

GAS BAPTISM IS LOT OF YAWKEE EDITORS

War Funeral in France Strange and Interesting Affair.

MOAT FARM IS HISTORIC

Devastated Farms and Ruined Villages Tell Grim Story of World's Greatest War.

BY EDGAR R. PIPER, RADIUM, Nov. 11.—(Editorial Correspondence.)—Stories have been told that soldiers have been known to wear gas masks through the terror of an all-day fight and then to go to their dugouts, or any convenient shell hole, and sleep comfortably all night without once removing the hideous head gear.

There are still extant painted signboards on the battlefields notifying the wayfarer that at a designated place he must put on his mask. There is a danger zone where gas shells may fall at any time, and there Germans never abandoned that notion that they might asphyxiate their foes by drenching them with a cloud of poisonous vapors.

Editors Wear Gas Masks. Probably the wearers in time given used to the gas mask nuisance, though he must learn an entirely new scheme of breathing. Just how they instruct horses in the art of using the thing is a mystery, but they do it. It may be as important to save the life of a horse as of a man.

The editors were given steel helmets and gas masks at Radinghem and told that they must go through a preliminary drill and learn to adjust the covering in seven seconds, or less, before they would be permitted to expose themselves to the surviving risks of the war zone. It was a hard task, but they heroically set about it and mastered it. Then, after various tests and adjustments, they were put into a gas chamber to see that no mistakes had been made. It was an ordeal, but all came through without mishap.

War Funeral Strange Affair. The start from Radinghem was made about 9:30 A. M. on October 22 in six headquarters' automobiles under the escort of several British officers. The itinerary for the day was to include Bethune, Givenchy, Armentieres, Bailleul, Hazebrouck and Aire and, if possible, the important city of Lille, for four years in German hands and just now abandoned by them in their grand strategic retreat to the supposed safety of Germany.

At Fruges, a little town only a few miles on the way, there was the first real encounter with the fearful results of war, if not with the actuality of it. It was a funeral, a strange and interesting affair. The day was cloudy, with occasional showers and the roads had a surface of sticky mud.

Body Carried on Stretcher. Up the hill from the center of the village came the little procession. At the head was a padre, bearing aloft a crucifix. Followed a group of boys with flowers. Then came the body on a stretcher covered with a French flag and borne by women and boys. Twenty or more women, all in the deepest black, completed the sorrowful parade. There was no man in the entire company, except the priest.

All were on foot and all plodded their way through the rain and slush with out apparent thought of aught but their duty to their dead friend and neighbor, who may or may not have been a soldier. But whoever and what-

ever he was there is no doubt about the status of those poor women in black. It was something of a surprise to note that the fields were thoroughly cultivated, and that many men and women were at work, digging potatoes or beets. On the roads were numerous two-wheeled carts, each drawn by a single horse, with an occasional four-wheeled vehicle for two horses. Old men, boys and occasionally women, were the drivers.

In journeys covering many miles through France, curiosity as to why the carts all had high wheels and the wooden rearward little wheels was never fully satisfied. The first stop was at St. Pol, a considerable town, policed by British soldiers. The initial evidence of Hun destructiveness was seen here. The entire front of a church lay in ruins.

Tobacco Stocks Exhausted. No effort had been made to clear away the debris. We were to learn later the utter hopelessness of any effort to remove the wreckage made by German guns or bombers. Only the roads are kept clear. The St. Pol church had been the target of a German air raid.

A tire was to be changed, and a member of the party sought a tobacconist's to buy a cigar. Into a dark little place, with a "tabac" sign at its front, he made his way, and found two women inside. He asked in English for a cigar and the woman clerk shook her head sadly and reached down behind the counter, and produced an empty cigar box. It had been months since it was possible to buy a cigar in that town.

This is as good a place as any to record that the scarcest commodity in England or in France, is an American cigarette, outside the commissary of the American Army or the Y. M. C. A. Mining Town Prosperous. Through Fruges, a large coal-mining center, from which France has had most of its coal, so far as French supply goes, since the war began, the party went. The mines elsewhere were mostly in German hands. The town was well-ordered and apparently prosperous, though quite near the Hindenburg line and unaccountably subject to frequent air raids. No place in France anywhere near the fighting has been spared the dread visitations of the night-bomber.

The transition from a peaceful town to the exclusive war zone was sudden. The infallible evidence everywhere of conflict, or of preparation for it, is the barbed-wire entanglement. It covers the face of the earth all over the war area. It was the common device of protection and torture for both sides. When a soldier was not fighting or mending a road, or digging a trench, or constructing a dugout, he was stringing barbed wire where it would do the most good and least harm.

