

GRAVEYARD WHERE FIGHT TOOK PLACE

Silent and Awful Scene of Death Marks High Water Points of Battle Along Aisne.

WAR NOW MAN HUNTING GAME

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

TOWN ON THE AISNE, France, Dec. 15.—A little battle graveyard by the roadside, only half a dozen soldier graves with wooden crosses, marks the high-water points reached by the British in the battle of the Aisne in mid-September. It lies near the Chemin des Dames (road of the ladies), which roughly parallels the Aisne three or four miles north of the river and only a short distance from the battered sugar factory of Troyon, for which the Royal Sussex regiment, the King's Royal Rifles and the Royal North Lancashire regiment paid so heavy a price in the battle of September 15. Field Marshal Sir John French registers the names in his report of October 2, in which he tells how the British forces, following up the retirement of the Germans from the Marne line, crossed the Aisne east of Soissons and fought their way to the top of the ridge of hills on the north bank, where they were checked and held by the German troops.

This was three months ago. The Germans later drove the allies from the hills almost to the river and now hold the ground in strong force, entrenched on the crest of the ridge, and the Germans have a doubly difficult task to fight their way up the steep northern slope of the range and re-establish their broken line.

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The French instead of the English, are in the low lands of the valley. All the high points on this side of the river are held by the Germans, so that the French have no observation points from which to direct the fire of their artillery. They can only fire blindly over the ridge at points where they suspect the presence of German batteries or infantry supports, notably at a little village called Cerny, which is now as picturesque a heap of ruins as can be found along the whole Aisne front.

In the noon luncheon hour during which the French artillery is usually silent, a visit was paid in reasonable security to the village. During the rest of the day and night shells are dropping in it at intervals. Particular attention is paid to the village well, the assumption probably being that the Germans come there for water, and although the French artillery practice is not so good as was that of the British, German officers discourage their men from the use of that spring.

Drop Shells Vigorously. Half a mile away, in a sheltered spot in the valley, within a radius of fifty yards, the correspondent counted fourteen fresh shell holes. The French guessed that one of our batteries might be in that spot, "and have just dropped a salvo of shells there. The battery is not there, however, as you see."

Occasionally the French send up one of their aeroplanes to attempt a peep over the ridge to locate batteries, but the anti-balloon and machine guns adapted to high angle fire generally drive the flyer off before he accomplishes his mission.

The slight, as witnessed this morning on another part of the line, is one of the prettiest in war. Perhaps 400 feet up, a gray smoke ring suddenly marked itself against the blue sky, as a machine gun or a rifle bullet struck the hill, and then slowly blanketed into thin haze.

Flyers Banned to Hit. A half hour later the French flyer again essayed to cross the German lines at a point a few miles away. The airplane this time seemed to burst all around him, but he got away unharmed. He usually does, as aiming at such targets is as yet an empirical art.

Before the war, the scene was a picturesque little town clinging to the side of a steep hill near the Aisne, with nearly 2,000 inhabitants, a fine chateau and extensive vine cellars. Now it is an equally picturesque heap of ruins and a fortress with a garrison of German riflemen. A line of entrenchments runs along the southern rim of the town and below on the flat, and in the woods are the French trenches, 20 to 30 yards away.

The regular road leading to the town has been abandoned because they are exposed to full fire from the French artillery. A new approach has been cut through the tangled woods in the rear, but even this is exposed in places and although a screen of pine trees has been erected at exposed points to prevent the French from observing movements of troops and supplies, they occasionally drop a shell here, as deep holes in the road and by the roadside show.

New Man Hunting Game. Warfare between the German riflemen and the French colonial and Legionnaires opposite, devoted for weeks of any momentous operations, has become a cruel, grim sport of hunting the big game man. When the Associated Press correspondent first visited Cerny a few weeks ago in take coffee with the officers of the Cerny rifle battalion, he was told of a new trick being attempted against the French. A dummy had been fitted out in German uniform and would be placed at night in an exposed place be-

tween the lines. The Frenchmen, it was hoped, would come out to attempt to carry off the body. If so, they would come under the fire of rifles of a squad of watchers posted in a wood near the decoy. On his second visit he learned that the trick had been successful. The French had come, and their dummy was thought, had been killed, though only one body had been found.

