

MILLER HILL CHARGE COSTLY TO YANKEES

Heroes, Paying Mercy Visits to Comrades, Killed.

MACHINE GUN FIRE FACED

Harry Seamans, Fearless Fighter Dies in Arms of Greek Com- rade; Hun Guns Thick.

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TWENTY-SECOND ARTICLE.

One feels an especial sadness over the men who died with Oscar P. Miller on Miller hill, and over those who were falling in front of the Hun woods at the same time. There was western impetuosity in the way the 361st and 364th battalions hurried through the woods after noon of the 28th and tried to break through the next German line. Tired soldiers, and hungry, looked ahead to ridges specked with machine guns. To thickets swarming with snipers, to wooded hills farther back alive with artillery.

They had not had fighting like this on Thursday and Friday; this trial of Saturday afternoon, September 28, third day of the battle, was hardest to date because of the concentration of fire on a much lesser area. Except before Eggenville there had been room to maneuver before. It was a thicker thing they were now walking into, but as Major Miller had put it as he lay mortally wounded, "We're going on through."

Tacoma Man Makes Sacrifice.

Sergeant Charles Huckaba of company I, 361st, Tacoma, was one of the killed. Just before noon Huckaba said to Private Lars Swann of company I, "I don't know what's the matter with me; I'm so scared and nervous to-day." The writer has steadily refused to believe in presentiments and yet over and over again 361st men about to die seemed to have them. There were even men who tried to give away their possessions on the day they were killed.

Huckaba hurried on forward, however, with his platoon. He was in that rapid advance with the 361st to the bottom of Miller hill. He went on up to the top and down the far side, but could not get up the next ridge. Miller was stricken. Everywhere men were retiring up Miller hill again. Huckaba was part way up and was in a shell-hole, when a fragment struck the side of his head. Private Roderick McLennan of Casper, Wyo., took hold of his body, which was in a crouching position, but found no signs of life. Two other companies I men pulled him out of the hole to see if he could be helped; but he could not; so they lay him down on the bank and went on their way.

Harry Seamans Eager Fighter.

Harry Seamans of company I was an eager fighter in the Miller hill charge. He was a Washington boy from Orting. He came up to the hole in which Corporal Claude L. McDermott of Douglas Wyo. was lying, and the corporal said, "Seamans, you'd better lie down." Seamans replied, "I'm going to get some of the devils, or they'll have to get me"—always a dangerous soldier who must get or be got.

So he walked up with machine guns and shells thick, and the last time McDermott saw him he was off at his right, firing as fast as he could at the Germans upon the hill. There was a Greek in the company named Demetrius Asimakopoulou, who was killed in his arms. Eleven days later Asimakopoulou died at the edge of a thicket on 28th.

Corporal John Harrison Pierce, a Bandon, Or., man, also of company I, was lying flat when the order came to retire, about 3:30 o'clock. He looked as if, like the others, he was just escaping the worst of the storm. The rest started back. Private Alfonso shook him and said they were moving, but could get no response.

Many Men Are Wounded.

I company had already lost Salter and Jensen in the forenoon. It had many men wounded on Miller hill. Many still in the hands of the Hun. Seamans and Pierce when the retirement came; but that night exhausted men went out in a driving rain and brought them in. One of the least was a college professor of redoubtable spirit. He was Sergeant Howard Wright, who teaches economic zoology at Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis. Professor Wright has a decoration for his work that night, which he will

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Sleeplessness and
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The value of the selection of the right tonic in cases of this kind is illustrated in the experience of Mr. William Hymor of No. 1824 Chandler street, Danville, Ill. He says:

"My blood began to run thin and thin that I became badly run down in health and had little strength for my work. I was forced frequently to quit work for days at a time. I had pains in my back and head and suffered from chills. My appetite was poor and after eating I was troubled with gas. I couldn't sleep well and generally rose in the morning dead tired."

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—Adv.

probably hide away in a bureau drawer, being that kind of a quiet man. A fine lot of men in company I! Fine non-coms; fine officers!

Sometimes when men of the 31st were doing these deeds of mercy, like "Wright," they met death themselves. Such a death was that of Lars Larsen of company I, 361st, who fought with the third battalion in the Miller hill charge. Larsen, too, had got over the hill and into the draw behind. But the major had been fatally wounded and the retirement was on and a private named Harry Poggenesse of Auburn, Wash., said to Larsen, "We might as well go back while the rest are." About all the L men were gone by this time except Poggenesse, Larsen, Lieutenant Coats, Private Wroff Olson and the men who were wounded.

Lars Larsen Fearless.

One of these wounded men lay in a thicket in pain. (There were two thickets just beyond Miller hill). The man was Stephen R. Weber, a private, and when Coats called to know who lay in the brush, he called back "Weber." So the officer said to Olson, "Help me drag this wounded man" and Larsen knelt in his own account, instead of going back over the hill to shelter.

