### HOW ONE HERO HEARD OF BROTHER'S DEATH

Stoicism of British Subalterns Re vealed in an incident of Present War-Tragedy Well Borne

A true story, but instinct with the dramatic intensity of a short story masterpiece is recorded as follows by the Westminster Gazette: The Railway Transport Officer was very busy; his work can be very strenuous at times. A subaltern came into the of-"Captain Duncan about?" he asked

"Yes: he'll be back in a minute. Went to see him personally, or will I do?" "Yes, I want to see him, he's in the Blankshires, isn't he?-Arthur Dun-

"Yes, that's him. Will you wait?" answered the R.T.O. The subaltern "Thanks," he said, and then added apologetically: "He's my brother, you know; haven't seen him | Difficulties and Triumphs of Navalism for ages- only happened to hear in the town he was here.'

"Funny how one drops across one's people out here," said the R.T.O. 'Here's a paper, only yesterday's." read the paper. Captain Duncan came in in a few minutes, and sat down without speaking. The subalfern glanced up, and then continued to read the paper.

Didn't Notice Duncan

to the other. "D-d odd." last, "this chap wants to see you ral country and those which by devious personally." Captain Duncan looked up. "Want to see me?" The subaltern country. Whether we adopt what is put his paper down. "Oh-er, I waser." He seemed very puzzled. "Are tinue to strengthen the measures you Captain Duncan, of the Blankshires?"

"Yes, certainly." "I heard there was a Duncan in look in and see him on my way up that we must respect the rights of all country. Must be another fellow of the same name."

Other Duncan Killed "Yes," said Captain Duncan, "There is-there was another fellow in the other battalion killed two days ago near Neuve Chapelle. Awful good lad, rotten luck."

There was a silence tense with som intangible emotion. The subaltern turned white. The R.T.O. cursed in wardly. The telephone bell rang, and Captain Duncan picked up the receiver.

"Oh, well," said the Subaltern, "I must get along. So-long, you chaps, and he left the office abruptly. "Odd fellow," said Captain Duncan.



"Look pleasant, please!"-From London Opinion

Are Frankly Discussed

to his brother?" He looked from one great difficulty we meet is to distinguish between the imports which are "Oh, Captain Duncan," he said at intended for consumption in the neutways are smuggled into the enemy's known as a regular blockade or conwhich we have already taken, this difficulty remains the same.

"You will probably agree that while we are justified in destroying the commerce of Germany, it is equally true neutral countries, if we do not want to sink perilously near to the level of Germany in the eyes of the civilized world. Without losing sight of the fact that we are fighting for our national existence, we also remember that we are also fighting for the existence civilization, and we may, while exercising our rights as belligerents. very well apply the principles of international law in the fashion rendered necessary by modern conditions to ensure the efficiency of the measures we have taken."

Special constables in Britain number 124,646, of whom there is a daily average of 16,831 on duty

#### UNIQUE DEFENSE PLANS An attack on Holland from the sea

NOULD FLOOD HOLLAND

is theoretically almost impossible. The coast for the most part is low and sandy with a great stretch of shallow water which prevents large boats approaching nearer than half a dozen miles. The few openings at the ports are protected with cunningly planned forts where great guns could pound a hostile squadron to pieces without themselves being in serious danger. But the unique features of Holland's defense system is on the land. If at would almost immediately abandon of the mouth of the River Meuse Mass) would be flooded to a depth The Dutch could flood the country becomes a soggy mass in which the feet sink and are held. The country is cut up with many canals, ponds and

other depressions into which soldiers of an invading army would fall and perish. The Dutch have plenty of men to defend this line-for an enemy could only use a few men against them. Even if the enemy, with in credible labor could build enough passageways across the water line to storm the defenses in the rear Dutch would not have to yield. They would then retire to a second and stronger water line, starting at the same place as the first and making a great circle to the westward and north-

ward to terminate on the Zuider Zee

again. Amsterdam is about in the

centre of this water line.

