

Hun in Death Throes Kills Child in Street

New York.—The desperate malevolence of a German airman, who, falling to his death, tried to "go west in style" by taking with him as many women and children as he could, is graphically described by Mrs. Laura Forest, of the American Fund for French Wounded, in a letter from Epernay, where she took part in the evacuation of a hospital before the German advance and witnessed the fall of the German airplane.

Right over the building he came, raking the street with machine gun fire, and then came such a burst of joy from the throats of the people as is seldom heard—"Il est tombe, il est tombe" (he has fallen!). Soon I found myself running with the men and women and children of Epernay, and with them I kept on running till the fallen plane was in sight. Wounded as the aviator was, he turned his machine gun on the crowd and fired, killing a woman and a child. And still we ran on and found him, and only the arrival of a motor with the police let him live as long as he did. He died within a few hours. The second man was buried under the machine and the crowd was dispersed before he was brought out, badly wounded, and carried away. I never heard whether he lived or died.

Former Telegraph Lad Arrives Safely in France



Robert E. Runk, Cheery, happy Robert E. Runk, formerly a Telegraph carrier, has arrived overseas, according to advices just received here. He was a student of Technical High school when he enlisted. He is in the Signal Corps and was formerly stationed at Camp Meade. "Bob" is the son of Mrs. Katherine Runk, 2461 Reel street.

WAR'S NEW CRUSADE

The International Sunday School Lesson For July 28 Is "Obeying God." Matt. 4:18-22; John 14:22-24; Jas. 1:22-27.

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS.

As a crusade the present war far outshines the crusades of the Middle Ages. Not only is it vaster in extent and in its force, but it also has greater goals and nobler inspirations. "It is the will of God" to Palestine to recover the empty tomb of their Lord from the Saracen. With less clamor, but with a purpose fully as deep, reverent and holy, the armies of the great crusaders in France from the end of earth, struggle toward the re-establishment of the reign of righteousness, the will of God upon earth. The might of this lofty motive is just what the ambitious Central powers cannot understand, though it is the force which has sustained the allies throughout four bitter years, and the motive which drew America into the war.

Underlying the service by our soldiers is the spirit of devotion to the will of God. It is the will of God that the German higher command in the papers; but the Higher Command which millions of allied fighters recognize is the Law of God, a power so sacred that life itself may be nobly spent than in its support and vindication. Hearts are made steady and nerves strong by the knowledge that we are obeying the Divine will in battling for the ideals of Jesus and their fulfillment on earth.

What the Soldier Knows. Anybody who really knows our soldiers in France is well aware that they are not swash-bucklers or professional fighting men. They do not love war; they hate it. There is no lust to kill in their hearts. All the old poetical figments about the warrior thirsting for combat, like a restless war-horse, are simply absurd. Our men are in this thing because a high and holy compulsion has banded civilization together to save the world from an evil force which many Bible students call the Anti-Christ. These men who have crusades are Crusaders in behalf of the will of God—that holy will which decrees righteousness, justice, liberty, peace and brotherhood. Even the most irreligious of our soldiers is sure, in his deepest soul, that he is obeying God.

This is the one clear and supreme conviction of the allied armies. They are lacking in what may be called the refinements and intricacies of religion; sometimes they show a shocking disregard for churchly ritualism. Theological subtleties are a matter of indifference or of jest. Petty parochialism will never again claim them. They would not give a button from a German prisoner's trousers for the divisive claims of denominationalism. Many of the things that engross the parsons back home interest them less than ever. But the holy will of God unites their rifles and their hearts. They have an expansive sense of unity with the divine purpose in their present mission. Freely they give themselves to danger and death, because they believe that their cause is at once humanity's cause and God's cause.

Sinners in the Trenches. Several noteworthy volumes of verse and hundreds of fine individual poems, have come out of the trenches. Most striking is the spiritual note. The soldiers are thinking about God and the great ideals. Some of their utterances are exquisitely Christian. The introspective mystic of the Middle Ages has produced nothing finer than this "Prayer of a Soldier in France" by a well known New York poet, Joyce Kilmer, who is now a private in the 165th Infantry:

"My shoulders ache beneath my pack, (Lie easier, Cross, upon His back.) I march with feet that burn and smart, (Tread, Holy Feet, upon my heart.) Men shout at me who may not speak, (They scourged Thy back and smother Thy cheek.) I may not lift a hand to clear My eyes of salty drops that sear, (Then shall my fickle soul forget Thy agony of Bloody Sweat?) My rifle hand is stiff and numb, (From Thy pierced palm red rivers come.) Lord, Thou didst suffer more for me Than all the hosts of land and sea, So let me render back again, This memento of Thy gift. Amen."

