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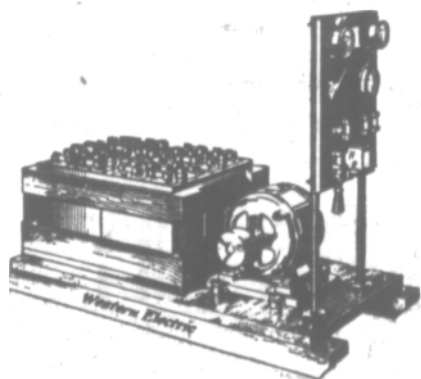
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French Unable to Learn Identity of Soldier Who Gave Life for Country.

REFUSES TO SAVE HIMSELF

With Pipe in Mouth He Remained, Picks Off German After German Until He Falls, Riddled With Bullets.

—With the French Armies.—To the Seventy-ninth French regiment of infantry belongs the honor of the only citation in the present war to "An Unknown Soldier."

The croix de guerre, which the citation merited, and which in view of the hero's death would ordinarily be given by the French government to the soldier's nearest relatives, lies unclaimed at the ministry of war at Paris. All that is known of the man is the manner of his death and the fact that he is buried where he fell on the heights of Saint-Epyre.

The story of this "unknown soldier" is unquestionably the story of thousands of other French heroes in the early days of the war before means of identification of the dead had been established and when regiments were hurriedly formed, thrown into action and decimated before a soldier knew the name of the comrade fighting at his side.

Story of Heroism.

The only difference is that this "unknown soldier" received a citation for his life's sacrifice and the others did not.

This is the story: On August 26, 1914, during the forenoon, the First battalion of the Seventy-ninth regiment of infantry, which had been decimated at Morhange, was hastily reformed in the vicinity of Rosieres-Aux-Sallines from a contingent of reserves which had been rushed up.

That evening before the original members of the battalion had had time even to get acquainted with their new comrades, the battalion was engaged by the Germans in a violent surprise attack on the heights of the farm of Saint-Epyre, near Luneville.

About five in the afternoon the advanced line of the battalion took shelter back of a little ridge, which protected it from the Germans, who were only 100 yards ahead. A veritable storm, both of rifle and artillery fire, whistled constantly over the heads of the sheltered French battalion.

Suddenly, from out of the ranks of the Third company, an unknown reservist, who had just arrived that morning, leaped to the summit of the little ridge under which the battalion was resting.

Dropping to his knees, with a pipe hanging from his mouth, he began tranquilly to fire shot after shot into the ranks of the Germans, just 100 yards ahead.

Consternation reigned in the ranks of the First battalion of the Seventy-ninth. Then, the officers recovering from their surprise, loudly ordered the man back into ranks.

Refused to Save Self.

But the latter, without ceasing for an instant his firing and without even dropping his pipe from his mouth, belted back:

"Leave me alone. I'm an expert marksman and I want to do something for my country while I have such a fine chance to do it."

From the very first instant of his appearance on the summit of the ridge the rifle fire of the entire regiment of Germans was centered on him. Yet for a full five minutes he continued tranquilly to fire with sure aim into their ranks before he finally fell riddled with bullets, the stock of his rifle shattered into splinters and his pipe knocked from his mouth as he rolled over on the ground.

A moment afterward, the Seventy-ninth leaped again to the assault and drove the Germans down the ridge.

That night the Seventy-ninth buried their hero on the summit of the ridge where he had fallen. There was nothing about his person to indicate his identity. His deed of heroism was signaled to the ministry of war. The ministry identified the soldier, but without results. Unwilling that the sacrifice should go unrecorded, the citation was granted in the name of "An Unknown Soldier."

Trees as Service Flags.

East St. Louis, Ill.—This city in the near future will probably have a new kind of service flag, a tree for each local boy in the fighting service. Plans are now being made by the Woman's Civic Federation and the woman's committee of the council of national defense to plant these trees near the homes of the enlisted men. The tree will bear the names of the soldiers or sailors they represent.

Now Use Electricity.

Lyons, Kan.—Electricity will replace the old hand drills and the miners' lamps in the Bevis salt mine, near this city, after the mine has been operated for years in the old-style way. The mine has been wired for electric lights, and the drills will be replaced by electric drills. The output is expected to be almost doubled by the new methods.

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ARTHUR WALWYN EVANS CHAUTAUQUA LECTURE

Member of Lloyd-George Family Gives Impressions of America.