"The Wolff bureau is hopelessly un able to do the work expected of it. of the finest children ever raised in but this is no reason why our world in heavy type on their unfortunate readers," says the Munich (Bavaria) Post. "Several times every week we receive from Zurich and Bern telegrams from Wolff's agents there of their choice even though they had These messages are carefully selected extracts from certain Swiss journals. which in Bern and Zurich do not enthe lecturer favored war engagements joy any authority. The same applies and war marriages. "It has been pro- to the Wolff despatches from Holland The Swiss news comes with official authority, and in pious awe it is printed by the great German journals. As a rule the despatches are the most foolish and impudent lies which it is possible to conceive. And always, no matter whether it is a telegrain that tells us of Italians being bribed with milliards by John Bull or of the march of 100,000 Italian soldiers through Switzerland to France, or the invented dictum of some statesmen of the Entente, Wolff adopts it and the 'great'

> German press prints it. "It is quite certain that were Wolff to telegraph from London that Asquith and Grey had learned German secretly, and that they sang every morning at breakfast, 'Heil dir im Siegerkranz,' or that the news had come from Rome that the Freemasons had killed the Pope, the 'great' German press, the 'instructors of the nation.' would print it right honestly, with leaded type. What an unsurpassable nation of thinkers we are in regard 'to our press."

### AVIATOR VS. ZEPPELIN

Aircraft Experts Claim Lieut. Brandon's Unique Honor

naval officers tremble for the disci- a sum amounting to \$10,000. Since pline of the service. They love to Brandon put in his claim, however, crifficize everything. The skipper of many gunners and, indeed, whole batat everything, and without a grievance he believed, the victim of his well-

French War Humor

Classes

Germany not only made the Apaches isappear from Paris; she also transformed all anarchists into patriotic Frenchmen. As a matter of fact, practically every known anarchist turned patriot, not unwillingly, but with the greatest enthusiasm. A Paris paper began to investigate what had become of the anarchist leaders and found that with the exception of those too old to be accepted even as volunteers, they were all in the trenches.

One of them, formerly a professor would almost immediately abandon the eastern half of their country. No large cities stand here and the land is of little value compared with the western half. Withelmina's armies could retire behind what is known as the New Holland Water Line. A stretch of country starting from the south shore of the Zuider Zee and extend in the switt daring strates, and a champion of the most violent anarchistic doctrines, wrote the following letter from a trench in the Argonne, in which he has von promotion for himself by exceptional bravery:

"There have been moments when I have asked myself why I am here, and I have answered: First, because I had to go; but, later on, because I tending south and then west until it tending south and then west until it.

The primary idea of the pilot of each air craft is to obtain the best strategical position; that is with both machines travelling 'down' wind and in the same direction. The best strategical position is above the other machine, there is a be able to take it with machine gun fire, or, if so needed, to an so per cent. When firling is through the propeller with the means of superior speed. The primary idea of the pilot of each air craft is to obtain the best strategical position; that is with both machines travelling 'down' wind and in the same direction. The best strategical position is above the other machine, there is a be out-numbered it can get away by means of superior speed. The primary idea of the pilot of each air craft is to obtain the best strategical position; that is with both machines travelling 'down' wind and in the same direction. The best strategical position is above the other machine, the country because of the pusher' (propeller behind) and 'double' engine travelling 'down' wind and in the same travelling 'down' wind and in the s and a champion of the most violent nothing but death or victory will make drop bombs on it. Having attained When firing is through the propel me quit. I have won promotion and the strategical position the three the accuracy entirely de I; who a year ago would have despised qualities most required are initiative, skill of the pilot in manœuvring the the stripes on my sleeves, am now speed and daring; initiative, because machine into the required positionproud of them as I am proud of the it is the unexpected move that always that is with the nose pointing directly sixty men under my command. I wins the aerial combat; speed, to be towards the other machine. Thus it have sixty comrades, sixty friends, the able to climb faster than the other will be seen that with each movement soldiers confided to my care.

dreadful war will be over. I am sure that it cannot last much longer. War of a hot fight repeatedly perform enough he will be led into a trap is even more horrible than I imagined, evolutions that they admit would be over the enemy guns. but not for a single moment have I impossible to them in their saner doubted who is to blame for this war. | moments, for the strain on the ma-My hope is that it will be the last, chine is enormous. With the greater and it is our hope that our children will never have to engage in another which inspires me with an almost superhuman strength and a firm determination to endure until the end."

