

ARNO DOSCH FINDS BELGIANS CALM IN FACE OF DISASTER

Former Portlander Writes of His Observations in Small Territory Under Control.

KING MOST DEMOCRATIC

Monarch Described as an Off-handed Individual Who Cares Not for Pomp of Kingship.

The accompanying paragraphs are from an article in the World's Work for January by Arno Dosch, titled "The Last Days of Belgium." In this article the author, who is a former Portlander, gives a most graphic description of the calm deliberation with which the Belgians face misfortune and strife.

A little piece of the Low Countries, so small it walked across it in two hours, was all that remained of Belgium in the last days of October. A tide-water stream, the Yser, ebbed and flowed through the sunken fields, and there King Albert with his remnant of an army stopped the German without machine in its advance on Calais. If he and his 40,000 men had been crushed back 10 miles farther they would have been fighting on French soil. The Yser was the last ditch in Belgium.

The Belgians were able to hold that mere strip of land against more men and better artillery because they had determined to die there. Some of those who had not yet paid the price of death told me. They were not tragic about it. There was no display of heroism. They said of French soldiers they smiled a little, too, over their wine glasses, and the next morning they were back in the firing line. I counted on my American newspaper and my permit de sejour in Paris seeing me through the zone of the fighting, and they did. At the station at Dunkirk, when I admitted I had no laissez passer, an officer who had been told me to his commander, and he placed his views on my passport without question. He asked me whether I was correspondent, and I answered that it was only to facilitate the affair. Earlier experiences had made me feel that the French gentlemen were my natural enemies, but I have had a kinder regard for them since.

The train I was on had 10 cars full of French and Belgian soldiers. The Belgians had all been recently re-equipped. On other troop trains which passed us going forward there were many more Belgian soldiers, some of whom I had seen only a few hours earlier in the streets of Calais without rifles. As their trains passed now I could see them studying the mechanism and fondling their new firearms.

Coming in through the suburbs of Dunkirk we passed hundreds of children perched on the fences singing the Marseillaise. Nor were their faces that of a careworn and school children. They sang, and they sang, and they put their little hearts into it. Looking back along the side of the cars at the faces of soldiers leading out to the front, they were touched by the faith of the children.

As a rattled along on the cobbles of Dunkirk half an hour later I heard an explosion with a note unfamiliar to me. It sounded close, too, but it did not seem to bother the people of the street. A few children ran behind their mother's skirts and a young girl hurried from the middle of the street to the protection of an archway, but that was all.

Striking up in the flaccid I could see a thin smoke about 300 feet away in a garden in the direction from which the explosion came, and high in the sky I could barely make out an aeroplane.

"A German bomb?" I asked the driver in some excitement.

"Oh, yes," he replied, cracking his whip as usual, "but there were no others after noon about this time, but they have not hurt any one."

Dunkirk that night answered the question of what a threatened town which was not afraid should look like. It had none of the depressing atmosphere of Calais. All the refugees and the wounded were passed on to a safer place. It was full of French, English and Belgian soldiers, with a scattering of sailors and breezy officers from both the French and English navies. They kept the waters in the cafes on the run, and there was only an occasional bandage showing from under a cap or around a hand to indicate these men were engaged in any more serious business than a man-of-war.

An Armored Motor Car. In the street, however, in front of the statue of Jean Bart, an armored Belgian motor car was standing. It was heavily armed with a machine gun, a tonneau usually is and it was covered with thick sheet steel right down to the ground. Just in front of the driver was a slit with a lip extending over it, giving it the appearance of a machine gun. The car was in the turret. The armor was denting in a dozen places where bullets had glanced off, but it had only been penetrated at one spot, about six inches from the muzzle of the gun. From the soldier at the steering gear I learned that that bullet had passed over the shoulder of the man in the turret.

Twenty-four hours later, at Neuport, when the German shells seemed to be falling in every street and on every house, I saw this car again, going forward at not less than 40 miles an hour. The turret was being swung to bring the gun-muzzle forward as if the gunner were expecting to go into action almost immediately. As the last of the Belgian trenches were just the other side of the town, I have no doubt that he did.

