Agricultural Department.

The report indicates clearly that the crop is about six days ahead of its normal schedule in 70 per cent. of the places reporting. Of the remainder, about 20 per cent. claim normal conditions prevalent, and the other 10 per cent. show a tendency to backwardness.

### SULTAN OF TURKEY HAS PASSED AWAY

A despatch from Amsterdam says:—Mohammed V., Sultan of Turkey, died at 7 o'clock on Wednesday night, says a Constantinople despatch received here by way of Vienna.

Mohammed V., thirty-fifth sovereign of Turkey in direct descent of the House of Osman, founder of the empire, came to the throne by a coup d'etat on April 27, 1909, after having been held for thirty-three years a prisoner by his brother, Sultan Abdul II., in the royal palace and gardens in Constantinople.



American prairie schooners, familiar sights on the plains of both the U.S. and Canada, are being used in France by the Supply Corps of the U.S. army.

# 5000 GERMAN PRISONERS CAPTURED ON WEST FRONT IN WEEK

### British Downed 173 Hostile Airplanes in Same Period—Much Damage Done by Air Raids on Enemy Territory

A despatch from London says:—During the last week the Entente allies on the western front have taken more than 5,000 prisoners. A series of minor operations also resulted in their gaining possession of several important strategic points, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and obtaining valuable information as to his plans for the immediate future.

Another satisfactory feature of the last week's operations was the work of the allies in the air. Great damage was done by the aviators to German communications and concentrations of men and material behind the lines. The superiority of the Entente air fighters is shown by the fact that during the last week on the British front alone, 173 German airplanes were downed, while only 36 British machines are missing.

The text of the official report says: "On the British western front since last weekly summary was issued, 122 German machines were downed and 73 driven down out of control, against 52 British machines reported as missing. During the same period 14 separate towns were raided and bombed. The airdrome at Boulay was raided six times; the railway triangle at Metz-Sablon, four; Mannheim, four; Saarbruecken and Thionville, thrice; Treves and Frescati, twice; and seven other towns once each, including Karlsruhe, where a large explosion was caused in a metal works.

"Naval airmen in the course of the week vigorously bombed docks, submarine bases and naval works in the neighborhood of Zeebrugge, Ostend and Bruges."

# BERLIN ORDERED NURSES MURDERED

### "Sink Without a Trace" was the Policy Acted Upon.

A despatch from London says:—Reuter's Limited is authoritatively informed that the outrage on the Llandovery Castle, which is the fourth hospital ship torpedoed this year, was deliberate and premeditated, following upon orders given the submarine commander by the supreme German authority, which alleged the presence of eight flying officers. The allegation is foundationless, and could easily have been tested by the right of search. There is no doubt that the submarine endeavored to slaughter all witnesses of the crime, according to Count Luxburg's phrase, "Spurlos versenken."

It is clear the German high command has settled a plan to destroy hospital ships as far as possible.

### THOUSANDS ARE READY TO WORK ON FARMS

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Highly satisfactory results in connection with the registration of the man and woman-power of Canada have been obtained, according to Senator G. D. Robertson, who, on Thursday, issued his first statement of returns from various constituencies in which the work has been completed. Already the Registration Board has secured the names of thousands of people willing to give assistance in agricultural work, particularly during harvest time.

### Canada Presents France With Fully Equipped Hospital

A despatch from Paris says:—President Poincare went to Joinville le Pont, where Sir Robert Borden, in the presence of Gen. Currie, commander-in-chief of the Canadian armies, and several prominent Canadians, presented him with a fully-equipped Canadian hospital. The hospital contains 520 beds, which number will soon be increased to 1,040.

### AERIAL FORCES CO-OPERATED IN BATTLE SOUTH OF SOMME

A despatch from London says:—British aerial forces co-operated with land forces in Thursday's attack against the Germans south of the Somme, according to an official statement on aviation operations issued Friday night. Eleven German airplanes were destroyed and ten driven down out of control as a result of combats. Four British machines are missing.

### GERMANS FURTHER SQUEEZE BELGIUM

A despatch from Amsterdam says:—The war contribution which Belgium has to pay to Germany, says Les Nouvelles, has been raised from 50,000,000 francs to 60,000,000 francs monthly. This is equivalent to 750 francs per head. The Germans have convoked the provincial councils to discuss the method of payment by the Belgians.

The Sand-shoes Used by Our Soldiers in Palestine When Negotiating the Sand of the Desert.

The soldier in the picture took care that the foot gear should be a prominent feature in the landscape. These sand-shoes are an excellent invention; and shod with them the men can travel without difficulty over the desert sand. Without them the unaccustomed and treacherous surface is apt to prove full of pitfalls.