On the right and left of the road from Bruay to Bethune were miles and miles of wire barriers, and other miles of trenches, with a strip of life anywhere except the moving lorries and the occasional companies of soldiers along the highways. A fleet of ambulances going somewhere at top speed immediately after leaving Radinghem. Then we had passed a regiment plodding along in heavy marching order. They were back from the front, resting. It was said; but it was thought they needed exercise, and they were getting it. They were even wearing their tin hats. They grinned cheerfully at the passing Americans.

Bethune, a town which figured prominently in the war news of 1914-15, was in the region of fire for long months and years, and there was not much of it left. Buildings were a wreck, walls were laid low or punctured by flying shells, and on all sides was waste or ruin. Yet, strange to say, half destroyed houses were inhabited by tenants, who had either stuck it out through all the fearful agonies of long days and nights, or having been driven out, had returned to try and set up again their household gods.

Pierce Fighting Recalled. The first main objective of the party was Givenchy, on the La Bassée Canal. Here was the heart of the fighting zone of that part of the Ypres sector; here was the original Windy Corner, a crossroad that was ever under German fire, and here, too, was the famous Moat Farm, where the tide of battle raged fiercest in the great offensive of last April, and where by desperate work the German advance was held.

Twenty-eight men occupied a cement pillbox—small fortification—at Moat farm. It was hit by a direct shot with a 12-inch shell, and 24 of the valiant 28 were killed outright. But the four held on for four days and nights, resisting every assault, and by their gallant and effective resistance, keeping the Germans at bay. Almost the same scenes were enacted at a neighboring place known as Pringle's Ridge. Here, too, a few men refused to retreat or surrender. All were finally rescued, and the day was saved.

All the fighting line about Givenchy and Moat Farm has not varied more than four miles for four years. It has been an area of continuous fighting. It was never a quiet spot, and it has every inch of it been exposed to fire from one side or the other, or both. The soldier who saw service there will never have reason to complain that he was not in the thick of it all the time. It was trench life and trench warfare par excellence. Everywhere were thickets and jungles of barbed wire and every where were trenches. Some are, or were, German, and some English. Some that were German became English and vice versa. No one could be sure of permanent tenure, unless he died on the spot; and many, very many, did just that.

Over on a gentle eminence a half mile from the historic Moat Farm is what is left of Givenchy. It had a church—perhaps more than one—and houses, and other places where are carried on the affairs of a small community. Now all is gone—everything. In its place, and for miles and miles around, is one great desert of desolation, all the fruit and inheritance of war.

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Increase of 10 Per Cent in Piece Work Pay in Steel Yards Is Awarded. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Formal protest was filed with the Shipbuilding Labor Adjustment Board today by the Atlantic Coast Shipbuilders' Association against the board's action in making its award of October 24, fixing uniform wage scales retroactive to October 1.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Increase of 10 per cent in piece work pay for men employed at riveting, chipping and caulking, drilling and reaming, in steel shipyards of the Atlantic Coast, Delaware River, Gulf Coast and Great Lakes steel shipyards, is given in an award today by the Shipbuilding Labor Adjustment Board. The increase is effective as of November 30. Additional retroactive pay for these pieceworkers on a basis of

ARMY OFFICERS STEP UP

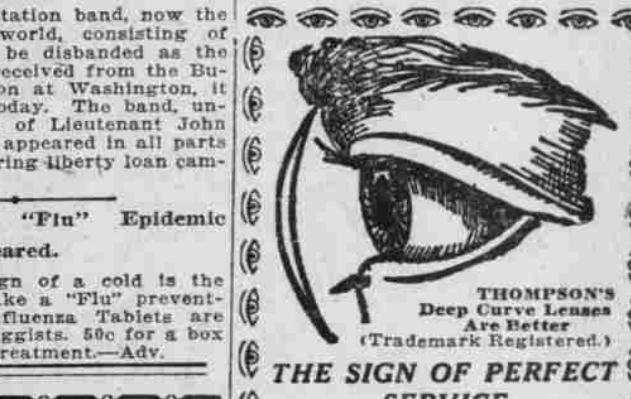
Several Nominations Sent to Senate by President Wilson. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Promotions in the regular establishment for several general officers serving in the National Army were announced today in nominations sent by President Wilson to the Senate. Lieutenant-General Robert L. Bullard, of the National Army, was named for promotion from

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