A Pathetic Death Scene. Through a loophole in the parapet of earth and sandbags one can distinguish in an open field a few hundred yards away the bodies of five Frenchmen and one German soldier. Two other French bodies hang suspended in trees. All have been there for weeks, as it is impossible to bury the dead without risking immediate death. Three of the bodies, those of the three latest killed, lay in a pathetic little red-triangle. The clothing of the other is so bleached out by rain and weather that they can hardly be distinguished.

A pleasantier side to war was presented by the officers' "afternoon coffee" served in their underground "casino," a spacious vault beneath the ruins of one of the houses of the town. One end was partitioned off as a drawing room. In it were a number of pieces of "period" furniture, large table with a reading lamp, easy rocking chairs and the telephones with which the commander keeps in touch with the men in the trenches. In the adjoining room a long table was set, on which white linen, a table decoration of ground pine, hors d'oeuvres, white wheat bread, good butter, cold meats of various kinds, cheese, coffee, cigars and cigarettes. The table might have stood in a club in Berlin, and the contrast be-

tween it and the scene of utter wreck's devastation outside was startling.

Men in Trenches Comfortable. The men in the trenches, too, live not without comfort. Even in the trenches nearest to the enemy they have built in fairly comfortable shelters, square excavations about four feet deep, roofed and covered with earth. Many of them have windows opening into an adjoining approach trench, many of them board floors, and nearly all have board boxes filled with straw for beds. A desultory fire goes on constantly along the lines of trenches.

The company barber has established his chair in the trenches. While the crack of rifles was heard a few hundred feet away, he could be seen shaving one of the dandies of the battalion. The town boasts a daily newspaper, the wireless news bulletin issued by general headquarters and transmitted to individual commands by telephone or messenger, which is posted on a sheltered wall in the center of the shell-torn town. Opposite it on a wall hangs the warning sign of the Touring club of France, "This road is dangerous." There is no doubt that it is.

TAXI DRIVERS WILL GIVE "GASOLINE" BALL FRIDAY

A "gasoline ball" will be given by Omaha taxi drivers next Friday evening at Washington hall. The committee on arrangements includes Al Smith, Claude Houts, George Craig, Jack Wolf, Roscoe Dettman and Lewis Schlenk. Olson's Union orchestra will furnish the music.

SPEAK HIGHLY OF ENEMIES

German Soldiers Back from Front Think Opposers Good Fighters.

BRITISH TOUGHEST OF ALL

Islanders Are Regarded by the Trenches as Being the Hardest War Nuts that They Have to Crack.

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) BERLIN, Dec. 7.—Evidences of the reaction of German officers and soldiers fighting at the front against the tendency to belittle the fighting qualities of the enemy continue to accumulate. Soldiers' letters and returning soldiers speak in terms of high appreciation of the military prowess and soldierly qualities of their opponents, and among several hundred wounded with whom the correspondent of the Associated Press has talked in his visits to hospitals the last fortnight, no one was found who refused to credit the enemy in general, Russian, French and Belgian and English, with bravery and military skill.

Distinctions are drawn, it is true, the British being generally reckoned as the toughest opponents on the west front. The Germans had a high opinion of the fighting qualities of the French soldier before this war began. The fighting which occurred on the march from the Belgian frontier to the Marne and Paris tended to lessen their respect for toughness of French moral fiber, but the last two months have changed that again and

soldiers' letters reflect increased respect for them. The recent fighting of the remnant of the Belgian army in Flanders also has greatly raised the German estimation of the Belgian soldier, who, in the general army operations, had not greatly distinguished himself at Lege, Namur and Antwerp and the intervening field engagements.

British Robust Fighters.