#### BISHOP AND PACIFISTS

an magazine, deprecates "well-meant | two aeroplanes, A and B, both with a but mischievous efforts by some earn- speed of 80 miles per hour, approachest people to press for peace now, ing one another. A is flying down when there can be no question of wind (with the wind) and a wind of fellowship or reconciliation." He 15 miles behind it. A therefore has writes: "What we are fighting-and an actual speed of 95 miles per hour. the sooner we all recognize it the B, on the other hand, travelling better-is a system and spirit which against the same wind, has only a mean death to every nobler trait of speed of 65 miles. Therefore A has humanity, and destruction of all that an advantage in speed of 30 miles. we value as Christians, let alone as

citizens of a free country. "Don't let us lose sight of this. W are up against the forces of evil and a spirit loosed from hell. It is the height of folly to suppose that to stop recruiting now will oring peace al the sooner. To secure a peace while the vile and unhallowed spirit still holds sway will not inaugurate a new and untroubled era of Christian love and brotherhood. That is the vainest of dreams and the most fatuous of delusions."

### LLOYD-GEORGE'S LIFE

Busy Minister of Munitions in New Quarters

He doesn't say as much as formerly, but there is no member of the Cabinet who puts in so many hours' work as Mr. Lloyd-George. He has removed with his personal staff from Whitehall selected for his own use a singularly tend to shake our faith in God. modest room on the second floor. In Personally I have never passed his room the Minister of Munitions through an experience that has more still uses his novel inkstand, which completely established and confirmed consists of a shell case, in which holes my faith in God and my belief in His have been pierced so that pens may practical interposition in the affairs of be inserted.

Poverty Amid Plenty

An English traveller writes: The notels in Russia are greatly overcrowded by refugees from Poland and the other war zones, and the wise traveller is he who engages rooms at least a week beforehand, and, if possible, through friends. In Petrograd it is apparent that the supply of food as well as of fuel is irregular, and in many cases insufficient. This is mostly due to the lack of rallways as there is plenty of food in this enormous country, but the difficulties in the way of transporting it from the often remote places seem to be almost insurmountable.

in Liverpool carry sleigh bells at night in order to warn pedestrians the sweet prayer!' Does this tend to in the darkened streets.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE"

to do a bit o' fighting; not to-to learn to bloomin' well do knitting."-

# ANARCHISTS FOR FRANCE BATTLEPLANES DEMAND FINE NERVES AND SKILL

Pilot Needs Judgment of Jockey and Daring of a Hundred Heroes -Speed and Position Count-British Aviator Describes Stratagems of Mid-air Combats

British air pilot gives the following to climb rapidly and that it has a account of the swift daring strategy of powerful engine, in order that if it machine; and daring, to accomplish of the attacked the attacker must im-

number of aeroplanes the machine gun fires through the blades of the propeller. This means that at least 5 per cent. of the bullets will be deflected. With only the pilot aboard it is a matter of extreme difficulty to manœuvre the gun nad the plane at one and the same time. With some types of machine it is impossible. The direction of the wind influences the combat to a very large The Bishop of Bristol, in his dioces- extent. Let us take as an example

> Germans Willing "Before November, 1915, enemy air- found to be necessary he should al men were loath to give fight at any ways turn towards the enemy and not price. The Fokker, with its superior away from him. engine power, made its appearance The observer's business is to note and the German airmen became not the relative speeds of his own and his only willing but anxious. The fighting opponent's machine. If the advantage aeroplane, or, to give it its official is with the latter he should reserve title, the battleplane, is a machine of his gun-fire until the most opportune an entirely different type from those moment and then fire as rapidly as used for reconnaissance and 'gun possible. And last but not least comes spotting' work. Its main duty is to the real human element. There must convoy the bomb-droppers on raiding be a mutual understanding between expeditions and to beat off any at- the observer and the pilot, or the

Writing in a London newspaper, a | It is essential that it shall be able

"A little more patience and this that which the enemy fears to essay. | mediately follow suit, and the prob-"Pilots in the stress and excitement ability is that if he be not wary

Gun and Sun "Another most important matter is a suitable mounting for the gue. This must allow the largest possible area of elevation and depression. The best direction in which to fire the gun depends on the type of machine. With some the best direction is backwards upwards, or slightly to one side; with others, in front, backwards, and up wards; with others, again, behind and

"When giving chase to another machine the pilot should always aim to keep the enemy in view and his own machine out of sight. Once he takes his eye off the enemy when travelling in mid-air it is an extremely difficult matter to find him again. The pilot should further endeavor to keep his aeroplane between the enemy and the sun, to keep him on his gunner's left hand, and, vice versa, to avoid placing himself on the left of the enemy unless by doing so he will put the sun in his eyes. If a turn is

tacks that may be made upon them. craft will inevitably come to grief."

