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Familienglieder, welche am
liebsten Deutsch lesen.

Vom Schauplatze des europäischen Völkerkrieges.

Seit der Einnahme von Haucourt durch die Deutschen ist im französischen Lager ein Wedel eingetreten, der jedem, der französische Generalstabberichte bedächtig liest, nicht verborgen bleiben kann. Während sich der französische Generalstab nämlich bisher hartnäckig geweigert hat, auch nur die geringsten Zugeständnisse zu machen, ist er seit dem Zalle von Haucourt zu folgen bereit. Kein Tag ist seit der Eroberung Haucourts vergangen, an dem der französische Vertrag nicht die seitdem gemachten Fortschritte der Deutschen zugegeben hätte, ohne dazu durch vorhergehende Berichte des deutschen Generalstabes gezwungen worden zu sein. Physiologisch lässt sich diese veränderte Tatsat vielleicht dadurch erklären, dass die Einnahme des außerordentlich stark befestigten Ortes eine große Entlastung gewesen ist und dass sie der Vorbot einer weiteren Terrainverluste ist, wie z. B. die Nähmung von Béthincourt und der ganzen französischen Stellung nördlich von der Linie Aves-Cannes-Chattancourt.

Diese Linie in deutschen Händen würde eine Angriffsfront von rund 10 Kilometern darstellen, gegen deren Rückhalt selbst die größten französischen Anstrengungen sich als vergebens erweisen würden. War doch selbst die jetzige stark zerstörte und eingebrochene Front zu stark, um am Vorstoß nach Süden aufgehalten werden zu können. So viel ist von dem früheren Teil der französischen Front, der sich mit Malancourt als Spize in die deutschen Linien zwängte, nicht mehr übrig geblieben. Durch den Fall von Malancourt, Haucourt und die südlich davon gelegenen Stellungen ist der Teil nicht nur seiner gefährlichen Spitze beraubt, sondern dermaßen eingeschüttet worden, dass der nördliche Rest der alten Stellung, der bei Béthincourt zu finden ist, in der größten Gefahr steht, abgeschnitten zu werden. Einmal in Béthincourt, in das Vorgelände der Wehrorts von Verdun erreicht und es verbleibt nur noch den deutschen Batterien, sie sturmfrei zu schießen, wenn dies bisher aus größerer Entfernung noch nicht geschafft ist.

Unter diesem Gesichtspunkte ist das langsame aber unausbahe Vorrücken der deutschen Kriegsmaschine gegen die Bahlinie Verdun - Paris eine wirkliche und große Gefahr für die französische Seite, und jeder Schritt voraus vergrößert diese Gefahr. Dies erklärt auch den heldenmütigen Widerstand der Franzosen, das hartnäckige Anhalten gegen die neuen deutschen Stellungen und das zähe Festhalten an der Stellung in Béthincourt, die der Maschine den Weg nach Süden verlossen.

Und doch sind alle Bemühungen vergebens. Alle Hindernisse niederrückend, rollt die Maschine in bedächtigen, aber tödlichen Bewegungen nach Süden, und für die Franzosen gibt es kein Entrinnen. Wenn jedoch Zweifel über das Schicksal Verduns bestanden haben, die Kämpfe der letzten Woche haben dies endgültig bestätigt, weil sie bewiesen haben, dass die selbst allergrößten Anstrengungen der Franzosen, die Deutschen aufzuhalten, vergebens gewesen sind, und weil die letzten Tage gezeigt haben, dass die Wut des deutschen Angriffes mit dem Vorbrechen nach Süden noch furchtbare geworden ist, als sie es früher schon war.