# U.S. TRANSPORT SUNK—6 LOST

### Former German Liner Torpedoed on Homeward Trip.

A despatch from Washington says:—The American transport Covington, homeward bound after landing several thousand soldiers in France, was torpedoed and sunk in the war zone last Monday night. Six members of the crew are missing, but all the other men, with the ship's officers, have been landed at a French port. No army personnel or passengers were aboard.

The Covington is the second of the great German liners seized at the outbreak of the war to be sent down by Germany's sea wolves, and is the third American troopship to be destroyed. All were homeward bound. The former Hamburg-American liner President Lincoln was sunk last May 31, and the Antilles, formerly a Morgan liner, was sent down last October 17.

### CANADIAN TROOPS SAFE IN ENGLAND

A despatch from Ottawa says:—It is officially announced through the Chief Press Censor's office that the following troops have arrived in England.

Artillery draft No. 10, Toronto; Artillery draft No. 31, Toronto; C.O. Regiment draft No. 23, Quebec; C. O. Regiment draft No. 70, Quebec; Engineers' draft No. 41, St. John's, Que; Dental draft, A.M.C. reinforcements, V.A.D. Nurses, Toronto.

### AUSTRIAN CROPS ARE DAMAGED BY NINE HOUR SNOW STORM

A despatch from Zurich says:—Vienna newspapers of Wednesday report violent rain storms and abnormally low temperatures in every part of Austria-Hungary. There also were severe snow storms and frost in Bosnia, Herzegovina and Dalmatia. The snowfall continued for nine hours and greatly damaged the crops.

# Markets of the World

### Breadstuffs

Toronto, July 9.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, $2.23½; No. 2 do., $2.20½; No. 3 do., $2.17½; No. 4 wheat, $2.10½; in store Fort William including 2½c tax.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W., 83¼c; No. 3 C.W., 83¼c; extra No. 1 feed, 83¼c; No. 1 feed, 80¼c, in store Fort William.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 Winter, per car lot, $2.22; basis in store Montreal.

Peas—Nominal.

Barley—Malting, $1.24 to $1.28, according to freights outside.

Buckwheat—$1.80, according to freights outside.

Manitoba flour—War quality, $10.95; new bags, Toronto and Montreal freights, prompt shipment.

American corn—No. 3 yellow, kiln dried, nominal; No. 4 yellow, kiln dried, nominal.

Ontario oats—No. 2 white, 80 to 81c; No. 3 white, 79 to 80c, according to freights outside.

Rye—No. 2, $1.80, according to freights outside.

Ontario flour—War quality, $10.65, in bags, Toronto and Montreal; prompt shipment.

Millfeed—Car lots—Delivered Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, $35.00; shorts, per ton, $40.00; middlings, per ton, $43.00.

Hay—No. 1, per ton, $13.00 to $14.00; mixed, $11.00 to $12.00, track Toronto.

Straw—Car lots, per ton, $8.00 to $8.50, track Toronto.

### Country Produce—Wholesale

Eggs, new-laid, 45 to 46c; selected new laid, 47 to 48c; cartons, 48 to 49c.

Butter—Creamery, solids, 45 to 46c; fresh made, 46 to 47c; choice dairy prints, 41 to 42c; ordinary prints, 38 to 40c; bakers', 36 to 37c; oleomargarine (best grade), 32 to 34c.

Cheese—New, large, 23½ to 24c; twins, 23¾ to 24½c; spring, 26 to 26½c; large, 25½ to 26c; twins, 26 to 26½c.

Beans—Canadian, prime, hand-picked, $7.50 to $8.00. Foreign, hand-picked, $6.75 to $7.00.

Comb Honey—Choice, 16 oz., per dozen; 12 oz., $3 per dozen; buckwheat, $2.50 to $3.00; amber and dark comb, $2.50 to $3.00.

Maple syrup—Imperial gallon, $2.25; 5-gallon tins, $2.10 per gallon. Maple sugar, per pound, 20 to 25c.

### Provisions—Wholesale

Smoked meats—Rolls, 32 to 33c; hams, medium, 37 to 38c; heavy, 30 to 31c; cooked hams, 50 to 51c; bacon, plain, 44 to 45c; backs, boneless, 48 to 49c. Breakfast bacon, 40 to 41c. Cottage rolls, 35 to 36c.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clears, 30 tons, 30c; in cases, 30½c; clear bellies, 28 to 28½c; fat backs, 25 to 26c.

Lard—Pure, tierces, 30½ to 31c; tubs, 30¾ to 31¼c; pails, 31 to 31½c; prints, 32 to 32½c. Shortening tierces, 26 to 26½c; tubs, 26½ to 27c; pails, 26½ to 27c; 1-lb. prints, 27½ to 28c.

### Montreal Markets

Montreal, July 9.—Oats, Canadian western, No. 2, 96½c; extra No. 1 feed, 93½c. Flour, new standard grade, $10.95 to $11.05. Rolled oats, 90 lbs, $5.10 to $5.15. Bran, $35. Shorts, $40. Mouillie, $67. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, $14 to $15.