### HEROISM AND PRAYER

Chaplain's Life With Soldiers Strengh ens His Faith

Gardens to the offices of the Ministry ard," a "Chaplain to the Forces" re- treaty Britain is pledged to defend of Munitions in Whitehall Place, lates some incidents of the war which These offices include the premises he has witnessed himself in thec ourse known as Armament. Buildings, and of his duties, because, as he himself those formerly occupied by the Hotel felt before going out, the people in gal offered Britain an expeditionar Metropole. Considerable alterations England do not fully realize the meanhave been made inside the hotel, and ing of the war. He said: "Not long luxury has given place to business ago someone asked me whether the furniture. Mr. Lloyd-George has sufferings and horrors we saw did not

men. Here is a man brought in to the ambulance or advanced dressing station terribly wounded - well-nigh crushed out of all semblance to hunanity, uttering piteous groans, wrung from him by his agony, in spite of himof solace, the groans are hushed for coast of Africa, extending for a dis the moment, and the man listens eagerly to the message, and always finds strength to utter a heartfelt 'Thank you, sir.' There is no room for sham or hypocrisy here, and you have before your eyes the indisputable Turks' Ignorant Ally Has Strange fact of real help and comfort given to the sufferer in his extremity. I have known a man, but a few hours removed from death, throw his arms about my neck in the gratitude and Bicycles, motor cars, and taxi cabs | Another murmured over and over to himself, 'Oh, the sweet prayer! Oh, shake one's faith in God?"

As far back as 1386 Portugal, which has been a Republic since October In a letter to the London "Stand- with Great Britain. Under the present Portugal in case of an attack in return for certain coaling and harbo facilities. When war broke out, Portu

corps for Flanders. Portugal has a population of close upon 6,000,000 and a peace army of 0,000 men. When fully mobilize however, it should consist of a quart of a million men of the first and second line. Military service in Portu gal is compulsory. All men from the age of seventeen to forty-five are liable to be called out, but practically ser vice only begins at the age of twenty. Portugal's extensive colonial p sessions have always aroused the envy of Germany. The Huns have can very covetous eyes on Angola, with its stretch of 1,000 miles on the West self. Directly the chaplain kneels by African coast, and Mozambique, the his side to whisper a few simple words | Portuguese territories on the Fast tance of 1,300 miles.

### STRANGE ARAB FOES

Customs-One Virtue

The Arab fighting with the Turks in Mesopotamia has some curiou ways. He takes off his shoes when joy that filled his heart to overflowing. he enters a house, but keeps on his hat. He reads and writes from right to left. He cats scarcely anything for breakfast or dinner, but in the even ing he sits down to a hot meal swim ming in oil. His sons eat with him but the ladies of the household wat till the males have finished. The Arab rides a donkey when travelling, his wife walking behind, and he laughs at the idea of giving up his seat for r woman. The Arab has one strong virtue, and that is, he is rarely seen drunk. He is not very affectionate is very i norant, and has so little initiative that he carely takes on anything worth doing, or attempts carry out any enterprise.

Portugal're Wealth.

Three-fifths of the people of Ports ga! are engaged in agriculture. The chief exports are wine of which the British Isles import about \$5,000. worth and France a similar quanti -cork, cattle, sardines, fruit and co per. Portugal's resources, which are very rich, remain unworked becau of the scarcity of coal.