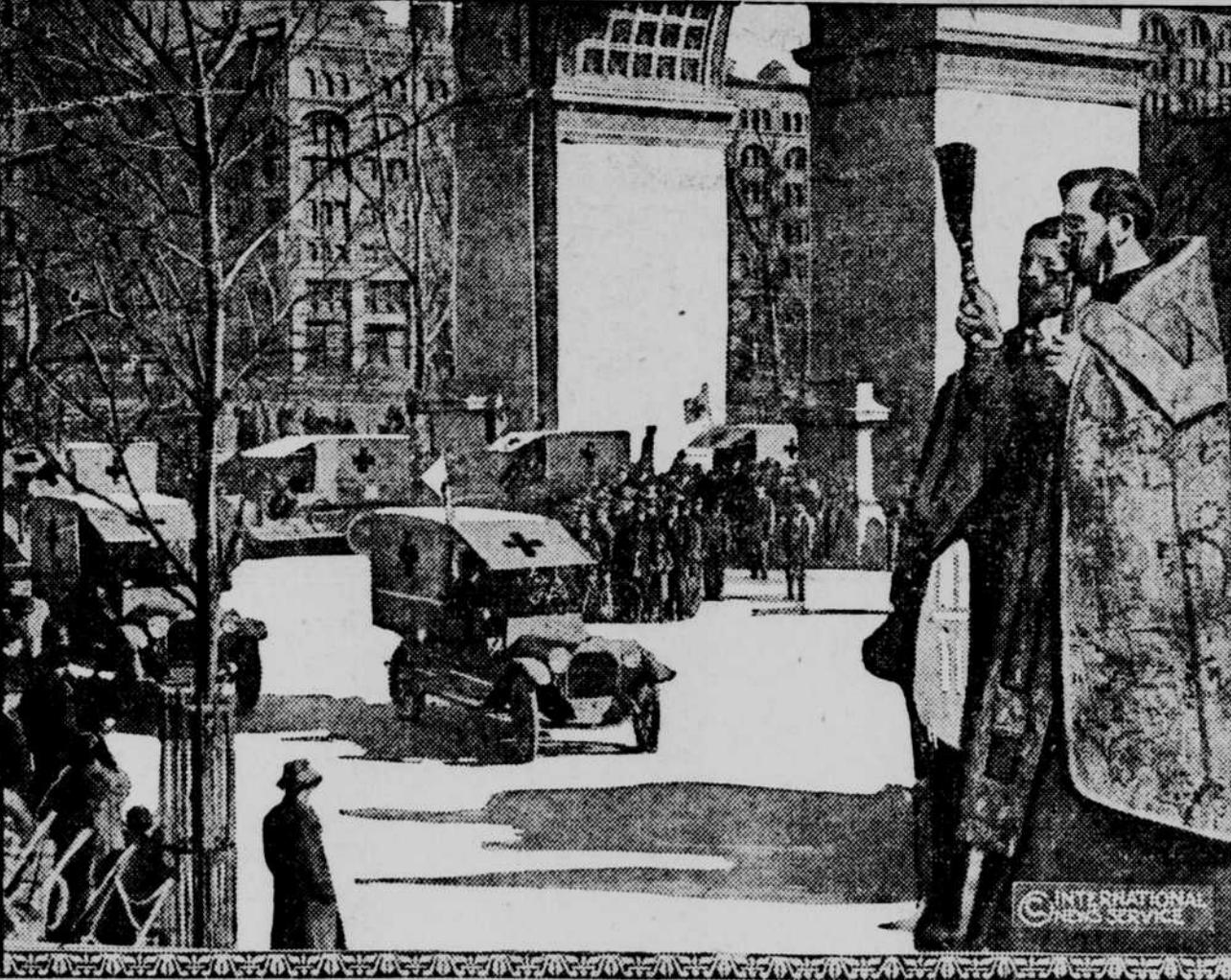
Von Bedeutung ist in dieser Beziehung die von Berlin gemeldete Nachricht, dass sich unter den neuen Gefangenen der letzten Tage schon die allerjüngsten Jahrgänge befinden. Refruten des Jahrganges 1916, die noch bei Mutter weilen oder auf dem Kasernehof sitzen sollten, sind angefressen worden und es ist kein Wunder, dass sie den deutschen Infanteristen keinen Widerstand leisten können, trotz aller Tapferkeit, die man den Franzosen nicht abprägen kann.

Die Hammerschläge eines unbesiegten Volkes.

