EUROPE'S CITIES FILLING UP WITH WAR'S CRIPPLES

Charles Edward Russell Tells of Effect of Great Conflict Upon Civilization—Maimed, Blind and Crippled on Every Hand—Horror of the Hospitals.

BY CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL.

Going one afternoon out Kensington way on a London omnibus, I saw so many cripples in the street that after a time I was moved to count them. So, then, in the space of a mile and a quarter I counted 13 young men that had lost each a leg, two that had lost both legs and must be wheeled along, six that had lost each an arm, two that had lost both arms and three that had been blinded—all comprising a small sheaf from the harvest of war.

London and Paris and other cities in the war zone are fast filling up with cripples and blind men and paralytics. For the rest of this generation cripples will be the feature of every European scene—horrible maimed, beaten wrecks, eyeless, or chinless or legless.

More cripples and worse cripples than any other war ever produced—that is the fact about this one.

In other times men that went out to fight got bullet holes through leg or arm or shoulder, or maybe a vital part, and often that was all; a round hole made by one bullet. Now, because of the marvelous ingenuity of modern war machinery, men are shattered with 50 pounds instead of one, or torn into bleeding fragments by the jagged pieces of an exploding shell.

Shell wounds make up the majority of the hospital cases; shell wounds and men half suffocated with asphyxiating gas. Only the devil, who invented both, can decide which is the more frightful spectacle: a man shattered with bits of shell or a man suffering the inconceivable agonies that the gas causes.

Either is enough to make you praise the merc of the "trench cleaner," who (in some armies) goes thru a captured trench and finishes off the wounded. In the Austrian army he uses a great club full of spikes. I think it is better than the horrible struggling for breath that you see in a gas victim.

I wish I could conduct thru some of these scenes some of my fellow countrymen that persist in taking a blithesome and sportive view of the European conflict. I think it would a little chasten their exuberant spirits. I swear to you I cannot think how any man that has seen these things can ever be easy in his mind again until by some self-hypnotism he has driven them out.

The horror of hospitals. All these young men, so many thousands of them yesterday strong and healthy and now mere bundles of bones torn from bones, muscles rent from muscles, nerves dragged apart, the broken ends of nerves, maybe, jammed into shattered bone masses, and all this mass of quivering, suffering humanity still alive. Out of them all I remember particularly that young man with his shoulder battered in by a shell, who, because of his youthful strength and vitality, was hours in dying when he should have been but minutes. All the upper part of his right side was crushed to fragments; every 25 minutes he would have morphine shot into him; every 20 minutes the morphine would begin to lose its effects and his shrieks would resound thru a place already filled with other men's shrieks, slippery with other men's blood and sickening with the odors of autopsy. If you know what that is.

If you do not, I shall not tell you.

Nothing you ever read or dreamed of saw depicted about hell was a circumstance to that place. And yet every correspondent that has worked at the front will tell you that this sort of thing goes on all the time when there is active fighting, as there is now on the Somme.

Or take that most wonderful, efficient, useful and admirable of all our war charities, the American Ambulance Hospital at Neuilly, near Paris. I warrant you that one afternoon's stroll through that great institution will be all the war you will want for the rest of your life. This is where they take the desperate and hopeless cases and by the sheer force of a matchless surgery snatch them out of the grip of death. Men with jaws shot away, noses and eyes shot out, faces so horribly and grotesquely battered they look like hideous red caricatures of human beings; more than 600 of them there all the time.

Let me not dwell on the details; you could not sleep this night. Only I wish that in some way you could get hold of the sense of them that you might know war as it is and hate it and all things that make it as they ought to be hated.

The horrors of a night in the trenches, "star bombs," making the region as bright as day, the earth trembling under the discharge of the aerial torpedoes and other giant explosives, the incessant din so great that I have heard it 70 miles away, the enemy creeping behind the shadows to the attack, bayonet fighting, stabbing and clubbing, while the 75s go "pom-pom-pom-pom," and the "crack-crack-crack" of the machine guns never lets up.

The horror of standing there and fighting while your friend at your side is annihilated, maybe, and you are covered with his warm blood and keep on.

The horror the gas cloud that comes creeping slowly but inexorably along, close to the earth, rolling, rolling, straight at you until it rolls into your trenches, and any man that breathes but once of it lives four days in agony and prays for death.