As to the British, field post letters continue to bear out the statement from a German expert as to their robust fighting qualities. One of the latest of these letters, printed in the Cologne Gazette, contains the following striking passage: "People at home appear to have wrong notions about the fighting qualities of the enemy. The English are the toughest and bravest for we have to meet. Every individual man keeps on shooting, coolly so long as he is not taken prisoner, and these trained veterans shoot well. When we storm a position the French will run when we close in with our shouts of 'hurrah,' but the English stick tenaciously to their entrenchments to the last."

Danser's Armezeitung, the leading military publication of Austria, pays a high tribute to the Serbian, Belgian and Russian troops. The Serbians are called brave, but declaration is made that they are without food or ammunition. Credit is given the Belgians for standing with England and France "when they must have realized that their own cause was irredeemably lost." The press is criticized for its attacks on the Russians, saying they are brave and capable.

Read the "For Sale" ads if you want bargains of the minute.

Allies Have Music Hall Few Miles Back From Dixmude Line

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

DIXMUDE, Dec. 7.—The "Allies' music hall" is half a mile behind the French firing line near Dixmude, in the first barn on the right. It is devoted to variety exclusively, but the performances are not guaranteed to be continuous. The directors reserve the right to interrupt or to change the program and substitute artists without notice. Reasons for the precaution are obvious to anyone who has heard the German shells go screeching through the air over the barn.

A candle here and there, stuck on a bayonet, does as well as it can in the place of calcium lights, and ammunition boxes, when one knows how to arrange them, make a very good stage. The performance begins soon after the relief of the guard in the trenches. The troupe, as well as the audience, is composed of "allies" of all colors—British, French, Canadians, Moors, Sikhs, Hindus, Algerians, Senegalese—generally covered with mud of the trenches of Flanders. The program consists of songs, monologues, recitations and dances.

One performance concluded with the singing of popular choruses in French and English.

CHILD SUFFERED WITH SKIN TROUBLE

On Head for Two Years. Itching and Burning. Kept From School at Times. Scratched and Irritated. Used Cuticura. Entirely Well.

1016 McKee St., Fort Wayne, Ind.—"My child, six years of age, suffered for about two years with an itching and burning on her head which kept her from school at times it got so sore. It caused her pain for it itched and burned so badly that she scratched and irritated it all the time. It spread and spread until it was a good bit bigger than a silver dollar. It made her ear stick to her head and I could not put it away without her crying. I got a sample of Cuticura Soap and Ointment, washed the sore place with the Soap and applied the Ointment and I began to see the relief it gave her. So I bought a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of Ointment and she is entirely well." (Signed) Mrs. May Tegetmeyer, June 5, 1914.

Sample Each Free by Mail With 32-p. Skin Book on request. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. T, Boston." Sold throughout the world.

Wonderful Saving Opportunity on goods you want right now, in nearly every department throughout the big store. Just a few of the many here listed.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats to Close at Greatly Below Regular Retail Prices

Good legitimate reductions which mean all the profits, in some instances part of the original cost clipped. Act quickly.

- \$6.95 to \$8.50 Boys' Suits, \$4.85**
The January Clearance hits the Boys' Department with a smash. Nothing but Blue Serge Suits are excluded. Every suit has two pairs of lined pants. Every
\$4.00 and \$5.00 Boys' Suits, \$2.85
Choice of \$4.00 and \$5.00 Boys' Suits, except Blue Serge Suits—All styles and all sizes, up to \$2.85
Boys' Chinchilla Overcoats, \$5 and \$6 Coats, \$3.50
Every Boys' Overcoat must be sold regardless of cost.
All \$5.00 and \$6.00 coats at \$3.50
Ages 3 to 9 Years.
Boys' Overcoats, ages 7 to 15 years, \$10.00 and \$12.50 coats, at \$7.00