Der preußische Kriegsminister General Wild von Hohenborn hat sich in seiner Rede im deutschen Reichstag über den Verdun - Feldzug folgerichtig gekämpft. Dies sind nicht, wie unsere Feinde zu glauben vorgeben, die letzten Anstrengungen einer erschöpften Krieger, sondern die Hammerschläge eines starken, unbesiegten Volkes, dem genügend Reserven an Mannschaften und alle sonstigen Hilfsmittel zur Fortsetzung der Hammerschläge im Gebiete stehen. Die Hammerschläge werden andauern, bis unsere Gegner müde gemacht sind."

Mit der Sicherheit eines Uhrwerks und der Wucht von Hammerschlägen nimmt der deutsche Feldzug vor Verdun seinen Fortgang. Wie ein in Bewegung geratener Gletscher zieht sich, stetig und unaufhaltsam, die seite Maße deutscher Streiter gegen die Festung vor.

AMERICANS GIVE AMBULANCES TO RUSSIA



Crowds gathered in Washington square, New York, the other day to witness the dedication of a string of army ambulances presented to the Russian government by Americans. At the right in the illustration is seen a priest of the Orthodox church blessing the ambulances.

APACHE SCOUTS HELPING GENERAL PERSHING



These are the Apache Indians who have been sent to the front in Mexico as scouts to aid General Pershing in tracking Villa.

POINCARE VISITS THE VERDUN TRENCHES



M. Poincaré, president of France, accompanied by officers, on a visit to the trenches in the Meuse district. M. Poincaré is attired in a military cloak and cap of a color not easily discernible from the enemy's trenches.

NO ONE WILL EAT THESE BAD EGGS



It required fifty gallons of kerosene and five hours time for two deputy United States marshals to cremate 89,280 bad eggs, which were condemned by the supreme court of the District of Columbia as being unfit for use. These eggs were seized in the municipal market where they had been offered for sale, and the bakers being the usual purchasers of the canned product.

MEN AND MATTERS

Secretary of State Lansing is an expert fisherman.

Kansas has not had a legalized brewery or saloon for 55 years.

Czar Nicholas of Russia has a watch made from scraps of metal and china.

Kansas has fewer millionaires and paupers than any other state in the Union.

William G. Sharpe, the American ambassador to France, made a fortune from the manufacture of chemicals.

There are 26 museums of safety and institutes for the study of industrial hygiene in the world, 22 in Europe, three in the United States and one in Canada.

Instruments invented by a German to register the electricity produced by the heart and its distribution enable physicians to diagnose diseases of that organ more accurately.

James Montgomery Flagg, the illustrator, was only fourteen years of age when he sold his first picture, which was a comic.

HERO OF KUT-EL-AMARA



Gen. C. V. F. Townshend, commander of the British expedition against Bagdad. He has been holding off a superior force of Turks for months on the Tigris at Kut-el-Amara.

CAMP BARBER AT WORK



The camp barber of one of the detachments of the American force pursuing Villa is here seen doing his best to make a soldier presentable.

Chirography.

School Teacher (to anxious parent) "Your son is bright, intelligent and getting along in everything but handwriting." Parent—"That is all right; his writing doesn't matter, I am going to make a doctor of him."

Putting on Airs.

"I don't like that man Twobble." "Why not?" "Every time I get to arguing with him about the Mexican question, he disconcerts me by pronouncing Villa's name 'Vee-ya.'"

THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

May 1, 1915.

Germans gained ground along Ypres canal, but lost near Bagatelle and in Le Prete forest.

Germans invaded Russian Baltic provinces.

Russians defeated in Kovno and at Orawa and Opor valleys.

Two German torpedo boats and one British destroyer sunk in North sea battle.

Dardanelles and Bosphorus forts bombed.

American tanker Gulflight torpedoed.

May 2, 1915.

British and French vainly attacked Germans northeast of Ypres.

Great battle developed in Plain of Rawa, Central Poland.

Austrians took offensive in region of Ciezkowice.

Allies made further advance on Gallipoli peninsula; Australians lost heavily.

German aeroplanes bombed Epinal and other places.

Last of the landsturm called out.

May 3, 1915.

Germans made violent attacks near Ypres and in Champagne.

Teutons under Von Mackensen won great victory in West Galicia.

Continuous bombardment of Dardanelles maintained by allied fleet.

British steamer Minterne and four Norse steamers sunk by German submarines.

May 4, 1915.

Germans took three villages near Ypres.