The New Draft (weary of making hurdles); "I thought we'd come out 'ere the German Cameroons resy The first fruits of the conc don in the shape of

#### Lachlan Laclean Watt, the High- | to partake. But the tent filled an land mystic, preacher and chaplain, hushed, and filled to overflowing; and

Sacrament Before Battle

Strange Solemn Scene of

narrates his experience in giving the sacrament to Scottish soldiers preparing for action, and continues: It of consecrated memory. Again and only needed the simplest words to seal that sacrament. And next sorning, in the grey light, the men who had been touched by the thought of home and the dear ones there, and the big throbbing thought of consecration, were marching off to grip the very hand of death, in sacrifice, like Christ's, for others. The scene was repeated with a difference at another spot, where in a big marquee the memers of the Y.M.C.A. had been selling tea and coffee. "We are going off tonorrow," said a fine lad from 'heshire. "Give us communion that we may remember when we go that high ideals call us." It was a difficult partaken of the sacrament of sacrifice hing, just for a moment, to decide whether in that tent where men were acietly eating and drinking at the counter it should be held, or in some lace apart. Instinctively I said. "Yes. your quarrelsome divisions! When Amidst the Clatter

even outside men stood and peered in through the seams. And we began, sacred symbols.

Real Church Union Talk of your churches, your sects.

### **FANCY BATTALIONS OLD**

that some people imagine them e. So long ago as 1703 a Miners' ttalion was enlisted for service un-Marlborough, and did good work

was the unofficial title of a battalion Conqueror of Napoleon.

as ever, with the twenty-third psalm again, and again, the chalice and platter came back for replenishing. Men raised their drooping heads and stretched out their hands for the Away up in the trenches, and about the region of La Bassee, red blood as red as Christ's was enriching the soil of France; and the hearts that

were beating here might soon be still. in the long graves yonder. A breath of mystery seemed to sway them in that tent, and still that quiet urgency for more came up, until over three hundred men, whose faces to-morrow would be set toward the battle, had that linked us to God and our homes across the sea.

agon of red wine, and the bread all our hopes, our faiths, and fears general in a manner which makes to win, if awarded the prizes offered, of clerks who, in the early days, band- a trawler never will admit that any teries of the Royal artiflery anti-aired themselves together for the defence officer in the navy is a real seaman. | craft experts along the line of flight of Calcutta. The old 10th Foot, now They will stoutly maintain that sea- of the airship, have put in claims. the Lincolnshire Regiment, traces its manship is a lost art, which can now Mr. Tennant, Under-Secretary for 's 'gin to a Sailors' Battalion recruited only be found among themselves, and War, informed the House of Commons entirely from amongst the local sail they love to hold forth on the handling that these several claims were being ors and fishermen. In memory of its of great battleships as they make their investigated. It was Brandon who, inception the regiment was for a long way into narrow harbors or take up single-handed, rose above the Zeppelin, time permitted to wear blue tunics. difficult anchorages, pointing out how and in the midst of shot and shell. at a period when all the other bat- much better they could have done the dropped bomb after bomb and actually

Wellington Customs

Appropos of the Duke of Wellington, ring the stege of Tournay, where the fourth bearer of that proud title, ense subterranean works were it is interesting to recall that in the structed by both sides. The 14th cellars of the historic Apsley House talion of the Middlesex Regiment, is the service of plate presented by the practical sympathy of Queen Alex. The names of favorite generals, Joffre ularly called "The Devil's Own," Portugal to the Iron Duke, the pro- andra is told by Lady Randolph and French, for instance, are common; sed entirely of mem- bate value of which was \$1,000,000. It Churchill. Not long ago the Queen battles in which the allies came out was always used at the Waterloo ban- Mother stopped her motor car in Hyde on top find favor, such as La Marne; What!" exclaimed King George III. quet. Every year, on June 18th, the Park in order to watch a game of Tipperary is also in the field; while one day when reviewing them; "all Duke of Wellington presents a tri-football which some soldiers were enlawy s, are they? Then call them color flag to the Sovereign at Windsor, joying near the Serpentine. No one five," "Hundred and five," Rimailho are very popular. French love of dition when bestowing the mansion hier Majesty sent a subscription to irony is seen in such names as Chirthis. "John Company's Quildrivers" and estate of Strathfieldsaye upon the the fund for giving footballs to sol.