### Live Stock Markets

Toronto, July 9.—Extra choice heavy steers, $15.50 to $16.00; choice heavy steers, $14.50 to $14.75; butcher cattle, choice, $14.50 to $15.00; do., good, $13.75 to $14.00; do., medium, $12.00 to $13.00; do., common, $9.00 to $11.00; butchers' bulls, choice, $11.75 to $12.25; do., good, $11.00 to $11.50; do., medium, $10.25 to $10.50; do., rough, $7.50 to $8.50; butchers' cows, choice, $12.00 to $12.50; do., good, $11.00 to $11.50; do., medium, $8.50 to $9.50; do., common, $7.00 to $8.50; stockers, $8.00 to $11.00; feeders, $11.00 to $11.50; canners and cutters, $5.50 to $6.50; milkers, good to choice, $90.00 to $140.00; do., com. and med., $55.00 to $80.00; springers, $90.00 to $140.00; light ewes, $13.00 to $16.00; yearlings, $15.50 to $17.00; spring lambs, 20 to 22c; calves, $13.00 to $17.00; hogs, fed and watered, $18.00; do., weighed off cars, $18.50.

Montreal, July 9.—Choice steers, $11.00 to $12.50; inferior, $10.00; butchers' bulls, $10.00; butcher cows, $7.50 to $10.00; sheep, $8.00 to $12.00; lambs, $18.00 to $19.00; calves, milk-fed, $9.00 to $15.00; select hogs, $19.00 to $19.25; fewer, $16.00 to $16.25.

### $3,000,000 SUBSIDY TO FLAX-GROWERS

A despatch from London says:—The House of Commons has passed the second reading of the bill providing for a Government subsidy of $600,000 to promote flax growing in Ireland, to replace the lost Belgian and Russian crops and to provide material for the army, navy and air forces.

# From The Middle West

### BETWEEN ONTARIO AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

### Items From Provinces Where Many Ontario Boys and Girls Are Living.

Winnipeg's V.C. hero, Gordon O'Keefe, has [illegible]

Lieut. E. H. [illegible] Winnipeg man, was [illegible]

During the [illegible] months in [illegible]

Winnipeg girls [illegible] Strike.

Nursing Sisters [illegible] Mayor [illegible]

Girls Institutes [illegible] ladies to the [illegible]

Winnipeg [illegible] asking an [illegible] for returned [illegible]

The Manitoba [illegible] daily [illegible] a party of [illegible]

Lieut. H. A. Harper, [illegible] has been [illegible]

Alien enemies [illegible] be [illegible] at the [illegible]

Charles [illegible]

# NATIONS FIGHT TO GET PLATINUM

### ONE-QUARTER OF WORLD'S SUPPLY IN AMERICA.

### Russia Had Been the Chief Source—Much-Sought-For Metal Before German Invasion.

New chapters in the [illegible] platinum, once thrown as waste, but now the most sought metal in the world, have been [illegible] since the war began. Nations are fighting for it. Adventurers are losing their lives to obtain it. Armies and diplomatic agents are [illegible] in the game of international [illegible] to control even an ounce of the metal," as it is known that it is so valuable has it become [illegible] cessary to the prosecution of the war.

### Russia Chief Source

The United States Government recently took a hand in the [illegible] commandeering all available platinum in that country, setting a price of $105 an ounce, [illegible] with $22.85 ten years ago. The action, however, has not [illegible] sufficient of the metal for [illegible] does. Officials who failed to heed warnings of platinum [illegible] beginning of the war are now [illegible] how they can retrieve the [illegible] vigorously pursuing [illegible] necessity by using every means to obtain the [illegible] metal amount of [illegible] throughout the world is [illegible] ounces. Much of this [illegible] recoverable through [illegible] and personal jewelry, as [illegible] since the Russian debacle [illegible] to a fraction of what it was [illegible] of peace.

It is the last reason why [illegible] officials so much concern [illegible] been the source of most [illegible] platinum and in 1913 was [illegible] with a production of [illegible] ounces, Colombia with [illegible] South Wales and Tasmania [illegible] United States 483, Borneo [illegible] tra 200 and Canada [illegible]

### Germans Get Platinum

The German invasion [illegible] the enemy the opportunity [illegible] ishing his stocks of [illegible] detriment of the Allies. [illegible] Russia virtually has control [illegible] of the metal could be [illegible] the country, and the [illegible] Colombia for platinum [illegible] for a Government monopoly [illegible] num have been advanced [illegible] ombian Congress.

