

**SAMMEES PAY HUNS
FIVE SHELLS FOR ONE**

Take Full Reprisal for Unfair
Pot Shot at American
Headquarters

EXCEL IN NIGHT PATROL

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS,
FRANCE, Nov. 22.
American artillerymen repaid to fivefold
measure the single German shell which
struck an American regimental headquar-
ters early this week.

As a reprisal for shelling the village in
which the American regimental commander
was located the Americans on the day fol-
lowing, and at exactly the same hour, sent
five shells hurtling into a certain village in
the German lines.

Both the American commander's village
and the town back of the German lines
have hitherto enjoyed immunity from shell-
ing, both sides apparently joining in an
unwritten agreement to this end. The Ger-
mans broke this understanding when they
dropped their shell over the American reg-
imental headquarters.

Along the sector where American troops
are in front-line trenches the Germans don't
want to run any chances of patrol en-
counters. The American reconnaissance
parties have complete control of No Man's
Land at night. Constant bombing during
the last few nights has failed to locate a
single solitary boche.

The night stalking patrol is one in which
the American soldiers excel, according to
their French comrades. Sammees regards
it as a good game with plenty of hunting
and, besides, it gives one a chance to
stretch legs more or less cramped from
trench duty.

Commanders of the American battalions
who have today had front-line experience
conferred and agreed that this train-
ing far outweighed an indefinite period
of imitation warfare back of the lines.

**BESEKIRSKY APPEARS
IN VIOLIN RECITAL**

Russian Musician Gives Program Con-
sisting Entirely of French and
Slavic Compositions

French and Russian music comprised the
program of Wladyslaw Besekirsky's recital at
Widener Hall last night. The Russian
violinist, who was heard here toward the
end of the season before last with the
Philadelphia Orchestra, proved somewhat of
a disappointment to those who remembered
his playing at that time. The shortcomings
in evidence then were more pronounced on
the recital platform last night, where there
was no orchestra to cover the weak spots
and effect minor identities.

Mr. Besekirsky has a splendid instru-
ment from which he is unable to draw the
latent beauties. A stiff, unyielding bowing
keeps the tone always in one color and ob-
viates all possibility of delicacy or dimen-
sion. Although the violinist is undoubtedly
a serious musician, with admirable sincerity
of purpose, he lacks the insight, without
which all the perfection of technique and
praiseworthy intentions go for naught. At

no time during the evening did the recitalist
give to his audience what it could not draw
for itself from the very obvious composi-
tions. Usually Mr. Besekirsky produced a
beautiful tone from his instrument, but his
intonation, especially on the E string, is
not always true.

Aurelio Claret played with Mr. Besekirsky
in Faure's sonata for violin and piano, with
which the program opened. The pianist was
especially fine last night in those places
where he has failed to satisfy completely
in the past—the delicate, subtle passages.
To be sure the Faure composition is an un-
happy, dull work, but Mr. Claret made it
interesting whenever it lay within human
possibility so to entice it. The violinist's
boresness was particularly noticeable in
contrast to Mr. Claret's playing.

The second group consisted of Saint-
Saens' "Havannaise" and Ysaie's arrange-
ment of an étude by Saint-Saens. Later Mr.
Besekirsky played a "Savanna," by Camille
Cui; a "Fantasie," by Rimsky-Korsakow;
"Romance," by Gile; his own arrange-
ment of Iljinsky's "Tercense" and Bach-
man's "Tercense." The friendly audience
was discreetly polite in its applause, re-
warding the musician's seriousness, but re-
maining unsatisfied by his lack of "inspira-
tion." V. H. L.

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