

REAL FIGHTING WHEN U.S. STARTS

Canadian Officer Praises Officers
and Men of American Army
in France.

EXPECTED TO WIN THE WAR

Come in at Time When Strain of Long
Fighting Is Beginning to Show on
Both Allies and the foe—Ger-
man Tactics Simple.

Chicago.—"The Germans must strike now or never," wrote Maj. George W. MacLeod, second in command of the Forty-ninth Canadian battalion, and one of the veterans of the hardest fighting the Canadians have seen in France, in a letter to Capt. A. Wallace Owen of the British-Canadian recruiting mission in this city. Captain Owen is attached to the Forty-ninth battalion.

"All we can do is to say, 'Let the battle commence,'" the letter continues. "Every one is anticipating a big German offensive either against ourselves or the French. There never has been such close co-operation as exists at the present time between ourselves and the French, and if the Boche starts anything he may get the surprise of his life."

Pleased With Americans.
"Every one is very much pleased with the Americans over here. They are a splendid looking lot of officers and men, and their manners and attitude leave nothing to be desired. Once they start in I think that the Germans will have some real fighting to handle."

"One is gradually beginning to realize the meaning of the expression a 'war of attrition.' With the enormous slaughter which has been in progress for over three years the Germans and ourselves are beginning to show the strain. We see it in the type of officers and men as regards physique. Our training possibly counteracts to a certain extent this loss of physique, but I would not care to see the average unit of today placed alongside its former self. Similarly with the rest of the belligerents. It is at this juncture that the Americans arrive, and one is immediately struck with their appearance. The first million men from the United States army should nearly be able to finish the war provided they are not used in dribbles. Given a completely new army, say of two full corps, or possibly three, in the spring and the end of the war should be not long postponed."

German Tactics Simple.
"I do not think that we are at the last ditch by any means. We have been in tight corners before, and will no doubt sweep our way out of the present one. A German offensive put on simultaneously against the French and ourselves at the present time would, however, make it fairly stiff going."

"I doubt, however, if the German is really sufficiently strong to do this; i. e., two determined sustained offensives. That he will use diverse tactics is probable. He must finish the job this winter, or he never will, and all we can do is to meet the blow when it comes, or, possibly anticipate that blow by one of our own. The German grand strategy has never been anything but simple. His tactics are different. His strategy has been simply to wear down the forces opposed to him until a stage is reached when he can attack."

PRICES JUMP IN 25 YEARS

Wisconsin Farmer Makes Interesting
Comparison Between Prices in
1892 and Now.

Portage, Wis.—E. R. Studenmayer, who has been engaged in farming in this locality for the past quarter of a century, has made a comparison between prices prevalent in 1892 and those of 1918. Here's what he found: Hogs in 1892 were \$2.50, now \$16; cattle \$2.50, now \$10; rye 40 cents, now \$1.85; wheat 45 cents, now \$2.20; potatoes 10 cents, now \$1; butter 15 cents, now 50 cents; eggs 8 cents, now 42 cents; cord wood \$2.50, now \$7.50; bran \$15, now \$40; hay \$5, now \$20, and oats 13 cents, now 75 cents. The farmer says these are only a few of the changes, and while agriculturists are obtaining decidedly better prices than 25 years ago, they are compelled to pay more for what they buy.

FOUND FATHER WAS AWAKE

Young Man Slides Down Chimney
While Trying to Dodge Sweet-
heart's Parent.

Yonkers, N. Y.—Don Botell went to see his sweetheart recently when the father was believed to be asleep. Father was awake.

Don dodged several pieces of furniture, then took to his heels. So did father. Don went up a back stairway to the roof and across neighboring roofs. So did father.

A large chimney appeared friendly and Don shot down. Father did not. He was too fat. Don arrived in the midst of a holiday gathering, but too late to play Santa Claus. He was held by members of the surprised family and turned over to the police. He spent the night in jail and later promised the court never again to force himself into the home of any girl's father. Don was released.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good. —Adv.

JOAN OF ARC SPARED



The famous statue of Jeanne d'Arc, by Paul Dubois, in front of the battered cathedral at Reims. In some parts of France devout people speak of the Jeanne statue in Reims as a miracle, because although the cathedral has been scarred and shattered, and every building around the square badly damaged, the statue is untouched except for a few chips made by fragments of flying steel.

MOST DANGEROUS JOB

Men of Ambulance Service Work
Under Fire.

Risk Their Lives to Get American Sol-
diers Wounded in Action to
the Surgeons.

Washington.—Most dangerous of all the work of the American Red Cross is the ambulance service. The drivers and attendants of these ambulances are always under fire.

Lieut. Frank Dempsey talked interestingly about the life of a Red Cross ambulance driver in the Verdun sector where the fighting has been the hottest. The Germans know the country and are able to drop big shells with great accuracy on the roads the ambulances must travel.

"Our work is never out of range of the big guns," said he. "We go up to the third-line trench, gather the wounded and take them back a mile to

the dressing station. Here only the roughest bandaging is done and then we start back another mile or so to another station where the most desperate cases are operated upon.

"In the first week we handle the wounded four or five times and finally leave them in the evacuation hospitals. From there they are carried to the base hospitals, usually on trains."

When the Red Cross ambulance driver risks his life to get American soldiers to the surgeons, Lieutenant Dempsey had his ambulance blown to pieces while he was a short distance away picking up a wounded man.

