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EM-TEES

OLD SATAN'S MASTERPIECE.

(By Marshal McAllister, Co. E, in the Spiker.)

Old Satan was looking quite solemn and grim.

While making a survey of the land, He felt his business all going on the bum;

There were no deeds of darkness at hand.

The Lord had been gathering more souls than he had,

Although he looked early and late with vim,

The peace that was reigning supreme in the world

Was quite irritating to him.

"If I can manage to pull off some stunt,"

Smiled old Satan, "to even the score,

And teach the vain world to appreciate me?"

So, you see, old Satan was sore.

He cast his dark eye over this still sleeping world

While the lights were flashing out over the land.

Then he tore the black clouds with his furious breath,

In desperation as he planned.

He hatched up a scheme so eternally dark

Filled with coal black murder and spite,

And he carried it out with infinite ease

Through the solemn and deep purple shades of the night.

For a while, he chose the Mexican soil

Where scorpions for years have fed,

Where buzzards wheel high in the coppery sky

And the centipedes crawl o'er the dead.

He carried the bulk to his broad knoading board

And he knoaded it up nice and fine,

And to make it mold better, he dipped his big fist

In the dark, turbid flow of the Rhine.

Through the dark night, he worked and he grimed,

And he reviewed the dark lines of his plan,

Then he moulded it up to a semblance, at least

Of a real, honest-to-God white man.

Then he turns to the earth for a finishing touch,

Where the African jungle streams wind,

And there, in the light of the still early dawn—

A cobra! The luckiest find!

He placed in the bosom of his great masterpiece

The heart of the reptile, then

Pronouncing it perfect, in it breathed life,

And behold! A leader of men!

And the angels they wept; old Satan he laughed!

He cheered with breathless glee.

Then he chose him a place on Germany's soil,

And, presto! The kaiser you see.

PROGRESS OF THE BATTLE.

FOR fifty days the allies have conducted an offensive covering the western front from Ypres to Rheims. Foch has rained hammer blows at vital points all along the extended line,—first here, then there, never giving the enemy time to reform or recuperate but steadily smashing on, using up German reserves and forcing a retirement that may eventually become a major disaster—dependant upon German morale.

The German offensive left the Boche in many awkward salients, positions valuable on an offensive but promising disaster in a defensive. Skillful generalship has enabled the Germans thus far to preserve their armies intact, though their losses total 150,000 prisoners, 2,500 guns and enormous quantities of munitions and probably 500,000 casualties.

Foch has been able to do this through a united command and a constantly increasing American reserve. The effect of the coming of America and the proof of American valor as displayed on the Marne was to strengthen the morale of all the allies and convince them that victory lay in their grasp, that their cause was unbeatable. They always fought valiantly and stubbornly—but now they fight victoriously—imbued with the spirit of victory. The Germans are now righting stubbornly but hopelessly, with their best troops sacrificed for German greed.

The vital sectors of the battle line—far outstripping all others in importance—is the Canadian-British drive for Cambrai and the French-American drive for Laon. The British have already broken thru the second Hindenburg or Wotan line on a wide front and are steadily advancing. The French are almost on the Hindenburg line north of Soissons and slowly advancing. These two drives are outflanking the entire German defense system from the Belgian coast to Verdun. Between these sectors, the allied advance is for the purpose of harassing the enemy and preventing an orderly retreat.

Flanked from both ends, the Germans must withdraw on a grand scale. Numerous defense lines have been constructed to delay the allied pursuit but a retreat all along the line to the line of the Meuse is probable—and it will be the greatest military disaster in history. Only unfavorable weather conditions can prevent it. It will have to be made very rapidly to enable the Germans to make a stand on their new line before winter sets in and the time for rear guard actions will be limited. Beyond all question thousands of prisoners and guns will be left in the hands of the allies and unheard-of quantities of munitions destroyed to prevent their falling into enemy hands.

Such a retreat will be confession of German failure and break forever the military prestige of Germany, besides shattering German morale.

TELLS OF CHASING HUNS SIX DAYS WITHOUT FOOD

Mrs. E. L. Tou Velle has received the following letter from her nephew, Sergeant J. B. Anderson, of Chillicothe, Ohio, a member of machine gun company H in the 166th Infantry, Rainbow division, which participated in the battle of the Marne with the Chateau Thierry advance. He was wounded by a bursting shell and is now convalescing on the Riviera. The letter, written July 31, follows:

"I have been very slightly wounded and am in a hospital. I was hit on the left cheek by a piece of shell, but it is only a scratch. Six Months Fighting "We surely have seen some hard fighting lately. For six months we have been in continuous action, and I have not been without my gas mask for that time, except the six weeks I attended the machine gun school. I have been in some tight holes and in some exceedingly hot places, but nothing to compare with this drive beginning July 15th. We did not get a chance to eat or sleep for a week before I was wounded. We chased the Dutch for three days, and then they made a stand. And it took us three days more of awful fighting, to get them started again. We were under terrific machine gun and artillery fire all the time.

Please don't forget that my wound is about as slight as could be made, and I am feeling fine. I surely was lucky—a shell exploding within a few feet of me and only cutting my cheek a little.

