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ENGLAND'S ARMY IN THE FIELD DOES MARVELOUS EXPLOITS

"The Contemptible Little Army" At Which the Kaiser Sneered in 1914 Has Taken Its Medicine and Is Now Giving the Germans Some of Their Own—Strongest Points on Hindenburg's Invincible Line Have Been Captured by British Troops Who Are Steadily Driving Them Back

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With the British Armies in the field, Aug. 2.—Today Britain is on top. At the close of the third year of the war the British bulldog is no longer on the bottom. The "contemptible little army" which the Kaiser sneered at in 1914 has taken its medicine and, despite the hammering it has received, now has Crown Prince Rup-

precht's men rather more than matched.

The first year of the fight the small new army recruited by Lord Kitchener to take the place of the first Hundred Thousand of the Regular Army, simply caught Hail Columbia. But though their heads were bloodied, they held their own. The second year saw more troops, more guns, more ammunition, but even as late as Loos the Prussian army, still lacking as it was in all the machinery of war.

But, at the beginning of the third year, England had caught up. For the first time since Armageddon began the British army faced the enemy on fairly equal footing. There were plenty of men and plenty of machinery and with these in hand Sir Douglas Haig, in July 1916, began the Battle of the Somme.

For two years the Prussians had been preparing the Somme positions and, at the time Sir Douglas Haig considered the line impregnable. History had never seen anything approaching it. Behind first line trenches, deep and reinforced with concrete and steel, were reserve lines just as deep and just as strong. Machine guns, in betoned emplacements fairly bristled along the fire-trenches and many more were in hidden pits further back, while every wood and thicket had been turned into impassable entanglements made of special barbed wire as thick as a child's finger with wicked barbs every inch. Concealed turrets of armor-plate steel had been sunk in the ground at strategic points leaving only their revolving tops and gun-muzzles above the level of the earth and in between were redoubts and strong points, labyrinths, tunnels, quadrilaterals and every other device cunning Hindenburg could put into play.

The French and British struck together, the French below the Somme River, the British north of it, towards Bapaume, Comblès and Peronne. British artillery for the first time in the war showed superiority over the German and its continual roll rumbled day and night. Prussian armor tried to give Prussian gunners the range as they had always done in the past, but now British airmen swooped upon them like enraged hawks and drove them down, or back beyond the lines completely dominating the air. German observation balloons were sent blazing to the earth by British planes, out in sufficient numbers at last. So the enemy's guns were blind.

But the fight was anything but a walk-over for the British and French. The Germans, accustomed to winning, always with every advantage on their side, could not realize that the

tide had turned in this, the third year of the war, and from their miraculously strong and well-chosen position, fought like tigers.

All through August the British Tommies kept doggedly at the enemy, bombing him, bayoneting him driving him back inch by inch up the slopes towards Thiéval, from Mouquet Farm to Ponieres, Devil's Wood, as the South Africans called Delville wood, was taken literally a foot at a time and held despite infernal shell-fire. The British would not let go.

In September they got their reward. They had gained to the crest of the deadly ridge and then, with one swoop almost, they captured village after village—Guillemont, Ginchy, Ilers, Martinputch, Courelette, Guedecourt, Lesbosufe, Morval and Thiéval.

On the 15th of this month the tanks went into action for the first time. On the day the famous official message of an airman read:

"A tank is walking up the High Street of Flers with the British Army cheering behind it."

And it was a fact. A complete surprise to the Germans they crawled over trenches and trees, shell-craters and the walls of ruined villages starting hundreds of the enemy into surrender all by themselves.

Comblès was abandoned by the Germans during September, the British entering before daylight from the north, the French from the south, the two allies meeting in the center of the town and shaking hands. This was the first town of the war to be given up without a fight owing to French-British pressure.

During October, in the dizzle, the British took Eaucourt l'Abbaye and Le Sars. November was wet and soggy and during the short lull which came in the fight about this time, the Germans boasted that the British Army had spent itself and was no longer dangerous. The reply was one of the most brilliant victories of the war, the capture of Beaumont Hamel, one of the solidest of Hindenburg's strong points, along with Beaucourt, St. Pierrès-Divion and 7,000 prisoners.

