

GERMANS HID IN SHELL HOLES SNIPE IN WAR

In Drive British Sweep Over Large Numbers of Enemy, Who Begin Firing From Rear on Advancing Forces—Bayonets and Grenades Used to Clear Field.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Aug. 2.—(Delayed)—The British and French and the Germans alike along the front of the battle in Flanders still held their positions late today in the bogland produced by the torrential rainstorm which has been deluging the battle line from Tuesday evening until today, when it showed signs of moderating. Beyond artillery operations, which are continuing with great intensity, there is little activity with the exception of one or two points, and the French and British were resting in consolidated and strongly organized positions captured from the Germans in the first few hours' onslaught.

St. Julien today continued to be a storm center, the artillery of both sides pounding steadily at their opponents' positions about this place. The British were again in possession of the 300-yard front just north of Frenzenberg, which the Germans wrested from them in a counter-attack late yesterday. In a sharp drive last night after heavy artillery preparation the British forced the Germans from this strong position and have held it since. This was the only counter-attack of any consequence delivered by the Germans since late Wednesday.

Hid in Shell Holes.

Detailed reports of Tuesday's battle show that the front between Hollebeke and LaBasseville was the scene of some of the heaviest fighting of the day, the Australians and English charging along this line swept over large numbers of Germans lying in shell holes who were overlooked in the semi-darkness. Immediately after the British troops had gone beyond these holes the Germans began sniping at the rear of the advancing forces. These snipers were eventually dealt with and the shell holes cleared. The morale of the German troops in this section is said to have been good and they made stiff fight for the positions which they finally had to relinquish.

In the ruined village of Hollebeke the British were favored with large numbers of concrete dugouts which had no surface entrances, but which were approached by tunnels. The attacking troops forced their way into these strongholds, which contained large numbers of men, and blew them to pieces with bombs.

Bayonet Used Freely.

This underground tunnel is still filled with German bodies. Just north of Hollebeke two strongly held German positions were occupied without a stop. On the ground overlooking Wyseschaete the British encountered shell holes, camouflaged with wire netting, and hedges which had been interlaced with barbed wire. Fierce fighting occurred here and the Australians, who were conducting the offensive, carried the positions with bayonets and killed large numbers of the enemy.

One notable incident of the day's fighting occurred on the Warneton-Gardard farm road at a windmill on a slight elevation. This place previously had been bitterly contested because it overlooks the surrounding country which is very flat. The Australians took the place in the early morning, but the Germans regained it the same night. At midnight the Australians charged the position with bayonets and ejected the Germans after sanguinary fighting. LaBasseville was also the scene of severe fighting and here, as at Hollebeke, were found concrete dugouts which are now filled with their dead defenders, who were bombed.

BRITAIN TAUGHT BY AMERICAN TO SAVE BABIES

Bernard Shaw Writes of Judge Neil's Efforts for Mothers' Pensions—Regarded as Impertinence at First, He is Gaining Ground by Showing Humanity to Be Fools.

By GEORGE BERNARD SHAW. (Copyright by News Enterprise Ass'n)

LONDON, Aug. 3.—By a happy coincidence the moment at which the United States threw themselves into the European struggle to destroy life was that in which they threw themselves also into the European struggle to save it.

President Wilson was the protagonist of the first operation and Judge Henry Neil of Chicago of the other. But the conditions of the conflict differ. The killing was regarded in England as glorious, and was being conducted with prodigious energy; the saving was regarded as impertinent, and was being very vigorously and even indignantly obstructed.

Even the argument that England could have had a million more soldiers if she had been willing to spend every pound a head on keeping them alive until they were one year old had little effect, possibly because, as they would have been killed anyhow, it did not seem to matter much. Besides, there are such a lot of other things to worry about.

Germany's Example.