The horror of the red hospital trains, bringing back the insane, the men whose minds have given away under all this complicated nightmare of horrors. The horrors of the other hospital trains that night after night fom the front bring back still more dreadful freight, pieces of men to be patched up and put together again that they may drag themselves miserably through some barren years. The horrors of the white-faced, silent throng such a place as Saint Lazarer or the Gare de l'Est, Paris, waiting every night for the coming of such trains.

The horror of the lingering odors of old battlefields, where the earth has been soaked in blood and maybe heaps of slain or wounded men have lain many hours in the sun. The horrors of literal streams of blood. A man that was at Gallipoli told me that after one day in which they fought from sunrise to sunset, the sea all along the shore was red with the blood that had run into it.

No wonder men go insane by scores and hundreds. Yet pile up all the horrors you would see in a week at the front, one on another, and the whole terrible accumulation that seems mountain high would be, as a matter of fact, nothing but a poor symbol of the total horror that stretches and broods over 2000 miles of battle front between the English channel and the Aegean sea.

Four women in every five in Paris in mourning; four homes in every five in all the belligerent countries under the shadow of some bereavement; 745 towns, villages and hamlets in France alone destroyed in whole or in part; tears, sorrow, pain and unchanging misery for millions and millions of people—I solemnly swear to you, I do not know how any of the rest of us ever manage to laugh. I should think anything like content or ease of mind would be banished from all the world, mirth would be forgotten among the sons of men, and we should do nothing but mourn above a vast calamity that seems, at least for our times, to have blotted out, in a sirocco of death and ruin, the hopes of the race!

GEORIA GIVES USUAL DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 7.—President Wilson was given the usual substantial democratic majorities in today's election in the southern states of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

The democrats gained at least one seat in congress in the defeat of James J. Britt, republican for re-election from the tenth North Carolina district by Schulon Weaver, democrat. The North Carolina delegation thus becomes once more wholly democratic. Early returns from Virginia indicated that the democrats had retained the nine seats they already had, but that Congressman Slemp was re-elected in the ninth district, which is normally republican. The result in the two close districts in Tennessee and the one in Louisiana, which now has a progressive congressman, was still in doubt.

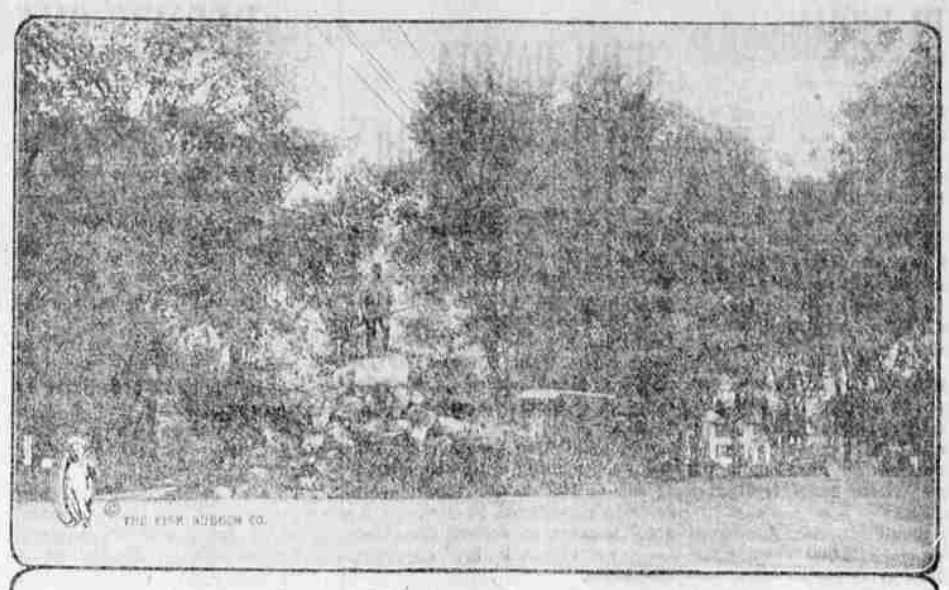
ILLINOIS FOR HUGHES: CLOSE RACE CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—The vote for president in 2,065 out of 5,589 Illinois precincts, including 1783 in Chicago, gives Wilson, 492,545; Hughes, 587,135, a lead of 94,639 for Hughes.

CHICAGO—Early returns in Illinois showed Hughes leading Wilson. The race in Cook county (the city of Chicago) is exceedingly close but the downstate precincts first reporting show heavy pluralities for Hughes.