French gained in region of Steenstraete.

Fierce battle near Stry between Russians and Teutons.

Triple alliance treaty denounced by Italy.

Turks defeated allies near Avi Burnu.

Lloyd-George introduced second British war budget.

May 5, 1915.

Germans drove British back but were checked by French.

Russians retreated along Galician line and from Carpathian slopes.

Teutons captured Gorlice.

Turks checked allies at Sedd-ul-Bahr.

May 6, 1915.

German line around Ypres gave way in places, and French won ground in Alsace.

Teutons took Tarnow, Jaslo and Dukla and drove Russians from Dunajec and Biala rivers.

Russians defeated Turks in Caucasus.

Desperate fighting in Gallipoli. Five British vessels sunk by submarines.

May 7, 1915.

Cunard liner Lusitania sunk by German submarine; 1,154 persons lost, including 102 Americans.

Germans made more gains near Ypres.

Turks captured ten British guns at Sedd-ul-Bahr.

Russian aviators dropped bombs on Constantinople.

PICKED UP AT RANDOM

About twelve marriages out of every 100 are second marriages.

There is no federal institution in the continental United States for the reception and care of lepers.

The coal mines of Sweden do not produce enough fuel for that country's needs and scientists are trying many experiments with peat, of which there is a vast supply available.

So serious was a recent invasion of Uruguay by locusts that an agricultural and live stock census of that country was postponed for three months.

To enable persons to take breathing exercises systematically and on a progressive scale is the purpose of simple apparatus invented by a French doctor.

Elephants have been put to work in England. Horses are scarce, due to the great demand for war horses, but a Sheffield firm broke the horse famine by hiring a retired elephant from a circus, which pulls as much as five horses.

By photography, with a vibrating lens, an English scientist has timed a lightning flash at one-nineteenth of a second.

Parachutes to bring an aeroplane safely to land after it had met with a mishap in flight are a French invention.

Hawaii will be equipped with a lighthouse giving a double flash of light of \$40,000 candle power every ten seconds.

The mineral production of Alaska last year is officially estimated to have been worth \$22,000,000, the greatest amount on record.

Simulated Erudition.

"Do you always understand the subjects on which you deliver speeches?" "No," replied Senator Sorghum. "Sometimes I have to talk about them in a way that makes people think they're too hard for anybody except myself to understand, even when I am trying to explain them."

That Child!

Tommy—Oh, mother, look at that man! He's only got one arm.

Mother—Hush! He'll hear you.

Tommy—Why, doesn't he know it?

Thousands Tell It

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A Nebraska Case

Mrs. Harriet Stump, McLane, told "Every Picture Tells a Story" Fall City, Neb., for years I suffered from disorderly nerves. The trouble affected my back sides and later developed into rheumatism. Finally I used Doan's Kidney Pills and three boxes of them. I went to the doctor and said, "I have been taking Doan's Kidney Pills for three years now and all the soreness and pain left me. That happened years ago and never returned."

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Sorry He Did It.

It was with considerable trepidation that we approached the shade of Sir Francis Bacon, whom we had crossed the Styx to interview.

"Is it true," we asked, "that you wrote the plays usually attributed to Shakespeare?"

"Yes," he replied, sadly. "It's true enough, but since I've seen some of the Broadway productions of my stuff I'm not bragging about it."

HOW TO REMOVE DANDRUFF

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Legal Day of Rest.

The New York court of appeals has given a decision sustaining the "one-day-rest-in-seven" law that meets the strong approval of progressively minded citizens. The following sentences are worth quoting: "We have no power of decision of the question whether it is the wisest and best way to offset these conditions and to give employees the protection which they need, even if we had any doubt on that subject. Our only inquiry must be whether the provision on its face seems reasonable, fair and appropriate, and whether it can fairly be believed that its natural consequences will be in the direction of the betterment of public health and welfare, and therefore that it is one which the state for its protection and advantage may enact or enforce."—Chicago Evening Post.

British Red Tape.

It is quite easy to be awarded the Victoria Cross the Distinguished Service Order, or any other coveted distinction, and not know anything about it. You would think that the authorities would communicate the intelligence directly. Not a bit of it. You must apply to them when you see your name in the London Gazette