Judge Neil had the great advantage of having no other business in England than to save the babies. Also he seemed to know by instinct what the Germans had demonstrated at enormous expense in Berlin by the institution of the Empress Augusta Home, where children are given all the costly advantages that can be conferred on them by an institution which is exhibited to all Europe as a model of its kind and a wonder of the very latest scientific hygiene and baby culture, with the remarkable result that a child brought up on the mud floor of a Connaught cabin can have had its life insured at a much lower rate than a Kaiserin Augusta child if anybody should happen to think of insuring it at all.

Judge Neil, a man of powerful originality, conceived the startling notion that as a child must, after all, be looked after by somebody until a trustworthy combined incubator, stomach pump and vacuum cleaner is invented, and that that somebody may as well be the child's mother. He proposed, in short, to tear the children from the aching arms of the official guardians of the poor and the headle (poorhouse superintendent) and fling them naked on the maternal breast. Unnatural as it seemed, the notion had its good points. It was much cheaper; and the children did not die of it as they did in the constriking carcases of the official custodians. Within reason, even a bad mother is better than a good headle.

Experiment Successful.

Judge Neil had another fresh idea. He did not dispute the rule that "the poor in a loom is bad." When the poor mother was trotted out and exhibited as necessarily a bad mother, he pointed out with the simplicity of Columbus that the way to get over her poverty, and consequently her badness, was to give her some money.

When the experiment was only half a success in America, he said "Give her twice as much money," which being done, the experiment became wholly successful.

There was no mystery about the matter; you take a woman whose child is a crushing burden to her, and you make it a source of revenue. You get rid of the very objectionable sort of child stealer call an uplifter, and make the child the uplifter and the mother the uplifted, a process which, as the mother carries the child, ends in the child being uplifted, too.

Mothers' pension is a popular title, but it is not an exact one. As the pension is not given to a mother who

has lost her children, it is clearly a child's pension for which the mother is made trustee; and it is well to insist on this so as to be prepared for the case of the trustee proving untrustworthy.

Young Age Pensions.

When Judge Neil came to England he found, among the other eccentric arrangements of this most unreasonable country, that we had actually instituted old age pensions without ever thinking of the far more pressing need for young age pensions; and he set himself to persuade us that we had begun at the wrong end.

A still crazier discovery was that a woman with illegitimate children could by a familiar everyday process of English law obtain a pension of five shillings a week for each child provided she selected the father from the well to do class which can afford such luxuries.

No doubt this arrangement tends to abolish class hatred by encouraging affectionate relations between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie; but Judge Neil could not be made to understand why a respectable married woman, struggling to bring up six children, should have a starvation pittance doled out to her with every circumstance of bitter humiliating and continuous insult, whilst a less scrupulous one should have twice as much without any worse ordeal than facing just once a smile from a magistrate and his staff.

The judge makes helps of hindrances of these anomalies. They enable him to show us what fools we are in a good humored manner. He is gaining ground here as he did in his own country. The right idea only needed the right man to drive it; and Judge Neil seems to be the right man.

DOG TAX LICENSE LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 3.—Circuit Judge Hamilton has rendered a decision in which he held that the so-called state dog license law, which was adopted at the last session of the legislature, is unconstitutional. Besides incurring the owners of dogs with double taxation, the law provides no compensation for constables who are compelled to seize and destroy dogs for the non-payment of licenses, Judge Hamilton held. District Attorney Neuner said he probably would appeal the action to the supreme court.

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RUSSIAN MORALE MUCH IMPROVED

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Times correspondent at Russian headquarters on the southwest front, under date of July 31, confirms reports of improvement in morale in the Russian army as a consequence of measures against desertions and panics. Disaffected Russian regiments have returned to the front. Emperor William and Field Marshal Von Mackenzan, according to the same dispatch, made a triumphal entry into Tarnopol. The weight of the German offensive, the dispatch adds, appears to be directed toward Kamenetz Podolsky, en route to Odessa.

