

Girl's Bravery Against Odds Gives Slackers Fine Example

Undying Deed of Mile. Duclos Makes One More Monument to Woman's Devotion-Fair Automobilist Shows Wonderful Cool ness and Heroism.

with the Cross of the Legion of Honor to do something for my country in the fighting field, something that the Germans would remembe," said Mie. Ducles, describing her exploits. "My great-grandfather was a captain of grenadiers under Napoleon, and the blood of generations of so diers runs in my veins. My first ambition was to enlist in the armored car service. I had been used to running all kinds of cars since my childhood, and was do as fit for this work as any human being could be. But I found than authorities obdurate. They simply would not let a woman into the combatant services. I tried disguising myself as a man, but the rigid physical examination made this attempt useless. Finally it seemed to me that the only way of reaching the front was to join a volunteer motor ambulance corps, as several other women had done. I transformed a 60-horsepower eight-seated touring car into a motor ambulance for four badly wounded men or eight slightly wounded ones. I qualified for the service, and was authorized to proceed to the front in Alsace, accompanied by a/

Engine Way Smashed by .. Shell One day, eager for Adventure, Mile. Duclos drove her car up a mountain read which was not included in the trench zone. Soon the rattle of rifle hand caught her attention. A turn in the road brought her in sight of a big engine had been smashed by a shell. The Germans were firing at it from cover some distance away. The French soldiers were firing away from the protection of the armor with their macaine guns and their rifles, but the them. Three of the eight Frenchmen forming the crew of the car lay dead in the road, killed while they had exposed themselves in an attempt to re-

pair the engine. MHe. Duclos saw three German soldiers rise from cover and advance in an effort to rush the car. They were

them out of danger.

The Germans Hoaxed

The Germans must have taken possession of the car after the escape of the French. Probably they tried to repair it, and, finding that impossible, started to tow it back. The Frenchmen were not satisfied to escape with their lives and leave the r car behind. Mile. Duclos after running back a short distance found a road that would lead them to the one that the Ger-

party insisted on taking the steering see the laboring man trudge through up a huge pan of common washing demonstrated that she was the only trougers, riddled with holes. Holes large lumps, and they gleam and glis. not to worry about him, as he is my handbag!" A German officer and for theuselves on new foundations, in man in the House of Hope spend one who could get the best speed out which it would be futile to attempt to ten in the sun like so many "ebergs quite well. "So cheer up," he adds, some soldiers who "happened" to be place of the world of light they have two and a half hours a day at Braille of her car. Thus she forced them to mend. The towel on which he dries | Along one portion of the river bank Behind a pile of rocks that marked all share a like fate. In some cases strayed into the Arctic regions, for wait for the returning Germans.

Up the road came the Germans tugging at a rope that drew the great disabled French armored car. There were about forty of them, practically half a company, minus the men who had already fallen in the fight

Wholesale Annihilation

Mile. Duclos immediately suggested that she should drive the car straight down on the unsuspecting Germans. Her opportunity for a great action had come. She seized ait. Down hill upon the toiling Germans flew the great 60 horsepower car. Straight as an arrow it went, with the weight of its two toris multiplied a hundred times by its speed and downward course. All the Germans in its full path went down like ripe corn before the scythe. Straight it flew on without being swerved an the slightest degree by the human obstacles in its

"I felt like the very incarnation of the spirit of destruction and revenge. says Mile. Ducios, describing this wild scene. "I was not human." The car flew on its path of death until it reached the captured French armored car. Mile. Duclos missed this by an incalculable fraction of an inch and then slowly brought her racing car to a stop. So it was that Mile. Duclos at the wheel of her own car led the giorious wreck back in triumph

Spain's Huge Palace The King of Spain has the largest royal palace in Europe. It is called the Escurial, near Madrid, and is so large that it would take four days to go through all the rooms and apartuniles