HAYDEN'S

Our January Household Linen Sale

72-in. \$1.50 Extra Quality Satin Damask, sale price	\$1.25
72-in. \$1.25 quality Extra Weight, neat designs	\$1.00
22-in. \$4.00 Napkins, Satin Damask—Match Table Damask at	\$3.00
22-in. \$3.50 Napkins, Satin Damask—Match Table Damask, at	\$2.75
26-in. \$6.00 Napkins, fine grade satin finish	\$5.00
70-in. Circular Scaloped Linen Damask cloths, worth \$6.25	\$5.00
66-in. Circular Scaloped Damask Tea Cloths, worth \$4.50	\$3.50
8x10 Pattern Cloths, special lot, excellent patterns, worth up to \$4.00, each	\$2.50
Bath Towels, all white, extra size and weight, biggest value, each	\$2.50
Bed Spread, full size, special cut corner fringed, satin finish	\$3.95
Bed Spreads, satin finish Marseilles, cut corner, scalloped, \$7.00 value, each	\$5.95

HAYDEN'S

January Clearance Specials Monday in Carpet and Drapery Dept., 3d Floor

\$1.25 Velvet Rugs—Choice patterns, 27x54 size special, at	98¢	\$18.50 Heavy Axminster Rugs—9x12 size, good assortment	\$14.98
\$15 Seamless Brussels Rugs—9 wire quality, 9x12 size, good assortment, choice, each	\$11.98	\$4 Heavy Axminster Rugs—36x72 size, on sale	\$2.98
		Cocoa Door Mats—2.25 to	.65¢
		\$2.25 Marquisette Curtains with linen edge, white only, pair	\$1.49
		One Lot of Cluny Curtains, \$4 values, in white or ecru, at, pair	\$2.50
		One Lot Cable Net Curtains—Regular \$3.25 values, on sale Monday, pair	\$2.25
		One Lot Nottingham Curtains—\$1.50 values, white and ecru	.98¢

Sweeping Price Reductions on the Tailored Suits and Winter Coats

Our buyer is now in New York and room must be made on our racks for new stock. Your opportunity.

- Nobby Winter Coats, Women's and Misses',** that sold up to \$15, good assortment for selection, at, choice **\$5**
One Lot of Winter Coats, choice fabrics, colors and designs, that sold up to \$30.00, on sale **\$10**
Elegant Winter Coats, values to \$45.00, the season's best styles and most wanted fabrics, choice **\$15**
Handsome Tailored Suits, up to \$39 values, choice fabrics, most desirable styles, good assortment for selection, Monday at **\$10**
Long Silk Kimonos, made to sell at \$7.50 and \$8.50, at **\$3.95**
Women's Silk Petticoats, that sell regularly at \$3 and \$4, good assortm't, choice **\$1.50**
Women's Blanket Robes, in good colors, \$5 values, at **\$2.95**

Our Great Jan'y. Lace Sale Begins Monday

Values in Every Conceivable Kind and Style of Lace Which Will Bring Great Throngs of Buyers Daily

The European trouble is certain to cause a yet further advance on all kinds of foreign made laces and it will pay you to take advantage of these remarkable January underpricings.

Practically our Entire Stock Divided into Special Lots At 25%, 33 1/2% even 50% Price Reductions

Our Import Lines Are Due in Omaha Feb. 1st and We Must Greatly Reduce our Present Stock to Make Room

A special 20% discount on all Chiffon, Silk Nets, Cotton Nets, Bridal Illusions—a deposit covering one-half of purchase price will hold your selection for you till February 1.

Val Laces Venice Laces Shadow Laces St. Gall Laces Brussels Laces Dutchess Laces	Chantilly Laces Oriental Laces Brugge Laces Point Applique Laces Nottingham Laces Calias Laces	Point Gauze Laces Maline Laces Michlin Laces Torchon Laces Quaker Laces Of Every Description
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Val Laces—2c, 3c, 5c, 7c, 12c, 19c.
Torchon Laces at 2c, 5c and 10c.
Real Cluny Laces—25c, 49c, 98c, \$1.50.
Flouncings at 50c, 79c, 98c, \$1.98, up.
Allover Laces—25c, 49c, 79c, 98c, up.