SWISS SEQUESTERATE ENTIRE CEREAL CROP

BERNE, Aug. 3.—The Swiss government has issued an order sequestering the entire cereal crops with the exception of the quantities required for the personal consumption of the producers and for seed purposes.

KAISER COMMENDS VON HINDENBURG

LONDON, Aug. 3.—A Copenhagen dispatch to Reuter's Limited contains the following message telegraphed by Emperor William to Field Marshal Von Hindenburg:

"It is a need of my heart, my dear field marshal, at the conclusion of the third year of this mightiest of all wars in which you incessantly and with brilliant strategy and art have defied the enemy's superior forces and cleared the way for our armies to victory, to express anew to you my inexhaustible thanks. I grant you the cross and star of the high command of any royal orders of the house of Hohenzollern. The badges will be posted immediately."

NEW YORK EXCHANGE TO BE CLOSED SATURDAY

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—The board of managers of the Coffee and Sugar exchange voted today to close the exchange tomorrow. Similar action has already been taken by the other exchanges here.

BERKELEY LAUNDRY MAN KILLED IN TONG WAR

BERKELEY, Cal., Aug. 3.—Gee Lung, a laundryman about 50 years old, was killed this morning by two

Chinese who entered his place and fired a number of shots. The murdered man was a member of a San Francisco tong. The police are certain that the killing means the beginning of a tong war.



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PARASOLS HALF PRICE

- \$1 Parasols now 50c
- \$2 Parasols now \$1.00
- \$3 Parasols now \$1.50
- \$4 Parasols now \$2.00
- \$5 Parasols now \$2.50
- \$6 Parasols now \$3.00

Summer Dresses at Reduced Prices

- \$7.00 Dresses now **\$4.98**
- \$4.00 Dresses now **\$2.98**
- \$3.00 Dresses now **\$1.98**

Middies

Women's and Children's new style Middies, each..... **\$1.25**

Summer Underwear at Old Prices

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| Women's good quality Vests, cheap today at 25c; very special, each..... 18c | Women's new Union Suits, fine quality, will soon be worth \$1; now:..... 69c | Kayser's fancy Summer Vests, new styles, worth 75c; now each,..... 48c |
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Saturday is Corset Day

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| Women's Corsets, good heavy quality, worth at today's prices \$1.00; now..... 69c | Discontinued lines of Women's Corsets, sold up to \$2.50; to close out, pair..... \$1.48 |
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| Good quality Talcum Powder, and good Tooth Paste, on sale Saturday, each..... 9c | TOWELS
Good size Bath Towels, worth 15c; this sale, each..... 12½c |
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HATS

Boys' Straw Hats, sold at 69c, to clean up, each **25c**

Women's Outing Hats, sold up to \$2.50, to close out, each . . . **50c**

Big Bargains in Good Hosiery

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| Women's and Children's fast black Hose, all sizes, very special, pair..... 15c | Women's fine Lisle Hose in all colors and black; special, a pair..... 39c | Women's fancy Silk Hose, in a great line of colors; now, a pair..... \$1.19 |
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Big Bargains in Wash Skirts

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| Palm Beach Skirts and Corduroy Skirts; up to \$8.00 values, now, each..... \$4.98 | Women's Pique and Gaberdine Skirts, up to \$4.00 values, now, each..... \$2.98 |
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- BEDSPREADS**
Full size Crochet Bedspreads, \$2.25 values, now, each..... **\$1.69**

- BABY BONNETS**
New styles, up to 75c values, this sale, each..... **29c**

MATCHES PENNIES TO ENTER THE ARMY

FRESNO, Cal., Aug. 3.—W. S. Desmond, a carpenter of Huntington Lake, Fresno county, is above the selective draft age limit, but he wanted to join the army. He told his wife she objected. He offered to match pennies with her. She agreed. He suggested heads, stay at home; tails, go to the front. They matched and tails won. Today Desmond enlisted in the field artillery here. "My wife's a good sport," he told the recruiting officer.

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