

WORLD OF NEWS from OVERSEAS

ARMENIA'S DREAM TO BECOME NATION

Unquenchable Are Aspirations of Volunteers Who March With Russians to Victory—Promise of Freedom—Rewarded With Massacre For Loyalty—Armenians Claim New Birthright

Camillo Cianfara writes: Grand Navarriants, an Armenian poet, brought to Rome some hitherto unknown and appalling details concerning the massacres in Armenia. Navarriants said the number of victims has not been exaggerated and proof has been secured showing that the government not only gave its consent but aided the Young Turk party to carry out the massacre.

It was when our brothers in the Caucasus joined the Russian army advancing toward Van, that the Young Turk party began to suspect that the Armenian population in Turkey of treason and decided on its destruction in order to prevent an hypothetical insurrection," he said.

Young Turks Guilty
Conclusive proof that the Young Turks' crime was perpetrated with the consent of the government was found in the residence of the Governor of Koms, where twenty Turkish gendarmes had been sent to carry out the massacre of the local Armenian population.

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The Brighton Committee have called upon the wives, sisters and daughters of the boat's crew to come to their rescue, and the women have responded in their full strength. They are being trained in their new duties, and recently an excellent launch was made of the lifeboat, almost entirely by women—mothers still in their prime and their girls in their early teens working side by side with splendid results.

FOR THE RED CROSS

Fancy Prices at London Auction Room For Royal Gifts
The first day of the Red Cross Treasure Sale in London realized £25,000. Messrs. Christie's rooms were well filled all the afternoon, many well known people being present.

Testimonial to Belgium
A proposal has been made by wealthy men of several European nations to build in Belgium at the close of the war a garden city as a testimonial to the world to the valor of that nation, and as some contribution toward replacing the places destroyed during the conflict.

Colonels Edmund J. Phipps-Hornby, V.C., and Herbert K. Jackson were gazetted temporary brigadier-generals (Royal Artillery).

BRITISH ARE BEST IN MILITARY SYSTEM

No Singling in France Where Soldiers Are Wonderfully Well Cared For—Correspondent Amazed

Viggo Toepfer, a correspondent of a United States press agency, writes: A visit to the British front is like an invigorating and refreshing salt water bath on a sultry day. The moment you enter the British military zone you feel that you have come to a new and virile country.

Happy and Popular Tommy
The most perfect discipline rules, but there is no bullying, no loud shouting of orders of command. During my entire visit I failed to discover among the ten thousands of Tommies a single surly or dissatisfied face. Officers and men alike are beloved by the population, whom they all treat in the most considerate manner.

Rations Excellent
The paternal military authorities supply him even with such things as matches and tobacco. As for bread, he gets a ample quantity. My own London baker does not supply him with anything like it in quality or taste.

Wounded Refuse Water
An English chaplain writing to a London paper, says: There is a scene before my mind's eye that will never be forgotten. A battalion attacking just in front of us had suffered awful casualties, and for hours in a continuous stream the wounded are brought in or crawl in, all parched with thirst from the pain they are suffering.

CARRYING HAND-GRENADES

Grenade fighting has become of the utmost importance in modern trench warfare, and there are a dozen varieties of these weapons, both for hand fighting and for firing from rifles. Whenever there is an attack by either side a number of men are specially trained to carry these grenades. These men are trained to throw their grenades quickly and accurately, and keep their hands and arms steady during the steady showers bursting among the Germans.

Peer's Heirs Die

The death of Lord Queensberry, the only son and heir of Lord and Lady St. Aldwyn, who was killed at the front, removed the forty-fifth heir to a peerage and the eighth member of the House of Commons since the war began.

British Steel Helmets Superior

British steel helmets, states Dr. Addison, are more protective than the French ones. Answering a suggestion that any shortage might be met by placing orders in France, he said he was not aware that the requisite steel could be got there.

THE LEOPARD'S SPOTS

Huns Treated Prisoners After Own Fashion Centuries Ago
The particulars of the brutality with which the Germans treat prisoners of war may be compared with the following passage from Froissart (ed. Luce, Vol. v, p. 289): "For English and Gascons are of such condition that they put a knight or a squire courteously to ransom; but the custom of the Germans, and their country is of no such sort hitherto. I know not how they will do henceforth—for hitherto they have had neither pity nor mercy on Christian gentlemen who fall into their hands as prisoners, but lay on them ransoms to the full of their estate and even beyond, and put them in chains, in irons, and in close prison like thieves and murderers; and all to extort the greater ransom."

Five centuries have made little change in the conduct of the English and French—or of the Germans—with regard to the treatment of prisoners of war.

THE WOUNDED BOCHE



"He is wounded in the head, and they can't extract the bullet." "That's not surprising. When they once get anything into their heads you can't get it out!"—De Armengol in Le Pele-Mele (Paris).

ENGLISH STARTED KRUPP BUTCHERY ALARMS HUNS

Decline in Birth Rate is Aggravated by Toll of War

Everyone knows the part which Krupp plays in equipping Germany and her allies with munitions, but how many are aware that the money with which the great firm was placed on a sure foundation, if not actually founded, came from Birmingham? Alfred Krupp came to Birmingham about 1840 with an introduction from Dr. Siemens to Messrs. Elkington and Mason, electro-platers, the predecessors of the present firm of Elkington & Co. He offered to them a machine, which he had invented for rolling the metal "blanks" from which spoons and forks are made.

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Each Takes No More Than a Sip—Chaplain's Pride

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K'S "ALLEGED" JOKE

Lord Kitchener is immensely pleased with the work of the New Zealanders and Australians in the war, and has expressed his admiration of them in no slight terms. Apropos of this fact, it is interesting to recall that it was in New Zealand that his lordship made one of the very few jokes of his life.

