

BELGIAN SOLDIERS SEE VICTORY AHEAD AND THEY'RE HAPPY

King Albert Wants Name of Belgium Inscribed in Golden Book of History.

ARMY IS STILL MARCHING

Correspondent Carrying Message From President of France to Ruler of Small Country Tells Story.

By Pierre Loti.

(COPYRIGHT, 1915, BY THE INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.) Paris, April 17.—On my way to Houthen, the general headquarters of the Belgian army, whither I am bearing a message from the president of the French republic to His Majesty King Albert, I today traversed Furnes, one of the towns uselessly and savagely bombarded by the Germans, where at this hour, icy wind, snow, rain and hail are raging beneath the darkening sky.

Here, as at Ypres, the Germans turned their guns specially against the historic portion of the place, against the charming old town hall and its surroundings. This was done because King Albert, when first driven from his palace, installed himself there.

How is it there in just now no air of sadness about this half deserted town? One would think the gaiety of these soldiers, despite the sinister weather, had communicated itself to things devastated. All of them seem in fine health and spirits.

I no longer perceive the somewhat frightened, haggard faces, as at the beginning of the war. The continual outdoor life, with good food, has guided the cheeks of the soldiers, apart from shells; but what especially sustains them is their entire confidence in the certainty that they have obtained the upper hand, and are now marching to victory. They foresee an end to the German invasion, just as they know this early spring weather will end.

Welcomes French Sailors. During a momentary calm a small group of French sailors suddenly grouped near me. I could not refrain from beckoning to them as one would lost children wandering in the woods, and they ran up to the door of my car, very pleased themselves to see my naval uniform.

For all that it was impossible to be melancholy. Every minute the soldiers whose open countenances, breathing courage and gaiety, restored my serenity. Even the poor sapper repairing the dugouts with his hands, with water up to their knees, wore a merry smile beneath their dripping hoods. And what a lot of soldiers, German and French, were mingling fraternally in the smallest hamlet.

Many Belgian Soldiers Left. Who said there were no Belgian soldiers left—I am sorry to say, I saw considerable detachments marching in good order to the front, well equipped, and of fine appearance, with convays of excellent modern artillery.

It rains incessantly, and the cold is chilling, but here at last is Houthen, and in a minute I shall see this king without reproach as without fear. But for the troops and the numerous military automobiles one would never imagine this lost village would be the general headquarters of the army. My car, for the royal residence is only a path.

Among the weather beaten automobiles stationed at the entrance of the village, with mud in one that is elegant, and bears no coat of arms. Two letters, "S. M." (Sa Majeste), chalked on the black door, alone show it is the king's car.

The king's quarters form a charming corner of old Flanders, an ancient abbey surrounded by trees and tombs. The pathway borders a delightful little cemetery, and here in the rain an aide-de-camp, amiable and simple like his king, comes to greet me.

No "Red Tape" in Seeing King. Guards keep watch at the entrance door of the royal residence. There is no ceremonial whatever. I pass through the modest passage, where I have just come down my coat, and in a recess stands the king—tall, slim, of regular features, with an astonishingly youthful air, eyes frank, sweet and noble, and with his hand outstretched in hearty welcome.

In the course of my life other kings and emperors have received me; but, for all their pomp and the splendor of their palaces, never have I felt so much respect for a sovereign majesty as on this day.

See Victory Ahead. Suddenly, without weakening, without even hesitation, disdaining compromises which to the detriment of world civilization might have saved his cities and palaces, he opposed the monster's onrush like a great war king amidst this army of heroes.

Today, in plain he does not doubt the victory is coming. His own loyalty gives him entire confidence in the loyalty of the allies, who are indeed intent on restoring his Belgium to life. Nevertheless, the king is determined to have his soldiers co-operate in the deliverance to the last man, and have them remain to the end at the post of danger and honor.

Another less notable than he would have said: "I have fully repaid my debt to the universal cause. It was my troops who raised the first rampart against barbarism. My country, the first to be trampled under foot by the German brutes, is only a heap of ruins. That is enough for me!"

But the king wants Belgium to have her name inscribed on a yet finer page along that of Serbia in the golden book of history. That is why in approaching his quarters I met these valorous troops, alert, fresh, miraculously revived, proceeding to the front to continue the struggle.

British Embassy Is Now Dry Territory. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice Specifies Suit Brings Only for Attaches, But Leaves Leopolds for Guests. Washington, April 17.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, has inaugurated the rule of prohibition in his embassy.

THIS LAD IS SERVING THE KAISER



—Photograph by courtesy press department, Eastman Kodak company. German machine gun and boy soldier in charge.

AMERICA CAN'T END MEXICAN PROBLEMS OPINION OF HUERTA

Intervention by United States Would Prove Too Costly in Men and Money.

Victoriano Huerta yesterday received a representative of the I. N. S. and in response to the questions prepared a statement on matters which he formerly had refused to discuss. The questions particularly referred to intervention by the United States and the results of such actions. The statement follows:

By Victoriano Huerta, former provisional president. (Copyright, 1915, by International News Service.) New York, April 17.—Mexico must save itself. Intervention by the United States would not solve her problems. It would take the United States many years and be necessary for her to sacrifice millions of men before she could restore order out of the chaos in Mexico. Even then it would not be certain that improved conditions in Mexico would be permanent.

Germany Is Losing Student Population. Bern, April 17.—A German professor who has just arrived from Leipzig says no profession in Germany is suffering more than his own. Not only has the number of German students decreased, owing to the war, but the number of foreign students has fallen off from 20 per cent to 8.95 per cent in technical colleges alone, while at ordinary universities the decrease is still greater.

