

LETTER FROM FRANCE TELLS OF GALLANTRY SHOWN BY OUR ALLIES

Struggle Is Solely for Honor, Not for Benefit of Any One Nation.

GERMANS KILL WOUNDED

Barbaric Cruelties Practiced Upon Helpless Prisoners by Kaiser's Men, Says C. E. Farrott.

The following letter has been received by a Portland man from a friend with the Canadian contingent in France. It gives a vivid picture of the hardships that are being fought there and in general of England and her colonies.

France, May 3, 1917.—Dear friend Elye—Many thanks for papers, which I received the night we were relieved, after practically 21 days of the hardest fighting of this war; war to the teeth, for Germany never thought she could lose Vimy Ridge and consequently she "came back" for it with her legions of men, gas, incendiary shells and machine gun. The bullets of the latter were all "turned," making "dum dums" of the worst kind. However, you think they could drive back the Canadians? No sir! It was glorious the way the boys stuck and, not only stuck, but went through again and gained a further objective, but we were unable to reason we couldn't get relieved and there we held, tired, hungry and thirsty, small in numbers, but as "game" as the boys who held Ypres.

French Kill Canadians

The French people idolize us, for they never imagined that such a natural fortress as Vimy Ridge could be taken, especially after they lost so many men in trying to take it from the Germans. It was a fight too, but the boys just went like Hell and the spirit carried us through. The view we got when over the ridge, was like looking down upon the "Empire of the North." We wanted more, so away we went and back to the Germans, running like mad devils, some towards us with arms up, and others towards their own country. We "went over" four times and each time we held our point and today we are almost 11 miles from our old front line! Yes, we're remnants. But the spirit, the man, the wonderful, I never felt the "soft side" until what was left of us were met by a band and played out, and then one's soft chord was reached; chums gone, faces missing, but we were welcomed back to the huts and cheered and cheered again.

Suffers From Gas

The last letter I wrote you we were having two days' rest and when we went back again, it's been the bloodiest battle of all and one can say that, excepting the two days' rest, it's been 21 days' hard fighting. I got through without a scratch, but the gas has caught my stomach, lungs and eyes. He sent it over in shells, but it never stopped "Canada." I'll be all right after a few days' rest, although it does make one cough all the time and vomit, too.

It was a treat to get the paper and I feel I must say a few words here in answer to "Upton Brown," who has a letter on that date (March 26). He says he "heartily agrees with those 'true red-blooded Americans' who refuse to allow a nation to sacrifice her sons for England, etc." or, rather, for the benefit of England.

Fight Is for Honor

I only wish to say that the British army today is made up of men of education, men who would never fight for any aggrandizement or world power, men who would never fight for commercial supremacy or for the subjection of smaller powers. Not the men of today can't be "bought," why, I guess Upton Brown knows it, too. Consequently, we must fight for honor and "we're paying the price." After knowing the way this thing started and the treachery of the Hun to the whole world, I can only say that such men as Upton Brown are not worthy of their country and, in this

least, are cowardly. After the long suffering patience of the American people who, to the whole world, it seems, stood for insult after insult from the Hun, one can only come to the conclusion that Upton Brown is not a friend of his country and here, to my mind, should be watched.

What Germans Have Done

I only hope the American soldier does not come here and go through what we've gone through (may we be able to do that). Upton Brown says "Germany is giving Britain a dose of her own medicine." Now, let me see! When did Britain invade a smaller nation, attack and murder the people burn down their cities, etc? When did Britain, with all her naval power, ever keep any other people off the water? When did Britain close her doors of freedom, both her colonies and the isles, to the down-trodden and persecuted German or Austrian, who wished to run away and seek protection from their own governments? When did we give it to him, he goes back the German line and, when arriving at the dressing stations, bayonet all the wounded—and when did the British army ever crucify a German sergeant upon capture? (The two latter both occurred at Ypres, the former in June, 1916, and the latter in April, 1915).

Woman Held Captive

When did the British army have French women in the dugouts of their officers (as was found in the recent advance by the British division on our right). Some of our chaps were on patrol one night some little time ago and they came across an old dugout between the lines. On entering they found 13 English soldiers with their throats cut from ear (as though by an artist). And Upton Brown says "that's our own medicine." Well, let me tell you right now that when we advance, the Hun howls for mercy and we give it to him. He goes back of our lines; gets a hot meal and is immediately taken out of the range of shell fire.

German Wounded Cared For

Three nights ago, after night and day fighting, when we were so tired and fatigued we didn't care whether we lived or not, when we slept as we walked I was ordered on a party to bring in four wounded Germans. We dressed their wounds and carried them on stretchers through the German shell fire and gas shells back to our transports for hospital. Ask any British prisoner today who his friend is and he will tell you the "British." After knowing what I do and realizing the horrors of "Prussian all-power ambitions," I would rather be a savage from North America than a Prussian or a friend of the Prussian.

