

BELGIANS LOSE ALL, BUT ARE TO BATTER

Scenes of Conflicts Resemble Flood-Swept Area With Grewsome Flotsam.

ROTTTERDAM, Sept. 11. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—By imagining the sweep of a flood tide a brown river one can picture the advance of the German army through Belgium—now creeping, now racing, it defied resistance with each forward lunge. Temporarily deflected at such points as Liege and Namur, the body of it moved irresistibly forward, engulfing what it could not immediately destroy.

PANTAGES' GIRLS CHEER

PONY MOORE, HEADLINER, SO GOOD AUDIENCE CALLS FOR MORE.

COOGAN and Cox, comedians of Gem-type, are riot and entire show is lively mélange.

Pony Moore is a wizard at fun-making and a veritable onslaught of joy. With very little makeup and wearing her hair in a washerwoman's bun she puts her lines and songs over with such much point that the audience hand-painted beauties in her act are completely forgotten. Pony is the headliner at Pantages this week—a jolly good-looking woman, with an English accent, a smile that is dazzling and gobs of personality. She heads a scenic extravaganza called "The Jolly Gray," and she carries a half dozen pretty girls.

Miss Moore and a cast of principals enact a comedy of manners in which she is a link and melancholy sailor, plays right along with the comedienne for honor. Pony walks off with the cakes, she directs her people and when she isn't on the stage everybody is wishing she'd come back. Piff, pinettes on her feet, and a quartet of dancing girls in sea-weed costumes have an Annette Kellerman dance that is attractive and well entertained. No one is to be missed—Pony Moore is so clever they should do a song and conversational act by themselves—the Rooney-Bent type.

She directs her act that convulses everyone is Coogan and Cox (Jack and Edward), comedians of the Kohninor quality. Coogan's attempt to make a fool of himself is like a lead pencil, and his dance is a medley of windmill twirlings and acrobatic antics. Cox dances and dances. This duo is one of the real delights of vaudeville and a riot on any bill.

Gilbert Gerard, a human clarinet, imitates everything in the barnyard and out of it, plays on a fake clarinet, has two dogs fighting and keeps his audience constantly entertained by the variety of his offerings.

Louis J. Winsch and Josephine Poore have an act called "No Trespassing." It is a dainty little medley of German tunes, his legs look like lead pencils, and his dance is a medley of windmill twirlings and acrobatic antics.

On the road from Solre-sur-Sambre through Montignies and St. Christopher to Beaumont, along which the French were driven headlong in flight, after two days' artillery engagement—August 23 and 24—the complete evacuation of the inhabitants left a scene of dreariness and utter desolation which choked one like a nightmare.

Doors of houses still remained open, cattle belovied from deserted barns and half finished glasses of weak Belgian cognac marked places where groups had gathered and hastily dispersed. In this area not a human soul moved or breathed. It was like the near-silence of an ancient city like Pompeii stricken in the midst of its daily occupations without a sign of impending catastrophe.

Established Letter Found. In one house a neglected catenary fawn at the bars of its cage, and a Belgian shepherd dog solemnly guarded the door. Along the road on either side French trenches at intervals only a few hundred yards marked the French retreat. In the midst of the debris I picked up a short blue coat belonging to a sergeant of the eighteenth French zouaves. Under it was a half-picked chicken which the officer was apparently preparing to cook. There was also a spilled knapsack close at hand, with a razor and toilet articles on the ground, and pinned under an empty champagne bottle the interrupted letter of a French soldier. This read:

"We are being slowly forced back by the Germans, who are coming like a torrent. Through some blunder of our commander we have been separated from Lancers and Cuirassiers. But we make a last stand and...

On the boundary line between France and Belgium lay the body of a French dragon, clad in the resplendent uniform of a hussar in vivid blue coat striped with gold braid and flaring red trousers. He had fallen into a half-dug trench toward the foot of a towering stone mound which marked the frontier of his country.

German Coin Useless. In other regions where the Germans had passed without resistance, the peasants still pursued their daily chores, as in times of peace. But it was the women and children who did the farming and work, which was made difficult by the fact that all the horses had been taken by the invaders. Some of these women complained that their husbands had been taken by the Germans as hostages to prevent sniping from the houses and had never returned. Women who kept small establishments along the Belgian countryside were in the peculiar circumstance of having lost the contents of their wine cellars and having acquired tidy sums of German coin, which they could not use.

