

SORROWFUL WORK

CORPS OF OLD MEN BURY DEAD AT NIGHT.

"The Sextons," Aged by Their Women, Mark the Graves With Willow Crosses.

London, Sept. 22.—A Daily News correspondent who has just returned to Paris from the neighborhood of Senlis, tells of a new corps of the French army.

"It is the corps of the Sextons, and there is no age limit to their term of service when they enroll. When the curtain of night has fallen they go from villages and farmsteads to an uncanny silent procession, to set about their business among the dead their way illuminated by horn-lanterns and torches, and their shadows dance ghoul-like in the flicker of the lamps. Little old men, most of them, and bent double, but their shadows, amid the trees are shadows of giants.

"Their women follow behind bearing little bundles of peeled willow wands and strands of wire. They cut a few inches from each wand and bind it on crosswise with the wire, and whenever an officer is found cold and stiff amid the dead a cross of willow wand is placed over his grave.

"Hour after hour, night after night, the corps of sextons, with the women ply their trade, marking cemetery after cemetery. Their bundles of sticks diminish as this average of the dead swells.

"Devastation and pillage have left their sordid trade mark. Vines have been mowed down to make way for relentless armies. Millions of bunches of rich grapes lie smashed. Everywhere wine houses have been raided, cellars stormed and rich vintages looted by the Germans. There are signs of fierce revelry and wild drunkenness.

"Tales women have told me in this region, told me with frankness you at home would not believe possible, have made me shudder, though I have just come through scenes of death and horror more than enough to sear the soul of any man.

An hour among these piteous martyrs in black, listening to their torrent flow of narrative, stamps them with certain truth. Of that I am as sure as I am that there is still a sun to shine above this scarred, dismantled, desolate region of La Belle France."

A GENERAL SUICIDE Austrian Officer Is Shot After Court-Martial.

Rome, Sept. 22.—The Gornale D'Italia publishes a despatch from Vienna which reports that Lieut. Marshal Wodianski, who was of Slav origin, was court-martialed and shot for an alleged understanding with the Russians. The station master at Lombard, a man named Redl, accused of giving information to the enemy, was also shot, according to the despatch. He was a brother of Col. Redl, who committed suicide in the spring of 1913 when he was accused of being a spy.

General Frorach, the same despatch says, who was removed from the command of a division of cavalry after it had been almost annihilated, also committed suicide.

Features of Battle of Aisne. Paris, Sept. 22.—An intrinsigant correspondent who succeeded in reaching the front says that the most remarkable features of the present battle are: First, the German skill and energy in entrenching. They dig ten trenches where the allies would have one; secondly, the terrible effect of the wounds made by the French 75's compared with the German shrapnel; thirdly, the admirable way in which the Germans use the woods as a cover; fourthly, the persistent and unquestioned use by the Germans of Red Cross flags and wagons as ambuscades for quick fire; fifthly, wonderful camaraderie and mutual confidence between the allied officers and men; sixthly, the entire absence of jealousy or any but the friendliest rivalry between the various branches of the artillery, cavalry and infantry.



MAY ROBSON. In "Martha By the Day," at the Grand on Thursday, Sept. 24th.

MUST BE LAID IN GRAVE

Vague Talk of Peace by German Ambassador

Liverpool (via London), Sept. 22.—In a speech here, Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, referring to the talk of peace by the German ambassador to the United States, Count Von Bernstorff, said: "His vague talk of peace is as insincere as the information of which he is the source. Peace with the German people might be arranged in good time, but there would be no peace with Russian militarism, short of the grave."

England, said the first lord, did not seek to subjugate Germany or Austria, or their people, however complete her victory might be over them. The worst that could happen to them after the war was that they should be set free to live, and let live fairly and justly.



INOCULATING THE SOLDIERS AT THE CAMP. In order to prevent any spreading of contagious diseases the soldiers have all been inoculated. Some of the soldiers were sick after the treatment, but these four do not seem to mind it.

COUNTRYSIDE TIDINGS

WHAT WHIG CORRESPONDENTS HAVE TO TELL.

News From Villages and Farms Throughout the Adjoining Counties — Rural Events, and Movements of the People.

House Burned At Arden.