The Arch-Assassin: "Now that I am graciouly prepared to offer peace, I seems strange they refuse to discuss it!"- Passing Show, London,

armored French car that stood disabled in the middle of the road. The Widnes, Home of War's Supplies of Chemicals

passed through by train on a journey more minutes the Frenchmen must elsewhere are wont to grimace-on them now go daily to "do their bit." feeling the full rigor of German be overwhelmed. Taking in the situ- hearing the name of Widnes. "Oh, Every precaution is taken to avoid "discipline." ation at a glance, this brave motorist yes," they say, "the town of the hor- accidents but sometimes, for all the In one letter to his wife he says: sped up to the injured car and backed rible smells." And to some extent care, terrible things happen. A grain "The captain came to see me yesterup her muchine before she stopped. they are right, for it is a place of or two of dust on a machine which day and gave me some English maga-"Get in!" she cried to the French evil odors. In wet weather films of had been idle for a few days was the zines. The only time t have for readsoldiers, "or you will be taken in an iridescent color lie on pavement and cause of a fearful explosion some ing is on a Sunday. During the week other minute." The five Frenchmen roadway; a stranger would wonder time ago, resulting in the loss of nine it is all work and sleep, and not a jumped into Mile. Duclos' car with but the intelligent resident questioned or ten lives. A moment's careles ness large amount of the latter. their rifles. Under a rain of bullets mutters "sulphuretted hydrogen", and would be paid for very dearly she sped back by the wax she had scarcely ever notices it. Now and come." Luckily they all escaped, and again when the atmosphere is heavy a turn in the zig-zag road soou put and humid, a thick cloud of vapor spreads abroad, and the stench is a thing to have for the basis of a nightmare. But inquirers from all over the world come to Widnes to learn of the mysteries wrought there. There, on some of the plant, the men must work with a thick coating of grease all over the face to prevent the skin from being injured. In other departments they wear masks with glass eyeholes.

Chemicals Ruin the Clothes The Widnes housewife knows to her pieces." mans would follow on their way back sorrow how destructive are some of Said he: "I was cold with sweat The French officer in charge of the the materials dealt with. You will it is a pretty sight when they break wheel of the car, but Mile Duclos the streets. Nofice his jacket and soda; hundreds of tons are there let her stay in the place of danger, himself, the sheets wherein he sleeps, you would think you had suddenly the meeting of the roads they lay in it is necessary to have a complete a fine white powder lies like a ligh

KINGS IN "SPILLS"

care that is always taken in the selecquently come to grief when riding. King George's ancestor, William the Third, met his death from a fall from lorsa, as most schoolboys are aware. Sorrel, stumbled over a mole hill with fatal results to its rider. Afterwards King William, used to toast "Master One-Eye (that being the horse) and

When Monarchs' Mounts Have Stum-

bled-King George One of Many

William I., too, though not unseat forse stumbling over some hot ashes. at the siege of Mantes. He was carried to Rouen suffering from severe

from death at the battle of Dettingen, internal hemorrhages. through his horse falling with him. and partly upon him. With great pluck, however, he jumped up, and, assuring his troops that he was not The reason why so comparatively deeply embedded in the plaster to be hurt, continued to lead them on foot, small a number of German guns are extracted. The so-called "Tower of It was afterwards found that, although on exhibition in England is that so Skulls" is now only about four feet German-American: "Halloa, Irishman! Vot, you doing now?" no bones were broken, the King was many have been captured and they in height, and only one skull can be Pat: "I'm making war munitions"

ments, the distance which would St. Barthelomew's Hospital, Lon- special ammunition for them and puthave to be traversed being about 120 don. Eng., was founded by the Court ting them into service against their Jester of Henry L

Germans were gradually encircling Little Lancashire Town, Best upon rows of them are fitted up for this special purpose. Boots upon streetcar man who is a prisoner of Known as the "Place of which some of the stuffs fall would war in Germany and whose death Smells, ' Has Become the Allied be found rotted through by morning sentence (afterwards commuted to World's Factory For Chemicals wearing clogs. Here they make all ly aroused great indignation in the kinds of medical requirements, anti- old country, writes bitterly about the People in England who have only septics, oxygen, and the like. Since treatment meted out to him. He is

Some time ago a Widnes workman was dealing with a large bulk of nitre ash; a funnel which is part of th plant, has to kept full of oil. It or curred to him that he would try gly cerine instead of castor oil. But with the huge carboy in his hands, a thought suddenly stopped him, turning the blood in his veins to ice. Glycerine-and that stuff lying there. "Why, good Heavens! the combination would be nitro-glycerin-

and enough to blow the flown to

bath before leaving his task, and rows fail of snow over everything.

SUDDEN DEATH

It will be recalled that on the morrow of the Battle of the Marno re-Curiously enough, considering the turned combatants related strange the Little Gentleman in Velvet (that brium of pressure on the interior and cemented together.