## KITCHENER'S SECRETARY

Sir. Reginald Brade, K.C.B., has had the great distinction of Commander of of one foot. On the west edge of this Interviewed by a Paris newspaper, the Legion of Honor conferred upon gigantic most stands a line of strong Lord Robert Cecil, "Blockade Minis- him by the French Government. This fortresses commanding it. The only ter." said: "It is the intention of the is the first occasion on which a civilian | ways across this most are roads, railallies to destroy Germany's commerce has received this coveted reward. As way lines and river banks. These are and cut off her food supplies from Secretary to the War Office since 1914, higher than the sea level, while most abroad. In my opinion we have all no man has deserved the honor more, of the land is well below the sea, in ready accomplished a great deal in If Sir Reginald were allowed a speak, some places as much as twenty feet. this direction. We have absolutely he could a tale unfold that would thrill All these causeways could be raked by paralyzed the German export trade, the Empire. For weeks and months a harrowing fire from the barrier forts. German credit abroad is rapidly sink- after war broke cut he ate and slept ing and her imports are decreasing. at the War Office. Confidential secre- much deeper, but they do not wish to "As you know, Germany is forced tary of Lord Kitchener, he shared the do so. A foot of water prevents navito rely upon neutral neighboring coun- load of those dark days, and his gation even in flat bottom boats. It tries for her food supplies from abroad friends marvelled that even his fine also prevents wading for several rea-R.T.O. at a time when she cannot possibly constitution did not give way beneath sons. The ground below the water "Wonder why the Sub doesn't speak produce enough food at home. The the terrible strain which was put upon it. Sir Reginald was born in 1864.

### DEFORMED SOLDIERS

Marriages of Britain's Heroes Decla : ed Eugenic by Expert

Dr. Murray Leslie, figuring British casualties in the present war up to February I, 1916, at just over half a million, as against only 50,000 during the whole of the Transvaal War, calculates that for every thousand deaths there are 200 cases of permanent disablement. After giving hese startling figures he consoled the members of the Institute of Hygiene by stating that a man being crippled even deformed by no means stood in the way of his potentialities as me of the fathers of the future gener-

On the contrary, these men, memiers of the greatest voluntary army ever raised, were the flower of the British race, and would be the fathers Great Britain, provided they were free journals should feel themselves comfrom any organic troubles. The pre- pelled to print the most idiotic telesent marriage rate was the highest grams of the bureau and inflict them on record, he said. Nearly all these unions were confined to young, strong vigorous soldiers and there were numerous instances of sound and healthy girls mating with the men

been disfigured or disabled. From a purely eugenic point of view wounded heroes. Perhaps it would not be easy to make such a scheme a practical one, but the principle is a sound one. The economic question is the moot point, but how many women there are in the country with comfortable incomes, who spend large sums annually on pampered landogs and who might with advantage turn their attention to eugenic marriages with wounded soldiers." Dr. Leslie refuted the error that deformittes were hereditary, assuring any sceptical hearers that there were no records acquired deformities, mutilations wooden legs or other disablements be ing transmitted to offspring.

### PROUD SKIPPERS THESE

Masters of Trawlers Despise Seamanwaship of Navy

Every trawler is distinctive, and the whole character of the crew and of the life on board depends on the captain. These skippers are types who seem to have survived from an age men are face to face with the eternal, long since gone by. You can always as we are out here, these things are tell a North Sea trawler from a West So a rude communion table was as forgotten as the dust that blew country one. The North Sea skippers ade of boxes heaped together as our last year over the remotest sand heap seem stern and taciturn, whereas the athers would heap stones together in into the Atlantic. Brotherhood in the West countrymen, mostly Devenshire ander in the Royal navy, who has put the moors. Covered with a white divine uplifting of a great imperial men, seem genial, loquacious. All in the first claim for having chased, inen cloth, we laid upon that table | call, and the love of a uniting Christ- are, however, deligitfully independent | bombed and brought down the Zeppe the little chalice of silver, with the ship, bind, as with a golden girdle, and express their views on things in lin L15 in the Thames Estuary stands talions of the line wore scarlet ones. job themselves. They love to grumble | saw the monster suddenly descend, as they would be miserable.-Liverpool directed shots.

> Queen Mother Saw Gamo One of the best stories illustrating now almost all inspired by the war.

'French racing horses' names are Teutonice, and La Censure.