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FRIGHTFUL JOURNEY FROM GERMAN CAMP

Four Soldiers Who Undertook Perilous Trip to regain Their Freedom Underwent Terrible Hardships—Nearly Died of Thirst in the Desert

A fearful tale of suffering in an almost desert land was related in a letter from Corporal McEline, one of four soldiers who escaped from the German prison camp at Franzfontein, German South West Africa, and made their way to Swakopmund.

but it sufficed; it saved us for one more effort, one more day, and we struggled on through Sunday. There was nothing but the never-ending sameness of sun and sand and suffering until about mid-day we sighted something on the coastline which did not look like a sand dune.

ITALY'S JELICOE

It was as Squadron Commander in the war with Turkey that the Duke of Abruzzi, made a name for himself in modern naval warfare, after winning a great reputation as a dashing sailor and explorer.

As a mountaineer the Duke is without equal. His first feat was the ascent of Mount St. Elias, on the far borders of Canada and Alaska.

SOLDIER'S WEAK EYES

Healthful Training is Open Air Made For Much Better Vision

Among the many "surprises" which the war has revealed none has been more striking than the one showing the enormous number of young men compelled to wear glasses on account of weak eyesight.

The interesting sequel is that, after undergoing a few months' training, many of these young men found they could dispense altogether with any artificial aids to vision.

Rubber to Protect Ships

The loss of ships by German torpedoes draws attention once again to the possibilities of rubber as a sheathing or lining for the hulls of ships to avert or minimize a catastrophe.

Identifying Aeroplanes

At a height of two thousand feet all aeroplanes look very much alike, and troops would be liable to fire at their own machines when they passed overhead, were they not all decorated with an emblem to proclaim their nationality.

Monaco possesses the smallest army in the world. It consists of 75 guards, 75 carabinieri, and 20 firemen.

WHEN THE TURK GOES

Jew and Gentile Alike will Rejoice When Palestine is Free

Any consideration of the effects of the elimination of the Turk in Europe must be incomplete if the corresponding and related effects of such removal in Asia be not taken into account.

Naturally Christians the world over will be interested in this development. Not only Christians, however, but Jews likewise will have the disappearance of the Turkish form of government and the elimination of Islam as a temporal power.

To the Jews the world over the freedom of Palestine will be an event of even greater significance. The dream of the Zionists, which was shattered when the Young Turks assumed power in Constantinople, will be again revived.

ITALIAN'S WAR PRAYER

Every Italian soldier on leaving for the front receives a card containing the following prayer:

"O Lord of Hosts to which we now belong, cleanse us from all hateful things that in this hour of wild hatred our prayers may ascend to Thee, as innocent as the prayers of our children. Thou seest, O Lord, that we have not desired for rule drives us to destruction. We will not plunder and burn the country of others.

UNDERGROUND FIGHTING

Germany Fortified Cellars With Tunnels Leading to Trenches

Some of the most desperate fighting north of Arras took place in the cellars of the villages captured by the French. Nearly everyone of the stone houses in these Artois villages is provided with a large cellar, in many cases reached by a staircase from an inside courtyard.

An officer who returned to Paris from this district gave a vivid account of the taking of one cellar at Abbeville. It was necessary to take a large building called by the men "the prison."

RECOGNIZED SOLDIER HUSBAND

There is a very happy woman in Bedford. Her name is Mrs. Cambra of Epsom. Her husband was reported killed. Three months later Mrs. Cambra received a card from him saying that he was wounded and a prisoner in Germany.

In the British, French, and German armies a battery consists of six guns; in the Russian army of twelve.

SHOPPING IN TRENCHES WHILE BATTLE RAGES

Tommies Sometimes Start Business For Themselves—Peasants Make Fair Profits Supplying Soldiers With Farm Produce and Comforts

A modern battlefield seems the most unlikely place in the world for conducting any business except the grim trade of war. Nevertheless, there are a large number of people making money at the front by supplying goods required by the Tommies and their comrades.

These people know that their goods will not be looted as his courage, and a daring trader may make a comfortable profit from the profits of a dozen well filled tin cans.

GAS MURDER IS CHEAP

Britain can Excel Germans at Own Game with Chlorine

There is no difficulty about producing chlorine gas—which is that mainly employed by the Germans—and discharging it at the enemy's trenches when the wind is favorable.

A LONE FRENCH HERO

Single-handed Stood Off a Whole German Company and Won Medal

The "Bat d'Al" are the men of the African battalions into which those who do not behave well in civil life are drafted. That these men can fight is shown by an incident which took place in the vicinity of Ypres.

TEACHING SOLDIERS A TRADE

Artillerymen are taught useful trades as time permits. Here two are shown learning how to make harness.

DIED AS HE DESIRED FOR HIS BELOVED FRANCE

In the Paris "Liberte" a touching account was published of how a major who commanded a battalion in the Artois died. The major was beloved by his men. He was a strict disciplinarian and had a kind heart.

UNDER TWO FLAGS

Many Czechs From England Fighting in French Foreign Legion

There are many London Czechs (Slavic natives of Bohemia) fighting in the Foreign Legion of France. In a letter from the hospital at Joinville, one of these, Bohumil Teschinkel, says the Legion had the honor of being chosen to be the first out of the trenches and to take the German lines with the bayonet between Souches and Carancy.

HIGH EXPLOSIVE SHELLS

Against Strong Defenses Lyddite and Toluol Excel Shrapnel

High-explosive shells are strong steel cases with a fuse, usually placed in the base. The charge employed may be either lyddite—which is a preparation of picric acid—or tri-nitro-toluol. The metal in the shell is fairly thick. The explosion has a thoroughly destructive effect upon anything near the point where the shell explodes—concrete walls, entanglements, steel shields for the trenches or for guns.

Guarding Modern Forts

Around the foundations of most of Britain's forts are broad, circular galleries, well ventilated, and fitted with electric light. They are called "listening galleries," because, in times of siege, they are guarded by relays of expert listeners, who keep their ears pricked up for the pick and shovel of the enemy.

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The expert watchmaker has no lack of repairing jobs, for which he charges half-a-crown to five shillings. If he be of a speculative turn of mind he will order a consignment of watches from home, which he is always sure to sell at a good profit.

GALLANT SUSSEX MEN

Second Battalion Lost Fourteen Officers and 580 of Rank and File

An officer of the 2nd Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment wrote about the share they took in some heavy fighting as follows: "I told you in my last letter we were about to embark on a desperate enterprise. Well, we have done so, and by the merciful power of God I got through safely. I cannot say too much, for never has there been such a day. After a bombardment by our own guns on the German trenches, the good old Sussex went forward like one man, only to be met by a fire of machine guns which simply mowed us down like rabbits. The barbed wire in front of the German trenches was not cut by our shrapnel as it had been planned, and we were caught up like rats in a trap. I cannot express myself as I should like to, but it was perfect hell. We had 14 officers and 580 men casualties. Luckily our colonel was not touched nor our adjutant. Though we were unable to take the trenches and had to retire, we got through, and the men were all heroes, for they enabled others to go through us and reap the honor and glory."

Fooling the Women

At the outbreak of the war the Germans filled railway carriages with dummies made of straw, and dressed in French uniforms, in order to make people believe that they had captured numerous prisoners.



AN AUSTRALIAN VIEW OF NEUTRALITY Wood-not-row Wilson: "If you sink t oo many of my ships, I'll— Wilhelm: "Veil, vat will you do? G if me a biling? Wood-not-row Wilson: "No, but I'll b ecome very distant in my manner, and won't remember your next birth day."—Vincent in Sydney Bulletin