One hundred and fifty-two precincts out of 2791 in the city of Chicago give Hughes 24,849; Wilson, 24,021. Forty out of 2973 outside of Cook county give Hughes 9456; Wilson 4712. In addition early estimates from down state counties, based on scattering returns from each, show in nearly every instance pluralities for Hughes.

HISTORIC SCENES IN OLD NEW ENGLAND



Scene of THE LEXINGTON MASSACRE

Lexington Green, in eastern Massachusetts, where British regulars first fired on American colonists, attracts hundreds of automobilists each day during the summer. Here on the 19th of April, 1775, a regiment of 800 British regulars dispatched from Boston by General Gage to seize stores of ammunition supposed to have been hidden in Concord by the colonists, were met by seventy provincials. Failing to disperse on command, the patriots were fired on by the British and sixteen of them were killed. This, the "battle" of Lexington, fired the country, and within a short time an army of 16,000 men had gathered about Boston, the first organized defiance of British rule in America.

Five state roads lead to Lexington from every direction, and every road has its historic points and scenes. Many of the original houses about Lexington Green are still standing and are still fine residences. The white house seen in the picture is the Harrington home-stead, at the doorway of which John Harrington, who was fatally wounded when Pitcairn commanded the British to fire on the assembled "rebels," expired at the feet of his wife.

The road from Boston to Lexington is over the original route of Paul Revere's ride, "through every Middlesex village and farm," and from all parts of the country come tourists who react in their minds the stirring scenes of revolutionary times as they glide over perfect roads at speed and comfort never even dreamed of in those early days of our country's history. (Copyright, 1916, the Fisk Rubber Co.)

WILSON IS AHEAD IN WASHINGTON

SEATTLE, Nov. 8.—Returns from all parts of the state show a nearly uniform lead for Wilson, for Poindexter, republican for senator, and McBride, republican, for governor and indicate that these candidates have carried the state. Returns from 242 precincts out of 2385 in Washington give Hughes 19,053; Wilson 21,684. One hundred and eighty-seven precincts give Poindexter, republican for senator 15,703; Turner, democrat, 19,853. One hundred and eighty-seven precincts give McBride, republican for governor 15,786; Lister, democrat, 12,946.

The hotel liquor initiative bill, to permit serving of liquor in hotel rooms, and the brewery initiative bill, to permit the manufacture and sale of beer were beaten by enormous majorities and probably have not carried a single county in the state. Eighty-seven precincts in Seattle give 8662 for the brewery bill and 12,008 against. The smaller counties give still larger adverse majorities.

Both sides claimed Washington shortly after midnight, the democrats setting their figures much higher than the republicans.

At democratic state headquarters George E. Ryan, secretary of the Wilson non-partisan committee said:

"We consider Washington safe for Wilson by between 20,000 and 30,000 plurality. We also believe Governor Ernest Lister has been re-elected by a plurality of 5,000."

F. C. Harper, chairman of the republican state central committee, said: "I think Hughes will pull through in Washington by about 5,000 plurality. We can lose King county (Seattle) by 5,000 and still win, according to meager reports we have received from other parts of the state.

The indications are that we will elect Frazier Governor Henry McBride governor by a small majority."

NEW YORK GOES FOR HUGHES BY 100,000

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Charles E. Hughes, republican candidate for president carried New York state by approximately 100,000, the returns showed at 2 o'clock this morning with only 338 districts missing out of a total of 7283 for President Wilson.

Governor Whitman's lead over Samuel Seabury, democrat with 851 districts lacking was 124,734.

William M. Calder, apparently had defeated William M. F. McCombs, democratic candidate for United States senator. Returns were not complete from the twelfth congressional district, but in 13 of the 15 election districts, Leon Sanders, democrat, led Myer London, socialist, by 18 votes.

TODAY'S MARKETS

Portland Livestock Market

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 8.—Hogs (easier) receipts 1024. Prime light, $9.50@9.65; prime strong weights, $9.30@9.45; good to prime mixed, $9.00@9.30; rough heavy packing, $8.50@9.10; pigs and skips, $8.25@8.75; stock hogs, $7@8.

Cattle steady; receipts 73. Steers, prime light, $7@7.25; prime heavy, $6.75@7.15; good, $6.25@6.65; cows, choice, $5.25@5.50; medium to good, $5@5.25; ordinary to fair, $4.25@4.75; heifers, $4@6; bulls, $2.75@4.50; calves, $6@7.

Sheep steady; receipts 281. Choice lambs, $8.50@8.75; common lambs, $6@7.50; choice yearling wethers, $7.50@7.75; good yearlings, $7.25@7.50; choice light ewes, $5.50@6; heavy ewes, $4@5.50.