German Guns Useful

been found worth while making gloomy history. originat owners.

GERMANS, NOT BRITONS, SHOULD BE PESSIMISTS

the wailing of some of our leading He began his political career over to Germany and transformed keeper, he took up law, but later on land Laddies, the regimental charge the ground badly wounded, that carhave failed everywhere. We spent liament to become the Lloyd George five thousand millions of marks on a of France. fleet, and it is a complete failure. We He is like Mr. Lloyd George in many capture of Paris and we falled to capents; both were trained in the law; ture it. We tried under similar favor- both became early attracted to poli-Russian armies out of action and to high positions in their Governfailed there.

failed there. We had a great advan- strong lines of his mouth. tage in trained men; we have lost it. He showed his strength when the music, but by the coolness and self- line to have a try for a fourtl. Piper We had a great advantage in muni- great railway strike broke out in possession of the pipers in the hour Simpson at once got his pipes in positions; we have lost it. We have also France, for he did what no one had of danger. When the 42nd High- tion, turned to his company with the lost all our colonies except one. Our ever dared to do before. He called landers, who formed part of the at- cry, 'Come on, boys!' and striking up new allies are tenth-rate nations and the railway men to the colors, and tacking party that captured Fort the battle tune of the Black Watch. notoriously villainous. We are bor then ordered them, as soldiers, to take Washington, in 1777, scrambled up again ran, playing, towards the foerowing vast sums of money without over the railways and work the trains. the precipice determined to have their He took ten or twelve paces, a bullet attempting even to pay the interest in a few days the strike was over, own share of glory, the first to reach through the breast brought him cown, on it. We have not the pluck to tax and M. Briand was recognized as the the summit was one of the pipers, and, with the exultant vell of his

higher percentage than any others in tions. der to obtain a bit of meat, and often Aristide Briand has anything to say, disfigured. Again, at Waterloo, where they have to stand several nights in succession before they can reach a Why is Britain throting us? Because Britain has steadily organized herself, whereas we are Ventilation One of the Worst Probsteadily being disorganized. Let us Face the Facts!'

The chemical worker obviates this by twenty years' penal servitude) recentthe outbreak of war, vomen have now in the fortress prison of Spanbeen admitted; a good number of dau, and, though in good health, is

Pleased to hear that - (someone)

at the front) is still alive and well. You can tell him that I don't fancy ron, you appreciate the importance of being a prisoner of war; and also the steam-driven fans to the furnaces tell him that, if he is so placed that and boiler rooms. The supply of air he is likely to be taken prisoner, he ha dbetter put a bullet through his brain. Death is far preferable to what ! have already gone through. If my time were to come over again, I should never be a prisoner of war. I would be with my comrades on the pit hills in Flanders. They have tried supreme, the inhabitants are suppos- and sailors who have been blinded in

well in the end. Remember: Once to turn out their pockets. They did tions, fresh ideals. heart of a true Britisher."

THE TOWER OF SKULLS

Ancient City of Nish Has Remarkable Memorial Frected in it

There have been many tragic epistories of the aspect of certain Ger | sodes in the history of Nish, the man unwounded corpses. Douth had capital of Serbia. In the fifteenth been so instantaneous that the bodies century the Turks captured the city. remained in a life like posture, some and for 300 years it remained in their shouldering a rifle, others pipe in possession, although there were brief mouth. In a communication made , periods when the Austrians held it. the Academy of Medicine, M Rene Then, in 1809, the Serbians, who had The animal, a one-eyed steed named Arnous asserts that the phenomena recovered most of their country from were due to the efficacy of the French | the Turks, besieged Nish, but were explosives. Within a fifteen yards' defeated with great less. The Turks. the Jacobites, who, of course, hated radius of the point where the shell to celebrate their victory, erected a explodes the displacement of the air rough tower, composed thernately of is so intense as to destroy the equili- lumps of rock and skulls of Serbians

exterior of the human body. The gas It is related that there were origincontained in the blood is thus liberat. ally 1,200 skulls in the Tower of Nish. ed, came by his death through his ed, causes a distersion of the blood. For a long period it was the habit vessels and arteries, and, ultimately of travellers to Nish to carry off a bursting these organs, induces sud skull as a souvenir, and this reduced den death. This argument is con- their numbers. But in the Russointernal injuries, and died ther a few firmed by the state of the bodies. Turkish War the Serbian army unwhich often showed the heart and der the command of King Milan be-King George II. ad a narrow e-cape liver greatly distended and numerous sieged Nish, and the fortress fell on January 10th. 1878.