It is taken the fortunate [illegible] wealth for the [illegible]

Platinum was [illegible] now Colombia in [illegible] named Por Antonio [illegible] companero a Frenchman [illegible] ton, and his associates [illegible] information regarding [illegible] length to the extent [illegible] its possibility to a [illegible] culty of working it [illegible] upon, but it was not [illegible] nearly as precious [illegible] used at times by [illegible] basis for coins. It was [illegible] middle of the nineteenth [illegible] the demand for platinum [illegible] chemical laboratories [illegible] cal uses brought its value [illegible] point where it ranked [illegible] most precious metals.

### More Valuable Than Gold

In the placer mining of Colombia it was formerly [illegible] as waste, and when the [illegible] made it more valuable than [illegible] ground on which the [illegible] thrown became in its turn [illegible] mining operations, and [illegible] streets of the principal [illegible] refining in Colombia, Quibdo [illegible] up and the soil washed for [illegible] the new treasure. One [illegible] down his store in order to [illegible] ground beneath and found [illegible] platinum that he was [illegible] build and make an extra [illegible] his trouble.

Platinum is recovered [illegible] from the beds of streams, [illegible] having been deposited [illegible] erosion of large rocks, [illegible] logically as "tertiary conglomerate." The platinum grains are [illegible] gold, the proportion varying [illegible] 50 per cent. of platinum. The metals are recovered by washing sand and gravel of streams.

### The Masterpiece

God made magnificent
The soul of man,
All beauty in it blent,
Divine the plan.

He walled it round with
To brave the fight,
Dull clay that did away
Its form from sight.

Not all the blows of fate,
Not battle grim
Can harm its fair estate
Its glories dim.

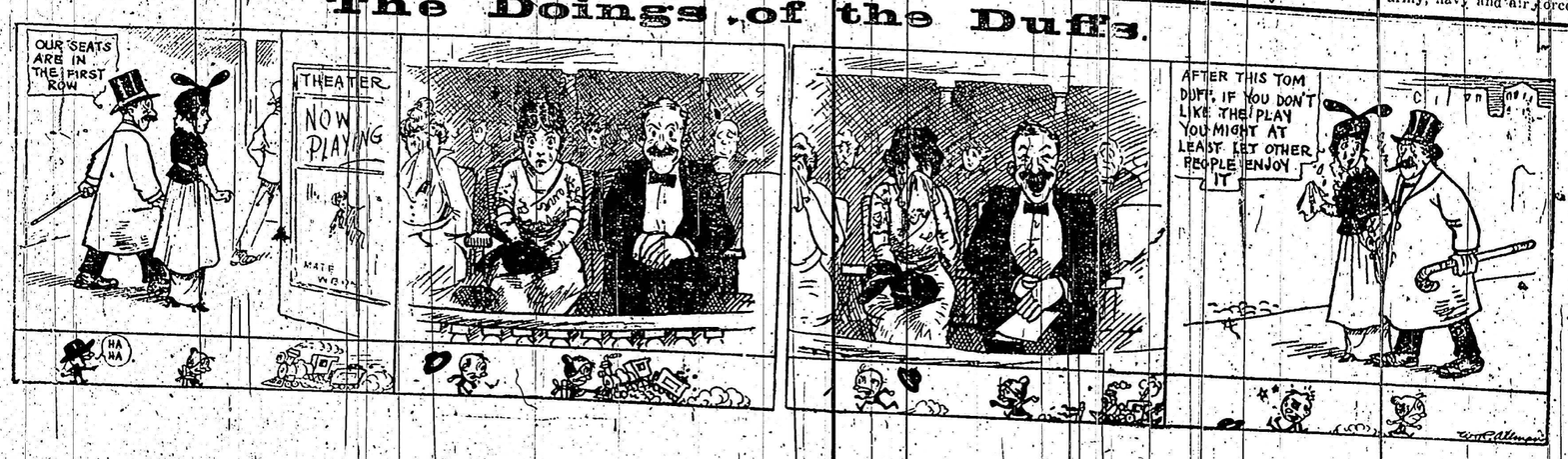
At last with walls unseen
A faithful guard,
The soul stands forth revealed
Superb, unmarred!

Eight tons of manure, on land [illegible] ed once in a five-year rotation [illegible] two tons of finely ground limestone produced thirty-three bushels of wheat per acre in Ohio, while untreated [illegible] yielded only thirteen bushels [illegible] twelve-year average.

### FOURTEEN HUN[illegible]

A despatch from [illegible] France says [illegible] fourteen [illegible] were credited [illegible] series have been [illegible] recently, including [illegible] from whom 80 [illegible] Max Mueller, [illegible] below 28 [illegible] German bombing [illegible] most heavily. [illegible] included Capt. K[illegible] of the so-called "Eng[illegible]

It's hard for an em[illegible] upright.—Benjamin F[illegible]

Keep a careful [illegible] the year round. It [illegible] find out how much they are [illegible] for you.

# The Doings of the Duffs.