There was not much fear in Lars Larsen. He said to Poggenesse on the 28th, just as the drive began, "I don't want to be captured by any Hun. I'll fight to the last," and here he was, standing behind his own volition, with the company gone, making three on a job that two could have done—all because he was that sort of stuff of which 361st men were made.

The lieutenant was on one side of Weber; Larsen was on the other. A German battery sought out the thicket. The lieutenant's helmet was cut, but he was not injured. Weber was wounded again, and was hard hit, but recovered. Larsen was struck in the face. He fell forward dead, over the man he was helping.

Heroes Huddle Together.

Corporal Clarence O. Johnson of company L, whose father lived at 1313 Twenty-first avenue, South Seattle, died in the Miller Hill charge. Men tend to huddle together sometimes in battle as if numbers were a protection instead of a menace. Some L men were grouped and Lieutenant Coats told them to scatter, but before they could do so, a shell hit among the group, killed Johnson instantly, wounded another and shell-shocked the third.

Johnson is one of the reasons why the writer discredits presentiments. He was very optimistic before he went in—or pretended to be; he was sure he'd come out. Good fighter—Johnson. "He was one of the best line men in company L. He was always anxious to go out and get a Hun," said Sergeant James Poole. This man Poole, whose home is at 208 Occident street, Portland, was a fine type of soldier, being one of several great non-coms in company L.

William Swann was a Finn in company I, drafted from Washington. He was hit above the ear by a h. a. but was not much injured. He was glad, in fact, that his hurt was so slight, and said he would be all right in a few days. He was taken back to a dressing station on the south side of Clerges woods, into which there fell the next morning a shell. Swann was killed by the shell.

Third Battalion Escapes.

No 3d battalion company escaped in the Miller Hill charge. There was a case of Krippner of M. Krippner also came from Seattle. As the company was crossing the opening between Clerges and Hauly woods, just before 6 o'clock, artillery from a German hill hit a mile into the woods. Krippner was hit in the face and the body. The men of M then went into the charge. That evening, about the 28th, Private Morris Berry of 2642 East 49th street, Portland, stopped by him. Krippner called him by name and told him he had no chance to live. "The quicker I die, the better I'm off," he told Berry. The Portlander put on a first aid pack, but the wounds were so many he could not do much. About 10 P. M. a party carried him back, the party included a private named Walter W. Carroll of company M, who was wounded a day or so later. "I carried him back on a German blanket, about a half mile, and left him at a dressing station, where he went out of his head and began to talk."

Moving Picture News

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Columbia—Evel Clayton, "Pettigrew's Girl."
Majestic—Mae Marsh, "The Racing Strain."
Star—Theda Bara, "The Siren's Song."
Sunset—Tom Mix, "Treat 'Em Rough."
Liberty—D. W. Griffith's "The Girl Who Stayed at Home."
Peoples—William Farnum, "The Julie Trail."
Globe—Anita Stewart, "Virtuous Wives."
Circle—Constance Talmadge, "The Studio Girl."

Mae Marsh at Majestic.

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A horse race, exceeding in picturesqueness and thrills the stirring contest in "Polly of the Circus," is one of the distinct features of this production.

A Christie comedy, Pathe News and Screen Magazine are other features on the new programme.

Harry Kirschbaum, who is filling a son's engagement this week, will sign "Don't Cry, Frenchy, Don't Cry," during the week-end shows.

Jensen Heir Arrives.

Claude S. Jensen, of Jensen and Von Herberg, operators of the Liberty and Columbia theaters in Portland, distributed cigars and grins like a "Brewster's Millions" spendthrift yesterday. The prospectus was occasioned by the arrival on Monday night of an eight and a quarter-pound son and heir.

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Sunset.
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about shelter tents. He died at 11 o'clock.

Near by William Krippner was Private Robert McCutchen of company M, a Big Bend soldier from Beardan. The boys found McCutchen when they retired. Being dead, he was spared Krippner's seven hours' misery.

Wonderful Charge Recalled.

Thus died the 31st men in the Miller Hill charge. There were others than those described, who came up in the afternoon, went onto Miller Hill in the charge, went on beyond, some of them, and did not come back. Corporal Kenna P. Ploverman was one. He was of headquarters company. He was later by Private Herman Vaadamen, 302 South Main Street, Butte, a headquarters pioneer, and by others.

Between 4 and 5 o'clock, four German prisoners were coming back under the guns of two 31st men, and Corporal Ploverman stuck up their hands and searched them. A little later he went to the right of the skirmish line of company L and was hit in the chest and stomach by a machine gun burst, four or five times. He was from Caldwell, Idaho, rural route 1.

The 3d battalion fell back. Darkness was near. The wonderful charge was doubtless not futile. It had cleared out the nests from the Miller Hill ridge, had gained the reverse slope of the ridge as a shelter for pits, and had established the division on the right wing of the line north of Clerges and Hauly woods, from which it never withdrew and from which on the following day it made the great charge upon Genes.

And it shook German morale. There are signs that during the night of the 28th, field pieces moved back, that infantrymen moved back, that only the outpost men were left on the ridges in front of Genes.

Miller was gone, and many a one of



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