The remaining skull were then reverently buried by the Serbian troops except one, which was too bruised practically all over his body, are in such good condition that it has seen to remind the traveller of its German: "Vell, dot's a nice way to be neutral."

> Highland plaids were originally Germans?"
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> Pat: "I ship it to the allies and they shoot it at 'em!"—Tit Bits, London. worn by the Gauls.

Tune of the Pipes is Greatest Rallying Cry to the Scotsman

BRIAND

sublished in the London "Daily News," had only been in politics a few years pessimists if they could be turned hery socialist. The son of an inn- under a terrible fire and played 'Hie- the Gallant Gordons, while he lay on into Germans. They would say: 'We became a journalist and entered Par- of this gallant corps. They stood in ried the heights of Dargai and won

had everything in our favor for the ways. Both were born of poor parable conditions to get to Calais and tics, and both by their ability and by we failed there. We tried to put the powerful speaking raised themselves ments. Mr. Briand is a remarkable "We tried to destroy British mari- looking man. His tall, thin figure is time trade by submarines and we surmounted by a head that seems all failed there. It is our submarines angles. His face is much grimmer It is almost a tradition of the High- piper, at once a stimulus and a rallywhich are destroyed. We tried to and more determined in real life than land regiments that the pipes have ing call to every man wearing the divide the allies and we failed there. his photographs show, for in them his largely contributed to every victory red hackle. Three lines of German We tried to keep Italy neutral and we drooping black moustache hides the gained by their countrymen, not only trenches fell to that flerce assault.

the world. Our social organization There is no chance of an incon- last his body, riddled with bullets, is such that women have to stand out- clusive peace with Germany as far fell from point to point, till it reached side butchers' shops all night in or- as France is concerned, as long as the bottom of the rock mangled and

small, for the accommodation of of stirring "Cogadh na Sithe." ficers, men, coal, ammunition, and stores; dotted here and there with so many steel ladders, automatic lifts, steel bulkheads, and watertight doors. varied here and there by miles of electric wires belonging to lights telephones, bells, and motors, to say fresh water, fresh air or compressed

air, and speaking tubes. First in importance comes the ventilating of the boller and engine bowels of the ship at a temperature mence to realize that unless the furnaces receive their required draught the speed of the battleship drops to below that of her sisters in the squad comes down through large water-tight trunks which are continued right up to the weather deck, armored gratings midst of splendid grounds, with spabeing provided at the protective deck.

German Decoy Duck

Pat: "But I'm making it for the Germans."

SCENE: NEW YORK

German: "Oh, veil, dot's different, but how you get de ammunition to de

Stirring Deeds of Gallant Kilted Regiments Have Often Been Inspired by Opportune Playing by Lone Pipers-Heroism Becomes Still More Heroic at Magic Sound

along the German trenches after the strugging up the ramparts of Tel-elfirst rush, two of the Black Watch Kebir that goaded the Braish pipers stood upright on the parapet playing of the "Cock o' the a terrific storm of fire with bombs Victoria Cross. In the present cambursting all round them, and flung paign the pipers of the Black Watch their Highland battle air to the breeze have several times distinguished until one piper fell dead and the other themselves when playing the "klited , was wounded." This was what hap- warriors" into action. the German lines north of La Bassee Simpson, of the 2nd Battalien Black and it is one of the many such epics Watch, died on the field of glory. "All that brive been recorded for at least through the battle roar," wrote one

Heroes of the Pipes

by the animating strains of their Then the command came down the most powerful man in France, and one who, as soon as he had made good triumphant comrades in the ears, he "'Our food prices have risen by a who had the courage of his convic- his footing, began to play. He con- died." tinued sounding his war notes until at the Camerons earned imperishable fame, it was Piper Kenneth Mackay who specially distinguished himself. In the thick of the fighting that raged round the farmhouse of La Haye Sainte, the Camerons charged the French columns. The enemy's cavalry came to the support of the baffied One of the most difficult problems infantry, and the Camerons formed in building a modern battleship is to square. And, while the Cuirassiers secure satisfactory ventilation. She came thundering on, Piper Mackay is such a complicated creature, made stepped outside the square of bayonup of so many steel boxes, large and ets, and, marching around, played the