Arden, Sept. 21.—Fire destroyed the Social property near the C.P.R. tracks. The Thompson and family, who resided there, narrowly escaped with their lives. Mrs. De La and Mrs. Hickey, from Albany and Schenectady, N.Y., are visiting Mrs. Newton, Hillcrest Place. The Misses Weiss are at Napanee. Capt. Ernest Moulton returned from Valcarlos for a day. The Marshall brothers are threshing in the neighborhood. Quiby a number will attend Parham fair. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams visited at Elm Tree. Miss Blanche Deltor at Hillcrest Place. Wild ducks are quite numerous and the lovers of the gun are securing a desirable number.

Westport News.

Westport, Sept. 21.—Dr. C. A. and Mrs. Howard were week-end visitors in Athens. Miss Ella Ruthven, of Elgin, is assisting the Misses Taggart, milliners at Percy A. Smith, of the Bungalow Island Club, was in town Monday. Mrs. W. H. Bell is attending the Ottawa exhibition. Miss Cora Probst has returned from a two weeks' visit with friends in Kingston. Mrs. F. T. Stafford and Mrs. P. Brown are spending a few days in Harrowsmith. T. Mulville, of Kingston, spent Sunday at home. Mrs. D. A. McKee and Miss Lizzie McKee, who spent the summer at Murray Bay, Que., have returned to town. Miss Maggie Charbonneau, of Ottawa, is spending her holidays at Ottawa.

Reports From Rockfield.

Rockfield, Sept. 21.—The Methodist Episcopal church has been greatly improved by a new cement platform. Mrs. Maggie Griffin, of Gananoque, visited relatives here last week. School has reopened with a goodly attendance and Miss Purvis as teacher. Benjamin Warren is having an up-to-date pig pen erected on his farm. Mrs. E. Purvis, of Lyn, visited her daughter, Miss Purvis, at Mrs. Mary Warren's recently. Mrs. A. Roantree has returned from a short visit to her parents at Morton. Ellis Foley has returned from a visit to his farm. Mrs. E. Purvis is being constructed on Leslie Warren's farm. J. Nelson Truesdale, of Lyn, was a recent guest of Ernest Herbinson. Mr. and Mrs. Leoder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wood and family, all of Ballysnope, were guests at E. Clair's on Sunday.

Budget From Kaladar.

Kaladar, Sept. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alport and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Farlies. James Farlies called on J. Beattie. Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson spent Sunday with his father, Messrs. Evert Hughes, Ira Wood and M. Knight called on Mr. and Mrs. M. Tryon Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Parks spent the week-end with friends at Elm Tree. Misses Emma and Bertha Wood called on Mrs. George Hughes Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Farlies visited Mrs. Farlies' relatives at Harlowe. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood visited the latter's sister Mrs. J. King, Northbrook, who has been quite ill. Percy Wood, Harlowe, spent Saturday with his sister, Mrs. Ira Forbes. The Misses Gledens, Elm Tree, are visiting Misses Violet and Ella Lewis. Jacob Parks lost his valuable colt last week which he thought had eaten grass. K. Tryon also lost his horse Saturday. Operation drew spent Sunday at Flinton.

DISPOSING OF THE DEAD.

English and French Are Buried — Germans Burned.

London, Sept. 22.—The Daily Telegraph's Eneville (south of the Aisne), correspondent, says: "The sixth day of the battle is being fought with the same ceaseless energy as were the previous phases. Very little ground is won or lost. The artillery is engaged in an incessant roar and the troops are being given very little rest."

"Every trench won on the left has been won by the greatest sacrifices. Some of the British regiments have paid very dearly, but the French have brought up fresh heavy ordnance and both British and French reinforcements are hurrying to the line through the railway to Soissons, directly behind the British position."

"All the while the battle has proceeded a small army of civilians has been out burying the dead. French and British soldiers are being buried together, nearly always close to where they fell, and their graves mark the course of the battle."

"The German dead are burned. Their bodies are placed on piles of stack wood and oil is poured over them and the pyre lighted."

USED PETROLEUM SHELLS

How Germans Set Fire to City of Rheims

Bordeaux, Sept. 22.—A detailed account of the German bombardment of Rheims has become available here. It relates that the commanding of the French city has lasted for a fortnight. The Germans are said to have used petroleum shells, and the city was set afire in many places. Whole blocks of houses have been reduced to heaps of smoking ruins. That part of the population which was unable or unwilling to leave the city, was without food for several days. The people took shelter in cellars. A certain number of them were injured, but little or no loss of life has been reported.

Brigadier-General Christian Frederick Beyers, commandant-general of the Union of South Africa's defence forces, has resigned his post because of his disapproval of the action of Great Britain in sending commanders to conquer German Southwest Africa.

News to most women!

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