Making Motives Mightier. It has taken a great motive, one coincident with heaven's law, to send to France more than a million and a half of troops from the United States and Canada, in a steadily-growing stream. Only the propulsion of a purpose of divine proportions could create such armies, of such a spirit, as are now facing the forces of autocracy in France to-day. Equal, or greater, motives are necessary to bring to pass in civil life the new conditions that are essential. For the homeland, as well as for the fighting forces, the cry must be, "It is the will of God." The supremacy of human obligation to obey our divine Lord must grip all hearts in newness of present reality. God's right to rule, and man's right to obey, should emerge fresh and clear from this world of calamity.

Otherwise our case is hopeless. Except we erect sure standards for society that will lift all the people up to a plane approximating the level of our fighting men, we shall have suffered a social and religious defeat in the war. What avails it to the world if we save Belgium, but lower the standards of chastity in Britain and America? No battlefield glory can be a compensation for the unrebuked rise of the profiteer and politician in the homelands that are fixed, universal and eternal. While we persist in our parochialism or provincialism? Shall we indulge in an orgy of luxury and spend-thriftiness while our boys "over there" make the supreme sacrifice? Is it thinkable that munition workers at home shall decrease their industry and efficiency, at the same time greatly increasing their wages, while our soldiers, by superhuman efforts, pay "the last, full measure of devotion"? Are the personal ideals of our people becoming nobler or baser, as a result of the war?

Questions like these show how urgent is the necessity for pressing home the acceptance of standards that are fixed, universal and eternal. In other words, they reveal the importance of letting God take His rightful place as King and Lawgiver. A new passion for the right in our own lives must come to us. This vivid sense of justice will not only intensify our condemnation for all

but it is a royal law because its authority is within the self and in the sphere of conscience. It is law, strict and all embracing, but it is a law of liberty, because it is accepted of a man's own free choice, a choice which is truly free, not like that of the voluntary soldier, once made and irrevocable, but a choice daily and hourly renewed.

Dr. Frederick Lent Chosen as Head of Elmira College

Elmira, N. Y.—The Rev. Dr. Frederick Lent, of New Haven, Conn., has been elected the fifth president of Elmira College, the oldest exclusively women's college in the world. Dr. Lent is an instructor in Yale University and the present pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Haven. He is a native of Nova Scotia. Dr. Lent succeeds the Rev. Dr. John Balcom Shaw, who recently resigned the presidency.

Holdings Safe Under U. S. Wire Control

New York.—Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co., said recently that the Government's taking over of the telephone and telegraph lines for war purposes is a step which ought to prove satisfactory to holders

of securities of the companies in question. "Postmaster General Burleson makes it clear in his announcement," said Mr. Lamont, "that the greatest care will be taken to conserve the properties and their permanent earning power. So that for the long future it would appear that investors in these great companies have little to fear for the stability and earning capacity of the corporations. "As for the immediate future, the law under which the Administration

has taken action states that "just compensation" will be paid by the Government for the use of the properties—a rental which ought to be readily sufficient to meet all fixed and present charges, including dividends. Furthermore, the physical and financial condition of these telephone and telegraph properties is now so sound that we regard present holders of their securities as well warranted in being entirely content with their investments as they stand to-day."

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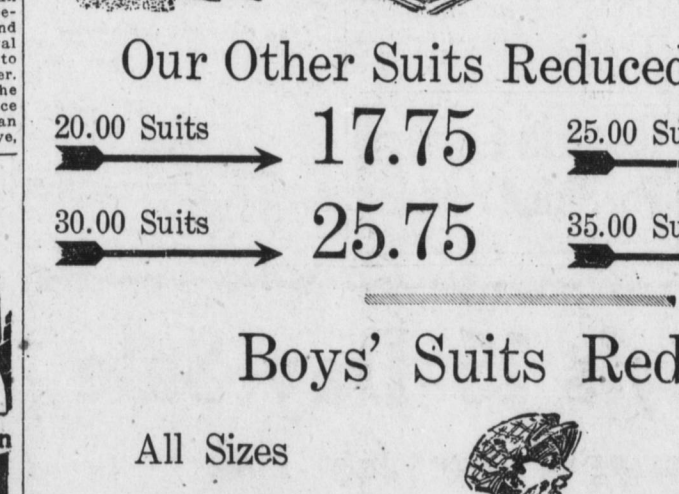
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