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HARD BATTLE IN DIXMUDE

Three German Soldiers Surrounded by Turcos Saved by Shrapnel Shell

(By Associated Press from Coos Bay Times.) ANTWERP, Feb. 3.—A story told by a Berlin school teacher confirms what many have said about the bloodiness of the fighting which took place in the streets of Dixmude. The teacher, and two other landwehr men—a lawyer and a publisher—were entering that little town in Flanders with other German soldiers by some of the main streets, when they became the prey of Turcos in hiding. They darted from narrow side streets and houses, and as eye witnesses relate, sprang upon the heavier Germans like so many tigers.

The three Berlin landwehr men had just rounded one of the corners of the city hall, when they were separated from their comrades by a rush of Turcos from the fire station. There was nothing they could do but back into a door opening, and here they tried to keep a large crowd of yelling Turcos at bay. What happened next is best told by the teacher, who now has the less exciting job of doing sentry duty on one of the local wharves, for which detail a rather large wound in the thigh is responsible.

"The Turcos went at us with might and main," he said. "I can still see their rolling eyes and white teeth. They seemed to literally thirst for our blood. But their yelling and shouting was worse, perhaps, than their efforts to finish the three of us. Every time we put a bullet into one of them, or jabbed the bayonet home, the awful racket the fellows made with their leather-throated throats increased.

"But we kept on shooting into the crowd, delaying the end which seemed all too close. "Finally one of us three, the publisher, went down with a shot in the head—skull fractured. The Turcos thought that now they would put an end to the business. So also thought a French officer, who went down a second later with the bayonet of the lawyer sticking in his chest. Then the lawyer went down. I was alone then, and thought it was all over.

"Just then a large flask rose from the ground before me. The explosion which followed drowned the voices of the yelling Turcos. Then I went down—with my thigh split open by one of the splinters of the shell. "The spot was a sight, when I regained my senses. Dead and mutilated Turcos everywhere. We were found about eight o'clock that night, and none too soon. My comrades are still in the hospital. They are men over forty and not quite so likely to recuperate rapidly."

All three have been given the iron cross second class.

HYMN FOR BIRDMEN

Supplication for the Aviators in Time of War.

(By Associated Press from Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 4.—A hymn for airmen has appeared in the London press, which Sir Hubert Parry has set to music. The verses, signed by the initials M. C. D. H., are as follows:

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly Through the great spaces of the sky, Be with them traversing the air In darkening storm or sunshine fair.

Thou who didst keep with tender might The balanced birds in all their flight, Thou of the tempered winds be near, That, having Thee, they know no fear.

Control their minds, with instinct fit, What time, adventuring, they quit The firm security of land; Grant steadfast eye and skillful hand.

Aloft in solitudes of space Uphold them with thy saving grace, O God, protect the men who fly Through the ways beneath the sky.

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WORLD'S GREATEST WAR DAY BY DAY

HOW WAR NAMES ARE PRONOUNCED

Equivalents and Near-Equivalents Given as Aid to Those Interested. Absolute Correctness Being Impossible to Reproduce in English in All Instances.

(From N. Y. Times.) THERE is a laudable desire on the part of the American public to pronounce correctly the foreign names that are daily appearing in the dispatches from the seat of war. Both the French and Germans have a scientific method by which foreign names are adopted to their respective languages in spelling and pronunciation. We have none. Neither have the English, who usually proceed along the lines of least resistance and spell and pronounce as fancy moves, ignoring anything which savors of authority—as, for example, the perversion of the beautiful word "Livorno" to the uncouth "Leghorn."

In both French and German, proper nouns often defy the rules of pronunciation, but in the case of Russian, Polish, Servian, Montenegrin and Hungarian names the difficulties are almost insurmountable. The principal reason is that these words come to us in Roman characters through English, French or German sources. For example the Slavonic v may be either v or ff in English, w in French, and either au or w in German, while as a matter of fact the Slavonic v is pronounced about as it is in America, as are the other Slavonic consonants, the vowels being pronounced exactly as they are in Italian. But there are 36 letters in the Slavonic alphabet invented by the Greek monk, Cyril, in the ninth century, 10 of which have no equivalent in English.

In French the e, o, u and the nasal sounds eu, un, in, an and on have no English equivalents, and in the case of German the u, o, ch and sch are entirely missing from our language. Thus it is perfectly plain that no paradigms of English sounds, no matter how ingeniously arranged, could enable one to pronounce absolutely correctly all of the foreign names which are appearing in the war dispatches. The following scheme, however, it is believed, will approach the correct sounds as nearly as it is possible to give them in the sounds used in English speech.

It should be remembered that French is an entirely unaccented language—that is, every syllable in a word is pronounced in the same tone with a rising inflection, but never an accentuation at the end—while German follows the English tendency, and the Slavonic languages are striking in their variety of accent. In the first list the emphasis is indicated by an accent at the end of the stress-syllable. In the second list the accent mark is employed to indicate a quickly disappearing sound.

