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conserving their food supplies, energies and work. Women were replacing men who had gone to the front and were taking men's places in all industries.

Attacks Described

The British attacks began with the Battle of the Somme in June, 1916, and will continue until the German line is driven back on German soil.

"You may read two or three lines in the despatches telling about a mile advance on a ten- or 12-mile front. In order to do this it takes one or two months' preparation. Information is obtained from airplanes. Scouts crawl out in No Man's Land at night and listen and take observations. All this information is collected and the attack decided on. The plan of attack is reproduced in miniature and is thoroughly rehearsed behind the lines. Each man is instructed as to his place and work. When the men are perfect they are sent to the front line at night, dig in to hide themselves and wait for the signal.

"The signal comes with 500 or 600 big guns behind the line firing a barrage, or 'a dam' of steel and fire. This is directed on the first line and prevents the enemy firing back. Sprays of mud, debris, parts of the bodies of men are thrown into the air, and in front of this screen the attack advances. The men crawl out of their trenches and go over the top, walking leisurely, some smoking, and in some cases the men have been seen kicking a football ahead of them. The objective is from 200 to 500 yards away. When within about 50 yards the fire suddenly ceases and is lifted farther back to cut off the bringing up of reserves. Then the attackers spring forward, and any Germans who have not been killed in the first fire are killed in their dugouts. If Fritz does not come out at once a little bomb or two will bring him streaming out. Some dugouts are 30 or 40 feet deep.

"The allies attacks are made in 'wave' or open order formation. The men walk about five yards apart, and row follows row. The German is cowardly and has to have his comrade close to him to feel secure. They charge in massed attacks and are mowed down by the thousands.

"Following the attacking party comes stretcher bearers, water and food carriers, ammunition supplies and all preparations are made to hold all that is taken.

"The spirit of the men is fine. They do not worry about the outcome of the war. They know. They call the folks at home who worry about the end of the war the 'dreary willies.' The people at home are looked to to keep up. The Western front is not the only battle line. The folks at home must fight. National service requires every man and woman to help in every way, to sacrifice food, pleasures, comforts and conveniences as cheerfully as the men at the front are sacrificing their lives.

"Do not talk dissension or dissension. Place implicit confidence in your leaders and don't criticize. They have our mistake made early to guide them and they know what they are about.

"Be whole hearted. You can't be lukewarm. The man who is not with you is against you, and the man who talks peace, stirs up trouble and dissension is worse than the German spy. The German spy system is as carefully prepared and planned as the army. Wherever the enemy's ears are there will be also.

"You will more fully realize that you are in this war when the casualty lists begin to come in and the names of your home boys are on them. It is not pleasant to think of, but this terrible Prussian system must be put down, and peace must be signed on German soil."

Col. J. M. McMillan, 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion, was next. He praised the American soldiers now in France and predicted the downfall of Germany when the weight of this country's forces are felt. He told of the composition of his army. Two years before the war he had been in Germany and had seen the Prussian Guards at Potsdam and other famous German military organizations.

"The Prussians can't fight with our men and they can't fight with yours," he said. "They can only fight with

barbarous weapons. They are not square fighters, they are cowardly. I have not seen a regular fighter among the Germans yet."

He detailed the interesting trip of the Canadians from Vancouver to the front. "French instruction," he says, "is necessary. It is fatal to send men into the trenches before they are up to all the tricks of the trade. The nearer the front line you get the more cheerful you find the men."

His first service was at Aux Chappelles, south of Armentieres, where they went into the attack March 1, 1915. His description of the battle from the high place overlooking the plain was thrilling. Following this his division was sent to the East Ypres salient, five miles deep and two miles wide, where the first gas attack was launched. The salient had been held by French colonial troops, who were surprised by the gas and forced to retire, the men struggling along the road, clutching their throats trying to get air.

There were 100,000 Germans coming through and only 20,000 men in the Canadian forces went into the attack. The artillery was able to give out little support, and out of 1000 men in Col. McMillan's command but 240 remained after five days and nights. Individual fighting, the work of these strong Western men, is what saved Ypres.

He told of the evacuation of the city of Ypres and Eden, of how 1200 pound charges of T.N.T. were hurled into the town from 15 miles back of the line, women and children struggling along the road, and of the destruction accomplished. He saw a hospital shelled and wounded men killed on their stretchers. Col. McMillan told of one house where a shell struck, killing all the occupants, old people and children. "They will not fight on the level," he said. "They always use inhuman methods. If for no other reason, you are in this war people were wiped off the face of the earth." He asked the people here to bear the losses that are going to come with fortitude. Victory is sure, he said, but we must not go into this thing half-hearted. It is necessary to conserve food and supplies of all kinds. He paid a glowing tribute to the Red Cross and the work the Y. M. C. A. is doing.

Major F. P. Edwards, second Canadian Mounted Rifles, was the last speaker. He lost both his hands when a German shell descended into them, taking them off at the wrists. Two men near him were killed by the explosion. He thanked the people for the reception given the officers here and complimented the people upon the fine spirit displayed. He also paid a high compliment to the American soldiers and stated that the Hun is due for an awful licking. He asked the people to be lenient towards the boys at the front. The more that is done at home the quicker the war will end.

He gave an interesting account of patrol work in "No Man's Land," of the sensation of hearing the first bullets, of the first tanks in action, the reception to the first U. S. soldiers upon their arrival in London, and other events. He expressed his indebtedness to the Red Cross, stating that had it not been for this wonderful organization, and particularly a pretty nurse, he would not have been here to tell his story. He pleaded for unlimited support to it, the Y. M. C. A., and any other war work that will help the soldier.

He told of a friend of his, a Capt. Brown, who was wounded in the forearm and was captured by the Germans. He was sent to the operating table, put under an anesthetic, and both his arms were removed at the shoulders. This, he said, the putting of glass and sharp steel into horses' oats, the murder of Edith Cavell and the thousands of other atrocities, gives the idea that the only thing to do is to stamp out the invader. In order to make Germany feel the weight of her crimes, the war must be taken to German soil. Peace will be signed there, and not before. Don't listen to anyone who wants a German peace, he said. There are only two sides—for and against. Those who are against, put them where they can do no harm.

At the Hotel Albany last night Private W. K. Lorimer, second C. M. R. Battalion, and Private E. W. Peet, 16th Canadian Scottish, exhibited an interesting collection of relics. All kinds of bombs, German swords, bayonets, Mauser rifles, gas masks, steel

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