Portland Butter

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 8.—Butter, unchanged.

Portland Grain Market

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 8.—Wheat strong; no trading. Spot bids unchanged to 1c higher. Bluestem, $1.50; Fortyfold, $1.51; club, $1.48; Red Fife, $1.48; Red Russian, $1.44. Barley unchanged.

Today's car receipts: Wheat 18, barley 1, flour 7, oats 5, hay 6.

Chicago Wheat

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—Wheat:

	Open	Close
December	$1.85	$1.87⅝
May	1.86	1.88¾

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett

The masque ball last Saturday night proved to be a grand success to the promoters of the move. There was a good attendance and everything passed off very pleasantly. The music conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Launspach, of Medford, gave general satisfaction, and the lunch served by Frank Lewis was up to date. There was quite a number of masquers, and I hear of no one finding any fault with the proceedings. The management, Messrs. Hall and Riley seemed to be on their job.

Sunday night the Christian Endeavor met at the usual hour and had an entire change in their program. Instead of following the old rut, the president, Mrs. Grover, changed the whole plan and in the place of having the young people take the leading part, she had her class composed of about all of the old people, who attend the religious services here. Among them were Jane Curtice, aged about 86, Marcia S. Wood and wife, aged about 78, and 68, W. G. Knighton and wife, aged about 70, Grandma Heckathorn, about 80, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer, aged about 60, and your correspondent who is old enough to be a better man. We were all seated on the rostrum and I imagine made a good appearance. There were not as many present as usual, as there was a picture show in the opera house at the same time, and that dribbled the few people in town, so that neither party had the number present that was expected. The exercises were opened by singing two or three selections by the class and prayer by Mr. Painter, followed by reading the scripture lesson by Mrs. Charles Cantrade, (she was not a member of the class, as she was not old enough). Then grandma Curtice gave us a recitation, which met with hearty applause, and M. S. Wood read an article from a magazine. This was followed by a solo by the president, Mrs. Grover. Mrs. M. S. Wood was then called on and started to repeat her part from memory, but failed, and finally read the poem. Your correspondent was then called on to make a few remarks, and was limited to four minutes, on the subject for the evening: "The Advantages of Being a Christian," and about the time he got well under way time was up. Mrs. Norman McQuoid gave us a recitation that seemed to meet with the approval of the audience and then Mrs. L. K. Haak gave us a talk and read a paper, but as she stood in the rear end of the building I was not able to hear anything that was said. The two ladies last named were not members of the class, as they are too young.

J. H. Petty has rented Mr. Thomas M. Riley's farm on Antelope creek and gone on it to live.

F. L. Heath has sold his stock of goods and fixtures to a man by the name of M. Z. Asdaft and he has taken possession. Mr. Heath had bargained the goods to another man but on

There have been some changes in our neighborhood recently. Austin Corbin has leased his orchard to Henry Van Hovenburg on Sams valley for a term of two years and has taken possession and that has caused us to lose one of our best families. J. S. Quackenbush and family who moved to Medford Tuesday and Mr. Van Hovenburg's foreman have already moved on to the orchard, but we trust that Mr. V.'s foreman, I have not yet him or learned his name, will prove to be as good a neighbor as Mr. Q. has been.

account of him not being able to collect money due him was unable to meet the claim so necessitated another change.

Mr. Aslaff and a companion of his are stopping at the Sunnyside at present.

Born, to the wife of one of our hardware merchants, Roy Ashpole, Oct. 30, a son, and Roy steps as high as a multi-millionaire. At last accounts the mother and child were doing well.

There were quite a number of the Rebekahs of our town went to Medford Tuesday to attend an assembly of the order.

W. Hart Hamilton who owns and operates a large farm joining our town started for his home in San Jose, Cal., Monday.

Just as Mrs. Howlett was getting ready to take the Minter jitney for Medford Tuesday and dinner was over Messrs. Earl Day, Henry Van Hovenburg, L. W. Day, Howard Bushnell and Henry Schuman-Heink, all of Sams valley, and Homer Hill and Thomas M. Riley called for dinner, but she had provided for just such emergency for she had Mrs. Geo. W. Daley to fill the place of chief cook.

Perry Foster and J. F. Maxfield were in town Monday. Mr. Maxfield has rented the Perry Foster place on Rogue river above here. His son, Ed Foster, and family have gone back to Pennsylvania on account of Mr. F.'s health.

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