The dollars given to the Red Cross are doing more than 100 cents' worth of good.

STEP TO VEIL TARTAR WOMEN

Mohammedan Order Enlarges Hand-
kerchiefs to Hide Face of
Wives and Daughters.

Petrograd.—The Mohammedan Tartar men of Tshistopol district, province of Kavan, have ordered their wives and daughters each to sew half a square of extra material to the handkerchiefs with which they cover their heads.

The women long ago ceased to veil; but when meeting unknown men they took a tab of the bow formed by tying handkerchiefs beneath the chin, and held the tab before the face in place of a veil.

Unluckily, as the handkerchiefs and the passing of time grew smaller, the tabs ceased to cover the face, and the net became only a symbol. To make it again a reality husbands and fathers are insisting on bigger handkerchiefs.

THE FLY

By Theodosia Garrison
Of The Vigilantes.

The bearer of fool-stories, I would liken to the Household Fly, Who is, considered at its best, A Germ-Conveyer and a Pest.

"The Red Cross sells the things we

loathe!"

"Our camps are evil—men unfit!"

These are the germs they bear about

To spread distrust and gloom and

doubt.

With Sense and Science let us try

Elimination of The Fly.

Notice.

We wish to inform the public that the store called the Old Town Store has been purchased by us and we will undertake to serve the patrons of the place and give them accommodation to the best of our ability. We earnestly solicit your patronage. Come and see our line and let us serve you. Give us a chance and see what we can do. Phone Main 712. 2-16-17.

N. H. ANSON, Prop.

ONLY JOB OF KIND Merchant Marine Has an Official Chantie Man.

Stanton H. King of Boston, an Old
Salt, Teaches Rookies to Sing
Sea Songs.

Boston.—Stanton H. King of Boston has the only war job of its kind. He is official chantie man for the American merchant marine.

His work will be to revive chantie singing among merchant sailors who will join the country's new cargo ships through the United States shipping board recruiting service, national headquarters of which are at Boston.

While chantie singing has declined on all seas, owing to the change in recent years from sailing vessels to steamers—there not being much opportunity to "heave and haul" on board a steamer—its revival is considered important for two reasons.

Chanties insure team work when a crew is pulling on ropes, even aboard steamers; while the building of large numbers of American schooners means an increased demand for men who can "reef, hand and steer" on sailing vessels, where chantie singing used to flourish.

The shipping board trains men to serve on steamers, but if a certain percentage ship on sailing vessels and carry with them the almost lost knack of chantie singing, they will be the better equipped for their work, according to shapers on the seafaring game.

Stanton H. King probably is the country's best-known chantie singer. Chantie singing is part of a weekly entertainment he gives Jack ashore at a mission of which he is head.

The program is usually varied, and to hear Mr. King lead his sailor friends in "Shenandoah," "Bound for the Rio Grande" or "Blow the Man Down" is to understand the psychological punch of the well-sung chantie.

Mr. King is an old salt and learned chantie singing on deep water vessels. He began going to sea 38 years ago, from the Barbados, in the merchant service.

EMPLOYEES WEAR WAR SERVICE BADGES

Portland, Ore.—"War service badges" are being proudly worn by employees of the Northwest Steel company here. The concern is engaged in building 8,800-ton freighters for the Emergency Fleet corporation and its 5,000 employees have all been exempted from the draft. The "war service badge" is about three inches long, two inches wide, and is oval in shape, of nickel and bears the words "War Service—Shipbuilding."

Marshfield.—Construction of jetty at mouth of Umpqua river progressing.

ALL ELKS ATTENTION



ANNUAL BANQUET
AND BALL

WASHINGTON'S
BIRTHDAY

Friday Evening, February 22, La Grande Lodge, No. 433, Will Give Its
Annual Ball and Banquet, to Which All Elks Are Cordially Urged to
Be Present. Bring Your Wives, or Sweethearts or Sisters

The special committee especially urges a large attendance. While there has been no lavish display or waste of unnecessary, plenty to eat, exceptionally good music of twelve pieces and a fine time are assured. The event is informal—it is not a fashion show.

ANNUAL BALL COMMITTEE.

SNOW IS TWO FEET DEEP AT MEACHAM

MEACHAM, Feb. 18.—There has been considerable bad weather during the past week, the snow being over two feet deep now. On Thursday and Saturday there was a storm similar to a blizzard, the wind blowing very hard and rifting the snow in high drifts. On Thursday afternoon it was four degrees below zero.

Mr. C. Wilson and family moved to Roseburg, Ore., on Wednesday after selling their place near here to James Roach.

Jack Dockweiler made a trip to Pendleton on Wednesday.

J. D. Casey and son, John Casey, went to Pendleton on Thursday and were accompanied home by Mrs. John Casey and baby.

Mrs. Kent Moore returned from a visit in Pendleton on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Blackburn went to Pendleton on Thursday to spend several days.

Will Chelf made a trip to Pendleton on Friday.

James Baker went to Pendleton on Friday to take the examination for the next draft called. He passed.

Mrs. F. Hanlen came down from

Kamela on Sunday to spend the day with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Baker.

Miss Elsie Denson, teacher of McKay creek school and her brother, Dale, came in Sunday to spend the day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Denson.

New Telephone Book.

We will issue a new telephone directory soon. Subscribers desiring changes in present listings and parties desiring telephones installed should call us up at once.

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TELEPHONE CO.
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