Instances From History It was the strains of the pibroch pipe inspiration, 'mon, when I hear that brought life and hope to the be- "Th' Cock o' th' North," I could kill

pipes seem to rouse a cold, calcula. ing devil under the tartan. It is not altogether a pleasant sight to see a Scottish regiment being played into the trenches. You can see that there. s killing ahead; see it in the grim determination of the men, the thrust of the jaw, the grip of the knotted hands on rifle butts, and you feel that the wail of the pipes ahead is a battle cry flercely urging them on. 'Mon, said a sergeant from Dumfries, to whom I mentioned this matter of bag

Music That Fires the Blood

Describing the inspiring scene of

the passage of a kilted battation

along one of the rocky roads of Flan-

ders with the bagpipes skirling de-

flantly, a British correspondent at the

front wrote thus: "The drone of the

of his comrades, "rang the soul-

stirring notes of the charge by the

nothing of the endless mileage of HELP THE BLINDED HEROES ENJOY LIFE

sieged garrison in Lucknow; it was you Germans wi' ma bare haunds!"

cious lawns, beautiful flower gardens, near a great lake, a branch of which, spanned by a rustic bridge, runs into them, but its inmates, heroes all, live several ways to kill me. Now they ed to read only two local papers ap- the war, who are doomed for the rest are trying to starve me because I am proved by the "kommandantur." But of their lives to walk in a world with-English. I only get half as much to the inhabitants read the forbidden out light. In a huge mansion in Lon-

their new condition in life, was estabto Start Over Again When lished. In the House of Hope our Blinded For Life-Sports Are sightless soldiers are being taught to be blind. By arrangement with the Even Taken up by Convales- War Office all blinded coldiers, upon their discharge from the military hospitals, are invited to enter the bostel Here everything that ingenious minds can devise for their comfort and train ing is done, and the blinded men lead very active lives. Braille reading and writing are taught them by a large staff of voluntary helpers, whose kind ly aid cannot be too highly praised In Antwerp, where the Boche reigns in darkness. They are the soldiers Typewriting is also taught by skilled instructors who are the selves blind.

Blind Teachers There Then, such occupation, as carpen eat as the German prisoners. This journals all the same, and pass them don, kindly loaned by the generosity try, boot repairing, mat and basket is not the Salvation Hotel; it is the on from one to another. One day of Mr. Otto Kahn, the American finan- weaving, massage, telephony, poultry a woman rose in a crowded street car, cier, they are given new freedom, they farming, and market gardening are In another letter he urges his wife and exclaimed, "Someone has stole | are taught to build up another world taught also by blind teachers. Each "keep up a good old British heart the on the platform came to the lady's as left. They are taught to live in it, reading and writing, and anothe two same as I am doing, and all will come sistance and ordered the passengers and to have new hopes, new ambi- and a half hours in learning an occu-British always British. That is a good not find the bag, but they arrested These sightless heroes of the war earn comfortable wages, and so add motto, and it takes a lot to break the two of Antwerp's citizens with pro- may seem tragic, saddening, hopeless to his pension. The duration of the hibited newspapers in their posses- figures-but they themselves are no training depends on the quickness of sion. The lady was a German de longer sad, for they have found new those learning to be blind, and the comfort and happiness in the House nature of their work, but it is at least of Hope. Soon after the war broke six months. When ready the men are Divorces are scarcely ever known out, the Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' given a good start in life, and arrange-Hostel, where these brave men could ments are being made which will in sure that they will be properly looked

> Sports in Day's Routine Sports and entertainments form s good part of the daily routine at the House of Hope. There is a rowing clug, and a crew of blind soldier oars men rowed on the Thames against crews of blind civilians, and they won two out of three races, and on a later date they beat a strong crew of sight ed oarsmen. There is an annex for the accommodation of relatives of men, who are welcome to go there and spend a few days near their husbands, sons, or brothers free of cost Another annex is to be found t Brighton and also at Torquay 's another annex, supported by the generesity of residents of that charmi. neighboshood, to which men in need of a prolonged period of convalescence are sent.

In Serbia the land belongs to the people, and every grown man has a claim to five acres, which he can neither sell nor have taken from him. His land and its produce are exempt from all claims for debt. Thus the poorest man in Serbia has always five acres to his credit.

Four out of the last nine Czers of Russia have been assausinated. A Japanese mounts his horse on the right side.