Takes a Strong Man. Such a man could weld the several factions together and transform the nation from a war-ridden country into a peaceful one. He would not be able to accomplish this quickly. It would be done gradually, but surely. Mexicans are beginning to realize the horrible folly of constant revolutions. But they will not stop fighting until a real Mexican comes into power. Mexico would resent intervention in the same way that a man would resent the intervention of neighbors in his domestic trouble.

The United States, in the same way, would have resented any intervention during the Civil War. The United States would not have the good will of Mexicans if intervention were ordered. The factions now at war would band into a solid front against the United States. And the warfare would be bitter and last indefinitely.

The United States has more than 90,000,000 inhabitants; Mexico has only 16,000,000. Despite this advantage in numbers, the United States would be confronted with the huge task of surrounding Mexicans on their own soil, and much guerrilla warfare would follow.

I do not care to discuss any questions relative to my future, so far as Mexico is concerned. I have been asked scores of times if I would again take the presidency. I cannot answer such questions. I would willingly lay down my life for my native land. I resigned the presidency because I felt such action would be for the best. I am willing to devote the rest of my life serving Mexico in any way that I can help her.

Present conditions in Mexico will continue until some strong Mexican, who is a natural leader, rises to govern the people. He must be a man who has the confidence of all Mexicans. He must be a real leader—a man of iron will, but above all, a just man. Such a man could in a short time stop the warring in Mexico because the people now have reached the point where they are tired of constant rebellion.

Berne Dispatch Says War Has Caused Drop in Foreign Percentage From Twenty to 8.95. Bern, April 17.—A German professor who has just arrived from Leipzig says no profession in Germany is suffering more than his own. Not only has the number of German students decreased, owing to the war, but the number of foreign students has fallen off from 20 per cent to 8.95 per cent in technical colleges alone, while at ordinary universities the decrease is still greater.

Many professors are either emigrating to America or seeking employment in neutral countries.

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Just Received Fifteen Hundred Yards of 18-inch Flouncing Embroideries in Patterns Desirable for Baby Dresses, Children's Garments, Corset Covers and Undermuslins—Reg. 48c to 65c Qualities Specially Priced for This Sale Only 25c Yd.

Hundreds of pleased purchasers have attended and profited by this great April sale of fine new Embroideries. Hundreds of others will be here tomorrow, and with renewed lots values will be found as great, if not greater, as on the first day of the sale. Take this lot of 1500 yards of 18-inch Flouncings for example. This staple and popular width of Embroidery is shown in a large variety of dainty and beautiful patterns especially adapted for babies' and children's dresses, corset covers and undergarments. You have choice from fine Swiss, Batiste, Nainsook, Crepe and Cambric Flouncings in qualities regularly sold at 48c to 65c a yard. Special for this sale at, the yard 25c.

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April Sale Dress Findings

Home sewers and dress makers will find this to be a very opportune time to secure a full supply for the new season. All sorts of dress findings are in this sale at splendid savings. 10c Shoe Trees, priced tomorrow at 6c. 15c Shell Hair Pins, this sale at 10c. 5c Spiral Collar Sup-porters at 3c. 5c Hi Ho Collar Sup-porters at 3c. 5c Brass Hooks and Eyes, priced at 3c. 5c Snap Fasteners, priced at 3c. 10c Ivory Dress Buttons, this sale at 5c. 8c Large Curling Irons on sale at 5c. Silk Middy Laces, priced at 5c. 15c Barrettes, priced tomorrow at 10c. 25c Side Combs, priced tomorrow at 15c. 15c Dressing Combs, priced this sale at 10c. 25c Dressing Combs on sale at 15c. 10c Children's Hose Sup-porters at 7c. 10c Tightly Hat Elastic, priced at 5c. Lisle Elastic, 1/4 to 3/4 inch, priced at, yard 5c.

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A Special Sale of Wool and Plush Auto Robes

Not alone is the underpricing important but the weaves, patterns and colorings are all unusually desirable. The assortment affords the widest selection. It is a manufacturer's surplus lines on sale at a third to a half below real worth. These three lots to choose from:

Lot 1 at \$3.95 Full size Wool Robes shown in a large variety of pretty plaid patterns and in many color combinations.

Lot 2 at \$2.48 Cross Stripe Wool Robes, 57 by 72 inches and finished with bound edges. Just the thing for lap robes, outing use or couch covers.

Lot 3 at \$3.95 Tiger Plush Robes of good size and quality. They come with bound edges and are shown in four different color combinations.

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CINDERELLA SILK HOSE Special Price \$1.00 This Sale, Pr. \$1.00. The Cinderella is a pure thread Silk Stocking of perfect fit and finish. Comes in all sizes in black and colors. It is without doubt the best wearing and finest appearing Silk Stocking sold at, a pair \$1.00.

Only Half Price to Pay for These Odd Lot Curtains. Arabian Scotch Lace and Cable Net Curtains from 88c TO \$3.00 A PAIR. If you are in need of Lace Curtains you cannot well afford to miss this sale of odd lots and broken lines in Arabian Scotch Lace and Cable Net—one, two, three to six pairs of a pattern, about 200 pairs in the lot. They come in 2 1/2 and 3 yard lengths and in good widths. While they last you have choice from the entire assortment at ONE-HALF REGULAR—88c TO \$3.00 A PAIR.

Plain and Fancy 29c Scrims, 35c Val. 29c. Just received an extensive line of new Curtain Scrims in white, cream and ecru. They come in plain styles and with fancy drawn work or hem-stitched borders. A quality sold everywhere at 29c 35c a yard. Priced at.

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