Many Glad to Escape

No; sometimes we pity their soldiers, for they are made to do their barbarous deeds. Many of them have their hands and feet tied and are taken from their war lords, for the order, they have to carry out are revolting to them even. Upton Brown's place would be with the Prussians and there, this is their battlefields of France, he would, like the German soldier, soon realize the difference between British chivalry and German culture.

Army Not a Tool

Let Upton Brown think before he again rashly infers in his letters that the tools of educated men are simply the tools of the money-grabbing classes. He's not like the Americans who are fighting side by side with me. There's quite a few who are "var-sity men, and one of my chums who is an old West Pointer. Like me, they would rather die in France than see the Hun on top—and, believe me, we're all terribly anxious to live, for we're young and life is remaining. In conclusion, let me remind Upton Brown that Germany torpedoed a hospital ship with wounded German prisoners and that the British rescued them. And again, after that small scrap in the channel, didn't the British sailors rescue the drowning Germans? "Tis not what you do, lad, that makes your name, but did you play the game?" And now I must close. We're out for a rest. It's glorious weather, hot and so enjoyable after the awful win-

Woodburn Wants No Sewer System Now

Woodburn, Or., June 13.—A largely attended meeting of citizens was held in Forester's hall Tuesday night to protest against the city council's proposed installment of a sewer system. The principal address in opposition was made by Rev. J. G. Hessler. It was the sense of the meeting that no steps be taken in the construction of such a system until after the war. A committee was appointed to wait upon the council at its meeting next Tuesday.

Slacker to Answer Before Grand Jury

Alien Finlander Is Held for Failing to Register, Although He Pleaded Ignorance of Purpose of Draft Law. Astoria, Or., June 13.—The preliminary hearing of Einar W. Westersund, charged with willfully and unlawfully refusing to register, was held before United States Commissioner Carney Tuesday and the defendant was bound over to the federal grand jury.

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Westersund claimed he did not understand what the registration was for and thought that it meant he was willing to enlist for the war. According to the evidence, however, Westersund was about town on registration day and discussed the matter with several persons and had remarked that anyone who registered was a fool. Westersund is a native of Finland and an alien. He is employed as an electrician at the Wilson shipyards and was arrested last Thursday.

Santa Rosalia Is Taken by Villistas

El Paso, Texas, June 13.—(I. N. S.)—Villista troops today captured the town of Santa Rosalia after a battle with the Carranza garrison. More than 200 wounded Carranzista soldiers were brought to Chihuahua City. Residents of Chihuahua City are in panic of fear on reports that Villistas plan to advance on that city.

MISSISSIPPI SHERIFF REPORTS SLAYING OF WELL KNOWN BANDIT

J. Austin Hooper, Outlaw, Who Once Operated in Oregon, Is Shot and Killed.

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Judge Messick Alleges Irregularities in the Actions of Precinct Officials.

Baker, Or., June 13.—Ex-County Judge Messick, recalled at an election June 4 by a majority of 32 votes, has filed notice of contest, alleging that a recount will show a majority of votes against the recall and that he received more votes for the office than his opponent, William Duby, who defeated him by 95 votes, according to official count.

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OREGON'S ACCIDENT INSURANCE BETTER, SAYS COMMISSIONER

State Board Compares Benefits Under Different Plans Now in Vogue.

WIDOWS, CHILDREN WIN

Statement Taken Up Various Aids Given and Points Out Length of Payments in Each Case.

Salem, Or., June 13.—Comparison of benefits to injured workmen and their dependents, under the state workmen's compensation law with the provisions contained in the policies being offered by employers by some of the agents of stock casualty companies, are made by the state industrial accident commission in a statement issued Tuesday.

State Aid Prolonged

"Of all the fatal cases settled by the commission no widow had a life expectancy as small as eight years, a number exceeded 40 years, and the average life expectancy of the widows in all cases was slightly over 32 years, dependents thus being protected by the state law during a period four times as great as provided in the insurance policies.

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Mayor Ordered to Duty

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Guard's Assault Inmate

Grants Pass, Or., June 13.—Judge Gillette Tuesday ordered Charles McClellan, the tramp who seriously injured a member of the Woodburn militia company by pushing him off a bridge at Graves creek May 22, committed to the state insane asylum.

Tourist Travel Is Heavy

Grants Pass, Or., June 13.—For several days past the tourist travel over the Pacific highway has been unusually heavy, from 15 to 20 autos going through daily. Many remarks are made approving the result of the recent bond election.

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