Irish Laces—35c, 45c, 75c, \$1.00, up.
Nottingham Laces—10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, 69c.
Special Counters at 5c, 7c, 10c, 19c, 29c, 49c, 79c and 98c.

Don't neglect to take advantage of the great savings offered.

You'll Appreciate These Savings on Drugs and Toilet Articles

- 50c Hild's Honey Almond Cream** **34c**
25c Pond's Vanishing Cream **15c**
25c Lyon's Tooth Powder **15c**
50c Hair Rice Powder **35c**
50c Sainpre Glycerine Cream **35c**
50c Ambry Sisters' Beautifier **35c**
50c Denver Mud **35c**
50c Venice Pine Cough Syrup **35c**
1.00 Pinkham's Vegetable Compound **60c**
50c Doan's Kidney Pills **35c**
1.00 Sal Hepatic **60c**
10c Jap Rose Soap **5c**
10c Venetian Bath Soap **5c**
25c Packard's Tea Soap **15c**
10c Post's Toilet Soap **5c**
Jergens' 9-cake Assortment Soap **25c**
Hinkley's Pills, bottle of 100 **1.25**
Phenoxal Laxative Wafers, bottle of 100 for **50c**
1-qt. bottle Witch Hazel **1.25**
25c Toilet Paper, five 3-c roll **1.25**
50c Best Flush **1.25**
2 Doz. 8-c. Aspirin Tablets **35c**
50c Toilet Tissue, 100 Sheets **1.25**
20c Triple Action Ideal Hair Brush **1.10**
12c Guaranteed 2-qt. Water Bottle **5c**
25c Syringe **1.15**

Phenomenal Value Giving in Silks and Wool Dress Fabrics This Week

- The second week of our great January Clearance will be a record breaker for bargain giving in our Daylight Silk and Dress Goods Dept. Every odd piece and short length in stock will be closed regardless of original cost or actual retail worth.
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| \$3.50 Broche Crepe de Chine, 40 inches wide
\$4.50 Brocaded Charmeuse, 40 inches wide
\$3.98 Silk Poplin Suitings, 40 inches wide
\$2.00 Crepe de Meteor, 40 inches wide
\$2.35 All Silk Crepe de Chine, 40 inches wide
\$2.00 Printed Novelty Crepes, 40 inches wide
\$2.50 Printed Chiffon Taffeta, 56 inches wide | At \$1.48 Yd. | \$1.25 Silk Crepe de Chine, 40 inches wide
\$1.50 Chiffon Taffetas, 36 inches wide
\$2.25 Brocaded Satin Charmeuse, 40 inches wide
\$2.00 Brocaded Silk Poplins, 40 inches wide
\$1.75 Gros de Londres Suitings, 40 inches wide
\$1.40 Novelty Bengaline Suitings, 40 inches wide
\$1.25 Silk Poplins, 40 inches wide, at | At 88c Yd. | 56-in. Imported Novelty Suiting, \$5 yd. value
54-in. Diagonal Coatings, \$3.98 yard value
56-in. Balmaine Suiting, \$2.98 yd. value
54-in. Boucle Suitings, \$2.50 yard value
54-in. Mannheim Suitings, \$2.50 yard value
54-in. Imported Chiffon Broadcloth, \$4 value
54-in. Plain Chinchilla Coatings, \$2.98 value | At \$1.48 Yd. | 2,000 Remnants Wool Dress Goods—Plain and fancy weaves, all colors and values from 5c to \$1.25 yard, on sale, per yard—
at, yd. 25¢ and 48¢ | 56-in. Fine Scotch Suitings, \$2.50 value
54-in. Matlasse Suitings, \$2.50 value
52-in. Novelty Ratines, \$3.50 value
52-in. Chinchilla Cloakings, \$2.50 value
54-in. Bedford Cloakings, \$2.00 value
54-in. Sponged and Shrunken Serges
56-in. Fine French Serge, \$1.50 value | At 98c Yd. |
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Hayden Brothers Big Special Grocery Sale for Monday