A Glimpse of King Albert. At Furnes my feet were tired from walking over the Belgian blocks, and I held tentatively to the sidewalk passing around the square, through it was mostly taken up with cafe tables and bay trees in boxes. At one soldier the tables were empty and a single sentry was seated at a table and down. I stopped to ask him the way to the gendarmerie, and in the mid-

CONTEMPLATES WILLING BRAIN TO SCIENCE

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of giving me the directions, he came to attention, as a door opened behind me, and saluted. Beyond the hotel where I spent my night, rather tall, with an easy manner, and smartly dressed as a general in the Belgian army. The other was older, wore a general's uniform, and was the more gold braided of the two. They entered a waiting automobile and drove off as casually as two men at home might leave their office for their club.

CHARGES THAT ENGLISH USE DUMDUMS REFUTED

Sir Gilbert Parker Presents Denial, With Official Sanction, of Charge That Kitchener's Men Are Using Prohibited Bullet in Campaign Against Germans in France.

SAYS SUCH AMMUNITION NOT FURNISHED TO BRITONS

By Sir Gilbert Parker. (By the International News Service.) London, Jan. 9.—In commerce Germany has always known how to advertise its wares and its commercial travels have been the result of a door to door canvass. Every embassy has been a commercial agency, every minister has been expected to expand the functions of the diplomat into any field of profit for the German empire.

In the exploitation of wares the Germans have taught the "infidels" of the world to call the British many things they did not know and do not want to learn. Faithful servants of Count Bernstorff with new born self-love for the laws of war, have lately been exploiting in the United States so-called atrocities caused by dum dum bullets fired by British soldiers.

Let us inquire into this dark business. The bullet of the British service rifle, like the German service bullet, is pointed and nickel-sheathed and giving it somewhat the appearance of the casque belonging to an ancient suit of armor. That was the only opening except the one for the barrel of the rapid fire in the turret. The armor was denting in a dozen places where bullets had glanced off, but it had only been penetrated at one spot, about six inches from the muzzle of the gun. From the soldier at the steering gear I learned that that bullet had passed over the shoulder of the man in the turret.

These bullets were found upon the bodies of prisoners, both natives and Germans, captured in Togoland, also on the bodies of dead native soldiers serving with the Germans.

The German service bullet is very similar to the British service bullet. Its muzzle velocity is rather more than that of the British bullet, and its weight and size rather less.

These regulations laid down by the Hague conference of 1907 are not very clear in regard to the expanding bullets, the definition being confined to prohibition of "Projectiles calculated to cause suffering."

VAST UNDEVELOPED RESOURCES IN ALL PARTS OF COUNTRY

Alaska, Especially, Is Rich Beyond Reckoning in Potential Mineral Wealth.

POSSIBILITIES IN DESERT

United States Contains World's Greatest Supply of Phosphate and Much Potash.

Washington, Jan. 9.—With the great nations of Europe wasting their wealth and their resources with freshened disregard, and this country being forced to depend more and more upon its own capital, agricultural and mineral resources, the question of our undeveloped stores takes on an interest such as it never before has had. In this connection the National Geographic society has prepared a statement which says:

"In addition to the wonderful agricultural and mineral development which already has taken place in the United States, and which makes this country outrank any other in the world in the value of her crops and the product of her mines, we have vast undeveloped resources. We have more coal, more petroleum, more phosphate, and more copper than any other country. Our coal reserves reach such an overwhelming total as to make the combined coal reserves of the next six greatest producing nations—all of whom are at war—widen into insignificance. Zinc, lead, silver, tin, iron, salt, iron ore and other staples of commerce are here in undeveloped abundance. Alaska is the greatest of our unexploited treasure troves.