As Turkey's entrance into the war is likely to produce a new batch of words, it may be well to remember that the consonants in Turkish are pronounced, with few exceptions, about as they are in English, and the vowels as in Italian. The tendency to give the French sound to the Turkish j is incorrect. It is always hard, as in "jolly" or "jam." In Turkish Roumanian and Turco-Servian words, however, there is a tendency to soften the Turkish j. The Bulgarian, Servian and Montenegrin languages, like Russian, are Slavonic, the Roumanian is Latin and the Hungarian is Finno-Ugric, with many Turkish characteristics.

Words from Eastern War Area. (Slavonic, Hungarian and German.) Augustowe—Oh-goo-to'-vo. Blatstok—Bia-tees'-stock. Braunsberg—Brunz-beerg. Bucharest or Bukharest—Boo-kar-est'. Cetinje—Tzet-teen'-yeh'. Czech—Check. Czenstochowa—Chenz-tow-ha'-va. Dansie or Danzig—Danskik. Durazzo—Doo-rahd'-zo or doo-rah'-o. Dnieper—Neeper. Epirus—Ee'-per-rus. Eydkunen—Eyt'-koo-nen. Gumbinnen—Goom-bin'-nen. Herzegovina—Hert'-se-go-vee'-nah. Ivangorod—Ee-van'-go-rod. Jaroslav—Ya'-ror-lov. Jassy or Yassy—Ya'-see. Javorow—Ya-vo'-rov. Jemappes—She'-mapp. Kalisz—Kar'-lidz. Kiev or KiEFF—Keey. Konigsberg—Kern'-eggs-beerg. Kragnyevatz—Krah-yew'-vatz. Kustrin—Kues-treen'. Lutsk—Loodz. Minsk—Meenz. Mitrovicza—Meet-rr'o-vit'-sah. Obryte Pultusk—Obreet-pool'-toosk. Ostrug—Osk'-trozg. Ostrowa—Os-tro'-vah.

Ourthe—Oortt. Peronne—Pay-noon. Petit Croix—Pub-tee-krwah. Petit Morin—Pub-tee-mor-ran'. Pont-a-Mousson—Pom-ta-moo-son'.

Quatre Bras—Katre-brah. Ramillies—Rah-mee-yeh. Raon l'Etape—Rah-own-lay-tapp. Rheims—Rance or Ranz. Rocroi—Rok-rwah. Roye—Rwah. Sedan—Sed-don'. Senlis—Son-lee or Son-leece. Sezanne—Say-zann. Soissons—Swa-son'. Somme—Summ. St. Bonhomme—San-bon-omm. St. Die—San-dee-ay'. St. Mihiel—San-mee-yel. St. Quentin—San-kon-tan. Thionville—Tee-on'-veel. Tirmont—Teer-leh-mon'. Tongres—Tong-r. Valenciennes—Val-lon'-ayenn. Verdun—Vair-dun'. Versailles—Ver-sigh-eh. Vise—Vee-zay'. Voages—Vo-zeh'. Woivre—Vuhvr'. Ypres—Eee-pray' of ee-pres. Yser—Eee-ser. Yvoir—Eee-vwah.

HIG GANNON IS OLD

German Siege Gun Was Shown at Chicago World's Fair.

(By Associated Press from Coos Bay Times.) AMSTERDAM, Feb. 3.—The notion that the Krupp 42-centimeter gun is a great novelty is repudiated by Messrs. Krupp in a statement issued a few days ago. It says: "We exhibited a 42-centimeter gun at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893. This, however, was a coast defense gun, and was not transportable in the field like our 42-centimeter mortar. It was merely this mobility of our large siege guns which authorities abroad could not believe in."

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HUMAN BODIES.

(By Associated Press from Coos Bay Times.) PETROGRAD, Feb. 3.—How a Russian regiment entrenched on the Rawka repulsed thirteen consecutive attacks in a single night, is told in recent dispatches from the front.

"The enemy came on in close columns, but were mowed down to a man," says one account. "After the tenth attack had been thus stopped the bodies were piled up so high that the Russian riflemen were unable to shoot. "Men were sent out to heap hastily all the bodies so as to form embankments for machine guns, and the next three attacks were repulsed from behind the shelter of the enemies' own bodies. All the Russian officers expressed great admiration for the courage and pertinacity of the enemy."

MOUTH ORGANS IN ARMY

(By Associated Press from Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 3.—In response to the demand for mouth-organs for the use of the British soldiers and sailors, one of the largest instrument firms here has ordered 10,000 from Switzerland. All of them are for a single customer, who intends to distribute them among the various ships of the fleet in home waters.

Another firm has sold 4,000 mouth organs since the beginning of the war, and has placed an order for 4,000 more. The only sources of supply are Switzerland and the United States.

FOOD PRICES INCREASE

50 PER CENT IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Feb. 4.—While English newspapers continue to feature every article, authoritative or otherwise, tending to show that Germany is suffering from food shortage, the abrupt increase in food prices in Great Britain refuses longer to be concealed, and the labor element threatens to bring the matter before parliament.

Bread has increased fifty per cent in price to the consumer. The effect of this on the poor is drastic. As is the case in the United States when food prices rise arbitrarily, all agencies concerned are seeking to pass the blame to someone else.

J. C. M. Kerslake, president of the Master Bakers' Protective Society, places the responsibility primarily at the door of speculators.

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