Red Cross Praised "The Red Cross is surely here with the goods. When I was hit, I was taken to a first aid station, and then rode the fender of an automobile for about 15 miles—would stop at towns along the road, and had all kinds of hot chocolate, coffee and good things to eat. Then I got on a Red Cross American hospital train and came here to Paris—had hot drinks and things to eat on the train. The Red Cross treats a fellow fine. You know some of the fellows that got hurt sing, "I Don't Want to Get Well." That may be the way with me before long. The nurse says I may have some eggs for breakfast.

"One funny thing was the shell that hurt my cheek tore the side off my shoe and never hurt my foot a bit. By the time you receive this letter I will be all right.

Ahead of Kitchens From other sources, Mrs. Tou

Velle has learned that the 166th infantry were a part of the strength which held the lines and turned the tide of war at Chateau Thierry. This gained by piecing together letters which have come home was after the boys had been given a 30 mile hike from the Rheims region all in one night and thrown them into the battle.

So rapid was the fighting and advance that sometimes the boys were three days ahead of their kitchen details and they had to go without food except such wheat as they got by rubbing out the husks right in the fields and chewing it and it tasted mighty good according to one soldier.

Reports tell of the Indians, the Red-men who are in the ranks. These warriors strip to the waist, their copper head skins blend to the soil even better than does the khaki uniform. They beg for places in the listening posts and armed with a long sharp knife, they put out of commission the German patrol who happens to come their way and without any noise. They just cut that knife across his throat and shut off any attempt to give an alarm. They are holding up the brightest traditions of their ancestors in this fight for America, the land of liberty to them as well as for us now.

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America's Roll of Honor

Today's Casualty List Sent By Pershing From Battle Front in France.

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces: Killed in action, 91; wounded in action, 150; missing in action, 69; died of wounds, 11; died from accident and other causes, 13; wounded, degree undetermined, 22; died from aeroplane accident, three; prisoners, one, died of disease, four. Total 374. The Pacific coast casualties are:

Killed in Action Sergeant Alfred Carter, Oakland, Cal.; Corporal James A. Dunn, San Francisco, Cal.; Corporal Lee R. Griffin, Hayward, Cal. Private Harry Ben Adelschuh, Fresno, Cal.; Private Frank Dupre, Sebastopol, Cal.; Pvt.

Geo. A. Eliopoulos, San Francisco, Cal.; Pvt. Joseph Barber, Pe Ell, Wash.; Pvt. John C. Miller, Los Angeles; Pvt. Joseph F. Andrade, Santa Clara, Cal.; Pvt. Louis E. Berry, Daly City, Cal.

Died of Airplane Accident Lieut. Edward J. Smyth, Pasadena, Cal.

Died of wounds received in action—Private Elmer M. Oglo, Spokane, Wash. Wounded in action—Pvt. Constantine Eischhorn, Odessa, Wash. Wounded severely—Pvt. Harold W. Munson, Spokane, Wash. Missing in action—Pvt. Frank A. Coelho, San Jose, Cal.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS TO BE SENT TO H. S. BUILDING

The board of education upon recommendation duly considered has decided that all pupils eligible to high school this year will be segregated in the high school building; that VI A grade of the Roosevelt building will be equally divided as near as possible between the Lincoln and Washington buildings; location of homes of these pupils determining largely which school they will attend; that VII B of Jackson attend Washington; that VII A of Jackson attend Lincoln; that VIII B of Roosevelt attend Lincoln; that VIII B and VIII A of Roosevelt attend Washington; that VIII B and VIII A of Jackson attend Washington.

By the foregoing plan it will be possible to decrease the running expense of the system, and at the same time the arrangement will in no way impair the efficiency of the system of schools. Furthermore, the plan will not work a hardship on pupils as those who are transferred belong in the upper grades and are thus able walk to any school in the district. Neither will the foregoing plan work a hardship on any teacher for there will not be more than the reasonable number of pupils per teacher where the consolidation is made.

The following is the list of teachers for the school year:

High School William Davenport, superintendent of instruction; Alice Smith, secretary to the superintendent; P. E. Baker, principal of the high school; F. C. McReynolds, head of commercial department; Mrs. Elizabeth Jerome, assistant Commercial department; Nellie Cox, head English department; Be's Kentner, English department; Ruth Lawrence, English and history; Thorin Smith, head of history department; Anne Lindaus, Latin; Adele Braull, French and Spanish; Margaret Keen, head mathematics department; Ethel Newland, mathematics and science; Vesta Hoff, head science department; E. H. Blakeley, Mechanical drawing;

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Jackson School Grade I, Mrs. Mauld Philbrook; Grade II B and II A, vacancy at this writing; Grade IV B and IV A, Mrs. Jeffery; Grade VI A and VI B, Alta Mordoff; Grade V B and V A, Anna M. Johnson, principal of the building.

Roosevelt School Grade I, Mrs. Blanche Neff Conode; Grade II B and II A, Edna Dem-

mer; Grade III B and IV A, Theone Carlin; Grade IV A and V B, Phine Anderson; Grade V A and VI B, Elizabeth Ferguson, principal of the building.

E. R. Cummings of Seattle, former well known manager of the Star theater, spent Thursday in the city in his capacity as advance agent of the Gladstone-Chandler vaudeville company which plays at the Rialto theater Friday.

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