

A GREAT GERMAN GUN IN OPERATION

A Striking Picture of the "Big Bertha" in Her Deadly Execution at the Front--A Captain's Letter.

The Gun Placed on a Concrete Foundation Beneath a Big Tree--Throwing Shells at a Fortified French Town Some Twenty-One Miles Distant--No Shock Felt Close By.

Berlin, Aug. 28.—In a letter from Flanders Captain Carl Schroeder, of the 79th Reserve Infantry, gives a striking picture of a German 42-centimetre gun at work. He writes: "We had an eventful week. First Landstrum troops arrived. They possessed themselves of the houses of the village, and took things easy for a few days. Then a railroad battalion came, and we got busy. Within twenty-four hours we put down about five miles of tracks. The quickly built line began at the depot of the small town of —, and ended near a large swamp. "At daybreak a long train of flat cars came creeping over our line. The train brought a 'Big Bertha' and its attachments. Six hours later the giant 42-centimetre mortar was placed in position on a concrete foundation beneath a big tree. "The population of the district was kept at a respectful distance while the work was going on amid torrents of rain. No civilian was allowed to approach the improvised railroad and our village. "In the early morning of the next day 'Big Bertha' went into action and began to throw shells on a fortified French town twenty-one miles distant. At the first shot the pressure of the air smashed every window in our village. The houses rocked as if they had been struck by a fearful cyclone. "The firing of this monster gun was a sight of indescribable grandeur. With a dull, deafening roar a ring of fire rose from the mouth of the mortar to a height of about a hundred feet, and then we could see the immense shell as it sped toward its destination through the clear morning air. The shell looked like an enormous grey rubber ball propelled through space with the speed of lightning. "The queerest thing about these monster mortars is that you do not feel the shock of the shot if you stand close to them."



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SANK A SUBMARINE FROM AN AEROPLANE

How a British Aviator Single-Handed Dropped Bombs on a German Undersea Craft Near Ostend.

Zeebrugge Sheds Were Shelled--Several German Submarines Destroyed By the British Fleet--A Significant Statement Indicating Many Enemy Craft Have Been Caught.

London, Aug. 27.—From out of the sky came the weapon that destroyed an undersea boat to-day, recording in the annals of history the first time that an aircraft sent a submarine to the bottom. "The text of the statement follows: "The Secretary of the Admiralty announces that Squadron Commander Arthur W. Bigsforth, R. N., destroyed single-handed a German submarine this morning by bombs dropped from an aeroplane. The submarine was observed to be completely wrecked and sank off Ostend. "It is not the practice of the Admiralty to publish statements regarding the losses of German submarines, important though they have been, in cases where the enemy has not other sources of information as to the time and place at which these losses have occurred. "In the case referred to above, however, the brilliant feat of Squadron Commander Bigsforth was performed in the immediate neighborhood of the coast in occupation of the enemy, and the position of the sunken submarine has been located by a German destroyer. "Concerning the recent bombardment of Zeebrugge, Belgium, by a British fleet, the Amsterdam Tlad says it has learned that a large number of soldiers were killed by the fire of the fleet, and that 90 severely wounded men were brought to Ghent. The material damage done, it adds, was apparently very great, as a shed built for submarines was completely destroyed and with it some submarines. "The significant announcement in the Admiralty report that it is not the practice of the Admiralty to publish accounts regarding the losses of German submarines, together with the statement of the Earl of Selborne, President of the Board of Agriculture, in the course of an address to a deputation of agricultural landowners that the navy now has the submarine menace well in hand, lends color to recent unofficial reports to the effect that the British have of late months captured a very large number of these submarine vessels, and that many others have been variously sunk. The number sunk 20 to 40, but to-day's statement is the only official admission that there were others than those previously announced by the Admiralty as having been destroyed.

THE SPORT REVIEW

The New York American team has bought Outfielder Gilhooly of the Buffalo Internationals. Gilhooly has been leading the league in batting. Buffalo received several players in turn.

It is stated in Philadelphia that the first fifty home games of the Phillies drew 360,000 people, an average of 7,000 to the game, and it is further stated that the Philadelphia National League Club will clear \$100,000 on the regular season, with world's series profits still in prospect. It is great to have a winner.

When Sir Sam Hughes was a lad he was a great athlete. He was one of the best mile runners in the whole of North America. He was also a great lacrosse player and football player. In fact, he was a born athlete. He developed a magnificent frame in those days.

The pennant race in the American League has become a mere matter of pouring out dollars, and we have the old view of club owners boasting about how much money they have and how they are willing to spend it buying a championship. Every move lately seems directed to weaken the weak and strengthen the strong, absolutely the wrong principle.

"Rube" Marquard opened the season this year with a no-hit game, yet he is canned in practically mid-season. Another southpaw, Penneck, of the Athletics, opened the season with a one-hit game, and he is now with Providence. Such is fame!

If the Boston Red Sox return home with a three or four game lead it will be hard to beat them out, with 25 games on the home grounds to wind up the season. Commencing Friday, the team will have six teen straight games with Cleveland, New York, and the Athletics, eight with the last named, and the chances are that they will win a large percentage of these games. It can be seen the Red Sox have a great advantage in the schedule, and they are playing good ball to boot.

A new world's record, for consecutive innings played in three consecutive games by two clubs was established at Chicago on Thursday, when the Chicago White Sox and the Washington Senators battled thirteen innings, the latter winning by 2 to 1. Incidentally, it was the fourth straight extra innings game played by Chicago, making a total of 89 innings played in six days. On two of the six days double-headers were played.

