

WHAT SOLDIERS WANT.

A suggestion to those who are sending gifts to soldiers overseas comes from Lt. Col. (Canon) Frederick George Scott, Senior Chaplain of the First Division, in a cable received by friends in Montreal. He says "The men want playing cards and chewing tobacco."



"Ever-lastingly Good"

TERMONDE A CITY TO SHAME GERMANS

THIRTEEN HUNDRED HOMES BURNED TO GROUND.

Unspeakable Privations Suffered by Seven Thousand Inhabitants For Four Years.

The name of Termonde will be a thing of shame to all Germans for generations to come, says a correspondent on Nov. 20. The world will never forget the story of the deliberate, systematic burning of more than 1,000 houses of harmless inhabitants or of the murdering of innocent civilians. That has been followed by four years of servitude to the Germans under conditions of such utter discomfort that I doubt if any persons of France or Belgium have suffered more than those of Termonde.

I have been in the place to-day, being the first Englishman to visit it, as I must have been almost the last to see it in its long agony four years ago.

Of the 2,400 houses which composed the town before the war about 1,300 were destroyed or burned wantonly, house by house, by the Germans on their first entry after they had been there without molestation from the inhabitants for twenty-four hours. Of the something less than 1,200 houses which remain in the town and the immediate environs, nearly all are of the poorer class and small, and the great majority of them more or less damaged. A large number would not be considered fit to live in ordinary times, but the standards of Termonde are not exacting. Of the original 10,000 people nearly 7,000 have continued to live there, and any ruin of a building which could be patched up to give shelter was accounted good enough. Two and three households crowded into one small cottage. Rooms were partitioned off to make homes for two families. To live thus in one dark room or two with the windows filled with planks instead of glass and holes

in walls partially and roughly filled in has been the normal condition of the people of Termonde for over four years. When the town was burned, of course, all the furniture was burned, and there remained not half enough of the ordinary necessities of life.

Re-entry of Belgian Troops.

The last Germans left Termonde on Nov. 15 and the first Belgians reached the town the following Sunday. All Flanders to-day has lain under a thick blanket of white fog, which added to the dismalness of the landscape, and the pathos of the place was indescribable. One is familiar with towns utterly ruined in which no man lives, as Ypres and Baillieu, but Termonde, where 7,000 people still exist among the four-year-old ruins, seemed to me to surpass in sadness even those terrible wastes, yet it was not a sad day, for Belgian troops were passing unceasingly through the town on the way to Brussels to assist at the entry of the King, and the people lined the streets, where a few poor flags fluttered, and tried to cheer them and broke into demonstrations of enthusiasm at the sight of my British uniform. But the four years of privation have left their mark on the population, and never, it seemed to me, did the whole people of a town need pity and sympathy more than they.

Suffered for Food.

In the course of the four years Termonde has had five commandants, and all were equally severe and brutal. As in most places, it is solely the International Relief Committee who have been able to furnish the inhabitants with bread and fats enough, and tinned milk for infants, at least to keep the spark of life glowing. All the local agricultural produce, whether vegetables, meat, or real milk, was, of course, requisitioned by the Germans for themselves. Many prisoners, including numbers of English, were in the neighborhood, and during the last few weeks there has been a constant stream of parties of all sizes arriving from the near front to be quartered for a few days and moved on again to Germany. A local soup committee, of which Mme. Bruyninx, the Burgomaster's wife, was president, has ministered to these with German consent. The prisoners, while in the neighborhood, all received a good bowl of soup each day, without which they must have starved.

The church of Notre Dame of Termonde contained, with other paintings, two rather famous Van Dycks, both of which were hurried off to safety before the Germans entered the town, and have been preserved, as, in a similar way, have been the pictures from the Town Hall, including the mammoth canvas, representing the inauguration of Mr. de Keyser, who was one of Termonde's most famous sons, as Lord Mayor of London. Of the private collections in Termonde, however, and it was a town of considerable wealth, practically nothing remains except such things as individuals managed to hide. I described the criminal wreckage of the fine houses and of the Museum and Art School in 1914, and what little escaped then has since been requisitioned or looted.

Termonde was a pitiable sight as I saw it four years ago, when the ashes of the first burning still smoked. As I saw it to-day, with the old ruins grown cold but unrepaid, the wreckage of the big iron bridge still lying in the river where the Germans blew it up after their drunken carousal on the first night of their entry, and the poor skeleton of the old Town Hall still dominating the Grande Place, it seemed to me sadder still. I do not think the gaunt people in the streets who cheered their returning soldiers with such an enthusiasm know how sad a sight they are, or how dreadful has been the environment in which they have grown accustomed to live.

SAFETY-FIRST COLORS

War-time Painting of Neutral Merchant Ships.

Has the war beautified or disfigured

the merchant ships of the nations?

Ships of the Allies are either camouflaged or painted grey, and are armed—no beauty about this. It is when we see neutral steamers that we get something of the colors of war. With great dignity these vessels flaunt their national colors on hull and stern.

The iron-ore ship from Bilbao has red and gold bars painted on her side, while the timber craft from Drammen or other Norwegian ports bears a large red patch down her hull, on which there stands a deep blue cross.

Greece has her blue and white stripes, and Denmark her red with white cross. Sweden boasts a golden cross on a marine-blue background, and Holland bars of red, white and blue respectively.

It does not seem so long ago that the trim United States merchantman blazoned her identity to the seven seas by means of a mighty "star-spangled banner" on her hull.

Laugh When People Step On Your Feet

Try this yourself then pass it along to others. It works!

Ouch!?!?! This kind of rough talk will be heard less here in town if people troubled with corns will follow the simple advice of this Cincinnati authority, who claims that a few drops of a drug called freezone when applied to a tender, aching corn stops soreness at once, and soon the corn dries up and lifts right off without pain.

He says freezone is an ether compound which dries immediately and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding tissue or skin. A quarter of an ounce of freezone will cost very little at any drug store, but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. Millions of American women will welcome this announcement since the inauguration of the high heels.

Compressed Paper Fuel.

Italy makes excellent use of her waste paper. It is made into a cheap and portable fuel for the soldiers.

Boys and girls go about the cities collecting all the discarded newspapers they can find. These are brought to establishments where the sheets are converted by machinery into little tight rolls about an inch in diameter and two inches long, which are packed into small bags and dispatched to the army.

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The Ogilvie Milling Company has donated a hundred thousand pounds of flour to the Canadian War Hospitals Fund for Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia.

ARMY PIGEON LOFTS

Novel War-time Use for London Motor Buses in France.

One of the many uses to which London motor buses are put in France is as a home for pigeons. The outside of the omnibus is roofed in to form a cage, while the men occupy the inside—or rather, three-quarters of the inside, because the front part is also part of the cage, which is entered by a door from the men's room, and also by a door at the top of the back staircase.

There is an opening in the front of the cage cleverly arranged to let the birds enter when they return from their flights, but not to let them escape when they are inside. A board is deftly poised just inside the opening, so that when a bird steps on it an electric bell rings inside the omnibus to tell the men that a pigeon has come home.

The pigeons are taken out in baskets to the trenches to bring messages back in case the wire communications should be cut by the enemy's fire. If not wanted for this purpose they are sent flying back after twenty-four hours with a message, just for practice. Each pigeon has a ring put on its leg when quite young, and is known by the number on the ring.

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