GERMAN SPY'S ERROR

Wore Colonel's Uniform, All Correct But Cap
London Opinion says: A young officer in one of our machine gun batteries, who has been exposed for some time past, says the first time he was caught a German spy. He was dressed in the uniform of a British colonel, and was moving around inside our lines, as large as life, looking about the situation of various camps, and for other helpful particulars.

Lord Lovat's Corps

Lord Lovat's well-deserved promotion to the rank of brigadier-general has been expected for some time past, says an English military expert. "Lovat's and Tullichard's corps are in fine fighting trim, and contain the pick of Scotland's manhood of all classes of society. Besides being colonels of his own regiments of the Fourth (Territorial) Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders, and a military member of the Inverness Territorial Force Association."

King's Busy Life

Since he recovered from his accident at the front, King George has thrown himself wholeheartedly into the affairs of the nation. The average person has little idea of what the labors of King George entail. His Majesty's waking hours are filled with anxieties of State, and frequently even these periods have been cut down to a minimum. His Majesty personally attends to despatches and various Government Departments, and every Wednesday and Saturday there is an investiture. Of audiences, receptions of Ministers, and the like there is a heavy daily list.

France's War Material Multiplies Amazingly

GAS AND SHELL STORM CANNOT DAUNT IRISH

Frederick Palmer writes from British headquarters, France, as follows: "We would like to have Casement along here and give him a taste of the German gas," said the Irish soldiers who repulsed the first gas attack on the British front since December, 1915. This, the sixteenth, known as the Irish division, with Irish officers and an Irish general, has been recruited from all parts of the Nationalist Ireland since the war began. While holding a trench for the first time they got their baptism of fire in a deluge.

One of the main points of attack in a chalk pit salient in the Loos region, held by the Dutch Fusiliers, all of whom were recruited from Dublin and Inniskilling. A heavy artillery bombardment and a big cloud of gas started here at five thirty in the morning, the wind being right. The coming of gas and shells is the hardest test for the troops in their first action.

The Germans sent an infantry attack on either side of the salient. The attackers in the south were unable to get through the barb wire. Here the Irish, who had stuck to their trenches, killed and wounded by rifle fire, nearly every German before they could retire. On the north side, where the gas had destroyed the wire and wrecked the trenches, the Germans penetrated the British line. The Irish fell back to a support trench, where a machine gun commanding the position was turned on the invaders. A sergeant went about reassuring the men and led a counter-attack against the surviving Germans with the bayonet, over the shell-pounded earth, close quick work in which the Irish excel, according to the accounts of the men here. So far as is known no German escaped death or capture.

Such a successful repulse and well-planned attack by the Irish in this juncture thrilled the whole of the army. It was at the time of Casement's landing in Ireland. Altogether three clouds of gas were loosed against the Irish and on the brigade adjoining, which showed equal gallantry, while change of wind forced the Germans to evacuate some of their front trenches.

HEROES SEE NO BATTLE

During a sea fight the engine room men tend the great engines of a battleship with all the care that they would bestow upon the same delicate yet mighty mechanism in time of peace, roaming listlessly, yet with a definite purpose, around the engine room with oil cans in hand, bestowing drops of lubricant here and there as required. Theirs and the stokers' is almost—no quite—the hardest part of the whole grim drama of a navy battle, for they are absolutely cut off from the fight, and are only cognizant of it by the quivering of their ship as the great torpedoes over their heads or as the enemy's shells thud against the armor or when some stray shot finds its way through the steel wall and the bunkers to the boilers. Such an event blends a whole stock-in-one an frenzied orgy of death—death by exploding boiler; death by awful wounds from burning coals, or death by scalding, hissing, blinding steam as the water tubes burst all around them.

THE LATEST WEAPON

Italy is Using It Against the Austrians Troops
There have been many extraordinary weapons used in the war, but perhaps one of the strangest is the use of the avalanche as a weapon of offence. This has already been done on the Italian front. Italian troops reach the summit of a mountain, and below them in the valley lie the Austrian armies. They then place a land mine deep in the earth. It is set, and a terrific avalanche is the result, which hurries down the mountain side, completely blotting out a certain number of enemy troops. These artificially reduced avalanches are particularly useful in destroying railways and roads and preventing the movements of the troops. It is estimated that besides the tremendous damage to property, the Austrians have lost 1,000 men by this means.

Little Hunchesses

After one of the successful attacks of the German air fleet on England six little girls in Schleswig-Holstein, the oldest one of whom is eleven years old, sent two dollars and the following letter to Count Zeppelin: "Dear Count:—Will you accept our little gift of eight marks as an expression of our joy over the deeds of your airships? We know that you have plenty of money and do not need our few pennies, but you may give them to the man who threw the first bomb on London, or to some wounded aviator. We made the money collecting acorns in the forest and selling them."

Candid to Princess

An amusing confession was made by the Princess Royal. She told an intimate friend that she suffered dreadfully from shyness that she could not bring herself to tell her guests to go to bed. "Well, ma'am," was the reply, "I wish you would depute the honor of doing so to me. I have the amount of smothered yawns that would be saved." The Princess Royal was highly amused.

Two million gallons of rum, costing \$1,500,000, have been purchased for the British army since the outbreak of war. London laundries are short of starch. Over 2,000 actors are at the front.



Another kind of conscientious objector. The Buried One: "Buck up, you chap! Don't keep me here all day. I'm due out with a bombing party in half an hour."—London Opinion.