The Greatest Market for the People West of New York—and a Saving of 25 to 50 Per Cent on the Cost of Living

15 lbs. best granulated sugar \$1.00 10 bars Best-Em-All Diamond C. White Ruschman 50c 10 Post's Laundry Soap 50c 4 lbs. best Hand Picked Navy Beans 50c 4 lbs. choice Japan Rice 50c 4 lbs. fancy Japan Rice, 100 quality 50c The best Domestic Macaroni 50c 1 lb. best Vermicelli or Spaghetti, pkg. 75c 10 lbs. best white or yellow cornmeal 1.00 7 lbs. best Bulk Laundry Starch 50c H. C. Corn Flakes, pkg., 3c Grano-Nuts, pkg., 10c	2-lb. cans Fancy Sweet Sugar Corn 75c 2-lb. cans Wax, String Green or Lima Beans 75c 2-lb. cans Polk's Best Sweet Sugar Corn 85c 2-lb. cans Polk's Hominy Pumpkin or Sauter Kraut 85c 12-oz. cans Quality Goods 85c Advo. Jell for dessert: nothing like it, pkg. 75c Maui's Brand Peanut Butter 1.00 1-lb. can Best Quality 1.15 Fancy Queen Olives, qt. 35c Parker House Catsup 75c 1-lb. cans Early Juice Food 50c 16-oz. jars Pure Fruit Preserves 1.10 2-lb. cans Early Juice Food 75c	16-oz. cans Cottage Milk—the milk of quality, per can 75c Yellow Foam, pkg. 85c Goats' Santos Coffee, per lb. 1.00 Hubbard's Breakfast Cocoa, per lb. 1.00 The best Tea Siftings, per pound 1.25 The best Creamery Butter, per lb. 1.00 Fancy Country Creamery Butter, lb. 1.00 Fancy Dairy Table Butter, lb. 1.00 The best Ghee, per lb. 1.00 The best No. 1 Storage Eggs per dozen 85c The best Fresh Eggs, per dozen 75c	Full Cream, White, Yellow or Young America Cheese, per lb. 30c NEW VEGETABLE MARKET FOR THE PEOPLE 15 lbs. best Red River Early Ohio Potatoes 30c 12 lbs. Fancy Cooking Apples to the bush 75c Demand your weight the law requires it. Hubbard's Squash, per lb. 5c Old Red, Carrots, Turnips or Parsnips, per lb. 5c Fancy Holland Seed Cakes, per lb. 15c	Fresh Beets, Carrots, Turnips, Radishes or Shallots, per bush 40c 2 large Soup bunches 10c 3 large Green Peppers 10c 2 stalks fresh Celery 5c 2 heads fresh Leaf Lettuce for 5c Fancy California Cauliflower, lb. 75c Fancy Cape Cod Cranberries per quart 75c Fancy Head Lettuce, per head 75c The best Mixed Nuts, lb. 1.50 Red Jacket Pure Apple Cider, per gallon 25c
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Genuine "Lisk" Wash Boilers Reduced Monday

Medium size heavy tin boilers with copper bottoms \$1.50 Large size heavy tin boilers with copper bottoms \$1.50 Extra large heavy tin boilers \$1.50 Medium size extra heavy all copper boilers \$2.50 Large size extra heavy all copper boilers \$3.19	Extra large, extra heavy all copper boilers \$3.49 "Premier" tin boilers, copper bottom, medium size 3.00 Any size galvanized boilers 75c Warranted Wringers \$1.50 \$1.25 folding ironing boards for 35c
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The largest assortment shown in Omaha. We carry the best of all the different kinds made.

"Round Box" Western Washers, special Monday \$2.98 "O. K." Washers, special Monday \$5.98	\$10 Undergear Washers, special Monday \$7.98 "White Lily" Electric Washers, special Monday \$5.50 "Voss" Platform Electric Washers, special Monday \$7.00
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We sell "One Minute," "Motor," "Regal," "National Vacuum," "Dexter" and many others of the best.