Arthur Walwyn Evans, the brilliant Welsh orator who comes to Chautauqua on the second night, has had an unusual life experience. He is a nephew of David Lloyd-George and has known many of the celebrities of England and the continent. He has



ARTHUR WALWYN EVANS

traveled in fifteen countries and lived in six of them. He has known, among others, Lord Kitchener, Lord Roberts, Joseph Chamberlain, John Ruskin, Gladstone and Kipling. When he was twenty years old he was preaching nightly to audiences of five thousand in Scotland. For the last few years he has been delivering an average of over 300 lectures a year in this country and is in as great demand as any lecturer on the American platform today. His lecture, "What America Means to Me," will be one of the big events of Chautauqua week.

To Laugh At—A Lost Hat.

One of the funniest sights in the world is a man whose hat has been knocked in or ruined by being blown off—provided, of course, it be the other fellow's hat! All the jokes in the world are based on a few elemental ideas, and this is one of them. The sight of other people in trouble is nearly always funny. This is human nature. If you will observe your own conduct whenever you see a friend falling down on the street, you will find that nine times out of ten your first impulse is to laugh and your second is to run and help him get up. To be polite you will dust off his clothes and ask him if he has hurt himself. But when it is over you cannot resist telling him how funny he looked when he was falling. The man with the real sense of humor is the man who can put himself in the spectator's place and laugh at his own misfortunes.—Bert Williams, in the American Magazine.

Big Catches.
Anglers on the coast of Florida often catch sharks weighing 150 pounds with a 16 ounce rod. On the Californian coast, too, huge sharks, 12 feet or 15 feet long are bagged. Occasionally a tartar is caught which ends the business by smothering not only the line but the boat. The gentlemen anglers of the Californian coast actually have a challenge cup for the biggest swordfish caught in the course of the season. The record is a fish 150 pounds in weight, and the sport is described as about as exciting as tiger hunting.

Facts About Barcelona.
The province of Barcelona has an area of 2,936 square miles and 1,130,308 inhabitants. The city of Barcelona, the largest in Spain, has a permanent population of 800,000.

COMMUNITY SINGING AT CHAUTAUQUA

Singing Together Unifies Communities.

"Let the Nation sing and it will become united and victorious." The "Community Sing" idea, which is to be featured at Chautauqua on the fifth day, has been spreading throughout America in ever-widening circles since the outbreak of the war. The "Community Sing" stimulates a feeling of solidarity. An entire community lift-



Mr. and Mrs. Eichhorn.

ing its voice in song strikes a note for harmony of understanding and mutual good will. The communities that will sing together will learn to act together, and in war time, more than any other, we need this unification of our people. Mr. and Mrs. Eichhorn have unusual talent and ability as "Community Sing" leaders. They have been in the work for years and stand at the top of their profession.

JAPANESE WRITER AT CHAUTAUQUA

Oriental Scholar Discusses Nipponese-American Problems.

Dr. Minosaku Toshi Yamamoto, Japanese author, scholar and lecturer, speaks with authority upon the Japanese-American relations. Receiving his college education both in Japan and America, he not only knows his country, but he knows ours as well. He has written several authoritative



Dr. Minosaku Toshi Yamamoto.

books upon the conditions in his own land, especially as they relate to the United States.

Dr. Yamamoto has been a notable success upon the lecture platform in the East for several years. He has complete mastery of the English language, infuses his lectures with wit and humor, and wins every audience by his sincerity and convincing address.

Magnets.

Although there is such a thing as a natural magnet, most of those in use are artificial. There are two general methods for making artificial magnets. The first is to take a bar or a needle of magnetic substance, iron or steel, wrap an insulated wire around it like a thread on a spool, and pass a strong electric current through the wire. The other method is to take as before a bar or needle of a magnetic substance and place it near a magnet. The intensity of the magnetization in both cases is increased by hammering the bar while the process of magnetizing is going on. A piece of steel magnetized in this way remains so for a long time, while a piece of iron soon loses its magnetization.

Flying Grasshoppers.

A species of grasshopper known to be capable of flying great distances is at times found far from land. The bureau of entomology recently received one of these insects which had been captured at sea, 12,000 miles from the African coast. The specimen was caught on the deck of a Norwegian vessel, and was one of a great swarm of the insects encountered in that region.