Besides these and other towns and villages taken by the British, had fallen an incredible number of positions the capture of any one of which in previous wars would have made a general's reputation. During the first five months of Somme fighting fell the Windmill beyond Pozieres, Mouquet Farm, Stuff and Schwaben Redoubts, the Quadrilateral north of Flers, the other one near High Wood, High Wood itself, Memetz Wood and Fricourt, Delville, Angle, Wedge, Acid Drop, Arrow Head and other woods and strong points, all interlocking and making their capture the harder because each was supported by the rest. All of Britain's children did well, the Canadians at Courelette, Australians at Pozieres, New Zealanders around Flers, South Africans at Delville Wood, Irish at Guillemont, Welsh at Mametz, Scots at Longueval and Beaumont Hamel where the soldiers fought to the pipes playing "Stop Your Tickling Jock."

The Germans threw into the Somme battle 97 Divisions, all different, but as some of these went in twice or three times the equivalent of 140 Divisions were used against the British and French. The losses averaged about 45 per cent, killed, wounded and prisoners or about 750,000. French and British together took over 80,000 prisoners, the British share of the booty being 29 heavy guns and howitzers, 96 field guns, 136 trench mortars and 514 machine guns, plus stores of all kinds.

As 1917 advanced the British kept pounding away at the Prussians. In February and March, unable to stick it out under the everlasting hammering, the Kaiser's men fell back, abandoning Bapaume, Peronne, and surrounding country. The German High Command had previously prepared what is known as the Hindenburg Line, Arras to Craonne, via St. Quentin, and counted upon that to hold.

But on April 9th, by a marvelously rapid maneuver, Sir Douglas, now Field Marshall Haig, stuck at the Arras pilot and broke it, driving in the German line to the "switch" posi-

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PAULINE FREDERICK COMING

"Her Better Self," Pauline Frederick's latest Famous Players picture on the Paramount Program was written by Margaret Turnbull, directed by Robert G. Vignola and photographed by Ned Van Buren. This combination alone would insure its success and the excellent cast which has been added makes it one of the finest productions appearing this season. Director Vignola has been the director of many of Pauline Frederick's former sensational successes and Mr. Van Buren, the photographer, promises many exceptionally beautiful photographic effects, among them, the filming of Miss Frederick's reckless auto race against time, which it is said is the most graphic ever pictured. "Her Better Self" is the attraction at the Arcade theatre Friday and Saturday.

AUGUST 15 IS DATE SET FOR CHERRY FAIR

COVE IS MAKING GREAT PREPARATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EVENT

Cove, Aug. 2.—(Special)—In setting the date at August 15th, which is almost a month later than ever before the Cherry Fair Directors are endeavoring to bring about what may be turned a post-season fair. Former years have proven that holding this event during the busy season works a hardship upon the growers and upon others connected with the fair, and the fruit industry.

Experience has also shown that even long after the cherry season is past enough fruit can be had to make a very creditable exhibit, and for these reasons it was decided to set the date at approximately the close of the season.

The story is current that growers here using deadly poison for spray. As a matter of fact nothing is used on fruit excepting white hellebore.

It is impossible to eat enough fruit to obtain injurious results from the small amount of this which might adhere to the fruit.

An innovation has been adopted in King and Queen contest this year. No one over twelve years of age is eligible.

Ample accommodations for picnic lunch or meals may be obtained from various lunch stands as in former years.

Dallas Has Home Guards.

Dallas, Ore., Aug. 2.—(Special)—Although he does not anticipate any trouble on account of I. W. W. agitation in this county, Sheriff John W. Orr has complied with the request of Governor Withycomb that home guards be organized in each county, and has appointed the members of the Knights of Pythias marching club as special deputy sheriffs. These deputies will be armed with army rifles, loaned the Dallas rifle club by the war department about a year ago, should the occasion demand it.

tion between Lens and Queant. So was the Spring offensive launched, the first few days netting the British 19,343 prisoners, 257 guns and howitzers, 227 trench mortars and 470 machine guns in addition to many which were destroyed.

Thus the third year of the war has seen the British get the upper hand. They do not claim that Prussia's power is broken, but they do claim to have taken the enemy's measure, won the initiative and made a telling punch of victory.

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