As a consequence of this, those who followed the German advance through Belgium found provisions and wine at a great premium, and greatly depreciated German currency which the neighbors were doing their best to dispose of. But, with a few exceptions, they bore their misfortunes with a resignation that was half stolid and half philosophical.

One woman showed her wrecked wine cellar, where Germans soldiers had first dined and then slept. A kitchen and cupboard denuded of everything remotely concerned with food, and a house in a state of chaos which outraged her Belgian thrift; her husband, she said, had been one of those forced to march with the Germans as hostages, and she was left alone in a house impossible to dwell in. But she greeted correspondents with cheerfulness and hospitality. In fact, throughout the desolated Belgian country the invasion has left little bitterness or vituperation.

Y. M. C. A. SCHOOL OPENS

Hundreds of Men Register in Chosen Courses of Study.

Several hundred young men gathered at the Young Men's Christian Association last night for the opening of evening schools for the Fall and Winter season, the initial enrollment for which exceeds all previous records.

General Beyers Refuses to Lead Boers in Campaign Against Germans.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Brigadier-General Christian Frederick Beyers, commandant-general of the Union of South Africa's defense forces, has resigned his post because of his disapproval of the action of Great Britain in sending commandoes to conquer German Southwest Africa.

CONFLICT HELD UNJUST

Action of Commander of Defense Forces Draws Rebuke From Minister of Finance, Who Upholds Government.

Referring to a statement that Great Britain had taken part in the European war for the sake of justice and to protect the independence of smaller nations and to comply with treaties, the minister of finance said that the resolution of the government to put the German territory without any provocation to the union by the Germans, he insisted that a majority of the Dutch people in the union disapproved of crossing the German frontier.

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German Invasion Denied.

General Beyers denies that the Germans invaded South Africa Union territory and declares, "If they did, the Dutch and British would fight side-by-side in its defense," and that he would gladly lead them.

Belgium Devastation Compared.

"Your reference to barbarous acts during the South African war, cannot justify the criminal devastation of Belgium and can only be calculated as a fatal and division among the people of South Africa."

235 FIGHT VACCINE

MASS MEETING OF PARENTS OF PUPILS IS HELD. Committee Is Appointed to Notify Authorities of Protest and Go to Court if Necessary.

John A. Heusner Dies

LIFE ENDS SUDDENLY AFTER ILLNESS OF SEVERAL YEARS. Active Life Is Marked by Success in Business and Generous Aid to Philanthropic Objects.

Lillian Russell Is Ill

Actress in Hospital to Be Operated on for Appendicitis.

Water Offices Yet Issue

Commissioner Daly and East Side Club Discuss Matters.

The East Side Business Men's Club at a recent meeting held that the East Portland and Albina water offices should be retained. Commissioner Daly reviewed the water situation in Portland. He suggested that if the East Side Business Men's Club would support a plan for quarterly collections which that plan could be adopted it would reduce expenses \$50,000 annually.

SICK CHILDREN LOVE CASCARETS FOR THE BOWELS

Get a 10-cent box now. Most of the ill of childhood are caused by a sour, disordered stomach, sluggish liver and constipated bowels. They catch cold easily, become cross, listless, irritable, feverish, restless, tongue coated, don't eat or sleep well and need a gentle cleansing of the bowels—but don't try to force a nauseating dose of oil into the little one's already sick stomach—it is cruel, needless and oft-fashioned.

WOOD LARK BUILDING ALDER ST. AT WEST PARK

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Brother Would Testify

Expressing his willingness to come to Portland, if desired, in case he be of assistance to the state in the prosecution of Mrs. Della Marsh, who is said to have shot and killed his brother here this Summer, Evan Linstrom has written Deputy District Attorney Ryan thanking him for his efforts to punish Mrs. Marsh. It is not thought likely Mr. Linstrom, who lives in Chicago, can be of any assistance to the prosecution, and he will not be asked to come.

Wisconsin Greeks Off for Front.

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Sept. 21.—Forty members of the local Greek colony left today for Milwaukee, en route to their native land for war service. Two others left Sunday for Chicago, all having received orders to return.

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