A New York despatch says: Elmiro Palmiero, a left-handed pitcher of the Rochester Internationals, was signed by Manager McGraw Thursday to pitch for the New York Nationals in 1916. Palmiero's contract is said to stipulate that he will not be transferred to any minor league club. He will report at the close of the season.

ed nine full seasons with Detroit, getting into only 41 games in 1905, his first year. In these nine complete campaigns he has never failed to hit over .300, his lowest mark being .320 in 1906, and his highest .420 in 1911. He has topped the American League batters since 1907, and is sure to do so again this season, making a total of nine years of leadership, a record never even approached by any other player. In addition to his prowess with the ball, he has led the league in stolen bases several times, and always has ranked among the most brilliant fielders. "It is impossible to overestimate what Tyrus has done for baseball in Detroit. Largely because of his wonderful work the club has been a factor in almost every pennant race since he joined, winning three pennants in that time and finishing in the second division but twice since 1906.

NOTABLE TITLES EXTINCT

British Nobility Paying Toll in Crisis Of Empire. London, Aug. 28.—Not a few great British titles are doomed to extinction as the result of the death in battle of the sole legal heirs, and the list is increasing almost daily with the publication of fresh casualty lists. The changes in the peerage brought about in this way by the war are almost certain to require legislation to straighten them out and amend the complicated laws of succession.

Among the sole heirs to famous titles who have been killed are: Lord Wendover, sole heir of the Marquis of Lincolnshire (Lord Carlington); Capt. J. N. Bigge, only son of Lord Stamfordham, Private Secretary to the King; Capt. Claud Meysey-Thompson, only son of Lord Knaresborough. Lord Hawarden was killed early in the war and his title went to a cousin, Capt. Eustace Maude, now serving in the Egyptian army. Viscount Northland's title, on his death, went to his infant son, less than two years old. Lord Worsley, eldest son of the Earl of Yarborough, has been killed, and both his brothers are at the front. The Earl of Erne, who succeeded to the title in the early months of the war, is missing and probably is dead.

Major Clement Freeman-Mitford, eldest son of Lord Reddesdale, also has perished, and of his four brothers two are in the army and two in the navy. Robert Bruce, eldest son of Lord Belvoir of Burleigh, is succeeded as heir by a brother, also in the army.

These form only a few among the many instances of the destruction the war has wrought among the British nobility. Survivors Award Honor. London, Aug. 28.—The Victoria Cross has been awarded to Capt. Willis. Sergt. Richards and Pte. Keneally, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, by an interesting, though not unprecedented, method of suffrage. The comrades of the 1st Battalion of the Fusiliers displayed extreme valor during the landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula last April. The surrogates elected Willis, Richards and Keneally as having performed the most signal acts of bravery and devotion.

Lipton Pays Big Deficit. London, Aug. 28.—Sir Thomas Lipton has been compelled to supply nearly \$1,250,000 out of his own pocket to make up the deficit on the balance sheet of his famous provision business.

Fair Grounds BLAZE OF LIGHT

Electrical Arrangements For Canadian National Are On A Magnificent Scale. The electrical arrangements for the Canadian National Exhibition should prove a pleasant surprise for visitors to the grounds. The handsome Gooderham Fountain has been equipped with colored lights, submerged in the fountain, that will flash and play on the falling waters. The lights of the fountain in colors will be stretched across the roof of the Manufacturers' Building and at night will be brilliantly illuminated. Another new feature will be the strings of colored globes strung about the grounds in all directions, while an artificial moon has been erected north of the grand stand in the outdoor agricultural section. The sphere is eight feet in diameter, contains 1,500 globes and when illuminated supporting column will be invisible, giving the effect of a huge ball of fire hanging suspended in mid air. The interior of the buildings have been equipped with vacuum or nitrogen lights of high power. These will add greatly to the brilliance of the indoor illumination. The grounds themselves never looked more beautiful. The floral arrangements are unsurpassed, while the lawns are a deep green and show no indication of the presence of the thousands of soldiers who were encamped over the winter.

VISITED FRENCH FRONT

King of Belgium Cheered By Soldiers of France. Paris, Aug. 28.—Belgium's King received a remarkable tribute from the soldiers of France on his first trip of inspection of the French battle front. His two day tour of the French trenches from Arras to the Vosges just ended was one continuous triumphal procession, amid the cheers of the French fighting men. King Albert returned the visit recently paid to the Belgian front by President Poincare. He motored first to the French lines near Arras, where he was met by President Poincare and Gen. Joffre and escorted to General Headquarters where an exchange of decorations took place. From headquarters the Belgian King was driven to an important French position along the Aisne. Five French regiments passed in review before him there, demonstrating new formations. President Poincare, on behalf of the French troops thanked the Belgian King for his visit.

The Cheese Markets. Alexandria, Aug. 26.—There were 519 white cheese offered; all sold at 13 1/2c. Brockville, Aug. 26.—At to-day's cheese board meeting, the offerings were 892 white and 2,992 colored. The sales were, 465 white and 980 colored at 13 1/2c, and 36 white and 420 colored at 13 1/2c. Vankeet Hill, Aug. 26.—There were 771 white and 184 boxes colored cheese boarded to-day. The white sold at 13 1-16c, and the colored at 13 1/2c. Cruelty is very often demanded for justice.