

My Three Years in a German Prison

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CHAPTER VII.

A Day of Anguish. Friday, October 9th, 1914, was a day of anxiety and fear for the city of Antwerp and the villages situated inside the fortified position.

lages in the centre and in the east of Belgium which were far from reassuring as to the probable conduct of the German soldiery.

Refugees from the village of Aerschot, who were lodging at the farm of the chateau, drew a startling word picture of the tragic events which occurred at that place.

Night fell on the city and the surrounding country without the Germans having put in an appearance. At about 9 o'clock, while our family, with their friends, were talking together, a fearful explosion was heard.

The fort nearest to the chateau was that of Ebrand, distant about one kilometre from us. The commanding officer of the garrison had ordered the fort blown up previous to its evacuation.

Naturally the explosion did not tend to soothe our nerves, and the entire family remained together in a large hall for the rest of the night.

About one o'clock in the morning a sergeant girl knocked at the door and told me that a man wished to see me. It was a Belgian, who urged me to at once leave with the family for Holland.

his way to Holland with his aged mother.

"Where do you come from?" I asked him.

"From Contich," he replied. "Where is your mother?"

"I left her in a farmer's house nearby," he said. "I will go back to get her presently and take her to safety."

"It is well," I told him, "and I thank you for the warning you have given me."

When leaving the house he urged again: "You have not a moment to lose. The lives of your wife and children are in danger," he persisted.

After his departure, I ordered a servant to awake everybody in the building—our immediate family and relatives from several places who had been lodging with us since the bombardment started.

Thereupon I proposed that we should take counsel of an old resident of Capellen, Mr. Spaet, a man of wisdom and experience, of German origin, but who had lived long in the country and could claim Belgian citizenship for upwards of forty years.

I accordingly left to see Mr. Spaet, wending my way through the line of fugitives who were still crowding the highway at this early hour of the morning.

Mr. Spaet was at home. In reply to my questions, he said he had no advice to give me, but insofar as he, himself, was concerned he intended to go back to bed as soon as I left him.

A few minutes afterwards the same servant who previously knocked at the door of the hall came up again. She stated that our previous visitor had returned and demanded to see me.

He repeated his monition, told me not to postpone the carrying out of his previous advice, but to act upon it immediately.

THE MESOPOTAMIA CAMPAIGN



An Arab policeman being instructed in the use of bombs by a British instructor.

ter plan it was to precede and follow the armies and plunder the houses as soon as the occupants had left them. I turned to the man and said, "Now, you sir, take counsel of your own advice to me, and leave it once." He went. But what a night was that one.

(To be continued.)

Delta News Budget.

Delta, Jan. 4.—Mrs. James Carr is visiting relatives at Port Hope. Miss Ruth Hartwell, Belleville, is the guest of Miss Olive Russell.

The concert held under the auspices of the Women's Institute in the town hall on New Year's night was well attended despite bad weather.

Mrs. Friendenburgh, Lansdowne, has been hired to teach in the senior room here beginning on Jan. 5th.

News From Westport. Westport, Jan. 6.—The many friends of S. E. Blair are pleased to see him able to be out again after his long illness.

Spangle. Miss Sadie Hazelton has returned after spending the past two months at Grafton. Mrs. R. W. McDonald is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Forbes, Lanark.

WAR PUZZLES



GERMANY ASSURED AMERICA That vessels would be sunk only when carrying absolute contraband of war, and in a manner that passengers and crews could safely reach port, three years ago today January 8, 1916.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER Right side down nose at belt.

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And Continuing All of January No Rubbers or Overshoes

Hundreds of pairs of shoes on sale at bargain prices. Men's boots in odd lines we are clearing out at the old cost and less, which means a great reduction.

- 1 Lot of Ladies' Kid Lace Boots, Dorothy Dodd make, cloth tops, some with rubber heels; all sizes \$2.50
1 Lot of Ladies' Patent and Gunmetal button walk-over shoes; nearly all sizes \$1.50
1 Lot of Ladies' Patent Lace with calf tops and spool heels; all sizes \$2.00
1 Lot of Ladies' Satin Pumps, American make, \$5.00 for \$2.00
1 Lot of Patent Strap Slippers; spool heels, \$5.00 and \$6.00 \$2.50
1 Lot of Ladies' Dark Tan Calf Lace, military and low heels; all sizes \$3.75
1 Lot of Ladies' Chocolate Kid and dark calf high cut lace for growing girls; 4 to 7, now \$4.00
1 Lot of Ladies' Fine Kid Lace and some tan calf some colored tops, all \$10.00 and \$15.00 shoes, \$5.00

Thursday!

Enough shoes for all and the sale will last all January or until the goods are gone. At these prices they should not gather any moss, and unless we are greatly mistaken in the Kingston people they won't be here long.

LOCKETT'S

- 1 Lot Girls' Black calf and dongola kid, Neolin sole, lace; sizes 11 to 2 \$3.25
1 Lot Girls' Patent Button Classic with black cloth tops, worth \$5.00. Sizes 11 to 2 \$2.65
1 Lot Girls' Tan Lace, leather soles, a splendid shoe. Size 11 to 2 \$3.00
1 lot Children's Boots, various kinds, all worth \$3.00 to \$4.00 a pair. Size 8 to 10 1/2 \$2.00
1 Lot Men's Hockey Boots good for either skating, working, football, baseball or dancing; sizes 6 to 10 \$2.00
1 Lot Men's Dark Tan lace, Neolin sole; a good solid boot for pointed toe; all sizes \$4.25
1 Lot Men's Dark Tan Neolin sole, round toe, blucher cut boot; all sizes \$5.75
1 Lot of Men's Regal Calf Boots, worth \$9.00 to-day and cheap \$5.00