BULGARS TO BE NEUTRAL

Sofia, via Rome, Jan. 9.—The king gave an audience to members of parliament, who recommended that the strictest neutrality be maintained during the war, as the slightest untoward incident would be likely to imperil the existence of Bulgaria. For this reason, they said, the utmost care is necessary on the part of the king and the government to see that Bulgaria maintains her neutral position.

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NEGLECTED LAND IN THE UNITED STATES IS ALASKA

It is now nearly half a century since we purchased this territory, and it contains today less than 40,000 white inhabitants, less than 1000 for each year it has been in our possession. The population was made by a means of protection against possible aggression of a foreign nation and without hope that it would be even self-supporting. In the intervening 46 years we have given it little more than the most casual concern; yet its mines, fisheries, and furs alone have added to our wealth the grand sum of \$600,000,000. Individual fortunes have been made in that country larger than the prize paid to Russia for the whole territory.

Its waters are teeming rich with skins and fish. How rich we know, because they have been proved. But how rich its lands are in gold and copper, coal and oil, iron and zinc, no one knows. The prospector has gone far enough, however, to tell us that no other section of our land today makes so rich a mineral promise. And in agriculture the government itself has demonstrated that Alaska will produce in abundance all that can be raised in the Scandinavian countries.

It is a territory one-fifth the size of the United States containing less than 1000 miles of anything that can be called a wagon road. It has a few inconspicuous stretches of railroad, which terminate either in the wilderness or at a private industry.

Possibilities in Arid Lands. "Alaska does not by any means comprise all of our undeveloped resources. Vast stretches of the great American desert still remain to be reclaimed for fruit, grain, vegetable and grazing land. Millions of acres of coal lands are in store ready to be opened as the need for their richness arises. Southwestern oil fields are storing vast quantities of petroleum for future use. Innumerable water powers throughout the middle west and west are waiting to be harnessed.

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These deposits run for hundreds of miles through Wyoming, Utah, Montana and Idaho. In 1910 the United States produced 52 per cent of the world's phosphate output.

"Jug Handle" Trade Rapped in Chicago

President of Illinois Manufacturing Association Says United States Does Not Sell Enough to South America. Chicago, Jan. 9.—"Jug handle" trade relations between the United States and Brazil, as well as other South American countries were described by Edward N. Hurley, newly elected president of the Illinois Manufacturers' association, in an address before members of the Traffic club in the Hotel LaSalle.

"We buy from Brazil \$75,000,000 to \$95,000,000 worth of coffee a year, being that country's best customer," said Mr. Hurley. "Brazil buys far less from us, its purchase of American goods during the fiscal year having amounted to less than \$40,000,000. This unquestionably a big handle affair, for we are constantly told that the way to increase our trade with South America is to buy more South American products. It is evident, therefore, that we are not doing our best to buy more coffee than we consume.

"The war has checked the investment of European capital in South America. It is conceivable that various projects may be on the market and purchasable on terms unusually advantageous to American capital. No manufacturer looking for greater South American trade can afford to ignore the possibility of financially encouraging this development. They are not asked to explore a dark continent."

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VICTORIA CROSS IS AWARDED TO THREE

One Goes to Commander of Submarine That Torpedoed the Turkish Battleship Mesoudieh on December 13. London, Jan. 9.—The Victoria Cross has been conferred upon Lieutenant Commander Norman B. Holbrook, commander of the submarine B-11, for torpedoing the Turkish battleship Mesoudieh in the Dardanelles on December 13.

SWISS CLERGYMEN TO AID PRISONERS

Will Go to Detention Camps in France and Germany With Ample Funds to Buy Necessities. Berne, via Paris, Jan. 9.—After protracted negotiations, in which John W. Garrett, representative of the United States with the French government at Bordeaux, took part, France and Germany have consented to Switzerland's sending a Swiss Protestant clergyman to visit the prisoners in the detention camps in France, and a Catholic clergyman to the camps in Germany.

Both these clergymen will be provided with ample funds which they will distribute among the interned men. The Rev. Mr. Zimmerli, who leaves for France, will take from Germany the first instalment of \$25,000 for the soldiers.

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