CORRESPONDENT WITH GERMAN ARMY DESCRIBES CONFLICT ON THE AISNE

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Correspondent of Chicago Daily News. bloodiest and hardest fought battle of liteness. modern times. Occasional explosions from big guns can be plainly heard.

I have just returned from an automobile ride which brought me near enough to the firing line to see shells asked. exploding on the horizon. First there would be a great flash lighting up the evening sky, followed by a thunderous discharge. I was not allowed to drive

British Behind Rock Defenses.

The positions on both sides are excellent. The British troops at this point are mainly behind rock defenses, but the Germans have worked their way so close up that accurate fire on both sides means death to the soldier who carelessly protrudes his head. One of the diversions of the Germans is to put a cap on a rifle, hoist it above the trenches and draw the immediate and unerring fire of the opponents.

The soldiers in the trenches for days and nights have had a terrible experience. Recently they were lying in water under the exploding shrapnel and receiving food only at night, when black bread, wine and sometimes soup were passed to them under cover of the darkness. On the German side for many days the wounded lay in the trenches until night before they could be removed.

Now the weather has improved and conditions are better. About three miles behind the trenches artillery is stationed, dropping shells and shrapnel upon the trenches and the gun positions of the opponents.

Flashlights Reveal Foe.

My impression is that such fighting can continue unremittingly and that here at least the Germans will perhaps only attempt to hold the lines while some other portion of the German army breaks through, either on the far right wing or at Verdun. The British troops made several attempts at night charges two nights ago. They left their trenches and advanced on the German positions, but the movement was suddenly revealed by a German flashlight, machine guns were quickly brought into position and an entire regiment of Englishmen was mowed down by the deadly fire.

For two days I have been a guest of the general commanding this corps, who has his quarters in a beautiful French chateau. It is ideally situated in large grounds, richly provided with game, which the staff officers have hunted these last few days during a slight pause in the fighting at the front. Before the castle are artificial lakes, the grounds giving the impression of a small Versailles

Interested in U. S. Attitude I was welcomed warmly by the offi-

learning the attitude of the United The impression prevailed States. among them that the American govover German interests in China.

We dined together in the great saion, the walls of which were hung profusely with valuable oil paintings. The menu was none too diverse, but it was plentiful, with wines in abundant, who told me of the situation in the city.

The castle itself is filled with costly beautiful coin collection and there are also old engravings of priceless value. The chateau was crowded with offi-

cers. I had lodgings in the library, bitter hatred for the English, but sleeping on a mattress on the floor before a cheerful fireplace in a room the bilities. antique furniture of which would make any connolsseur envious.

In the front hall of the chateau is the firing line.

dismount, answer the salutes of the have done great damage. orderlies, go inside, emerge again. mobiles and drive away quickly,

or on foot are in constant circulation one of the brain centers of the battle | the French. going on five miles ahead.

Tobacco Delights Fighters.

There was especial delight over the mans. arrival a short time ago of a dozen automobiles heavily laden with gifts for the soldiers, such as tobacco. newspapers, warm clothing, chocolate was long ago exhausted and cigars rines serving as guards in Paris.

and cigarettes were unpurchasable. Soldiers had been offering 25 cents With Right Wing of the German apiece for eigars and were unable to Army in France.-Five miles ahead get them. I had brought a consider-

are the trenches, 200 yards apart, able supply along, which I gave away. where the British and German troops At first the soldiers belped themare taking their heroic parts in this selves sparingly with unwilling po-"Go ahead and take a lot," I said.

With trembling hands they filled their pockets. "For our comrades, too?" they

"When my comrades see these," said one, "they will leap so high," indicating a jump high overhead. I have never before seen such joy as

these soldiers displayed.

Great Cry for Newspapers. The second great cry was for newspapers. All along the trip from Germany by automobile we were everywhere asked for newspapers, the soldiers crying out for them after the speeding car. This need is understandable, as the army at the front knows practically nothing of what is going on in the world.

Wherever we halted we were surrounded by men asking for news and we had the pleasure of telling many hundreds of soldiers the first information of the heroic deed of the Cerman submarine U9, which sank three British eruisers.

One of the diversions at the front is shooting at French aeroplanes. For the first time since the beginning of the war I obtained reliable information about the activities of the French and British flyers. At this point the aeroplanes are particularly plentiful and one of these hostile machines flies every morning about eleven o'clock, so regularly that its pilot is called the "lunch flyer." When he appears he is greeted by the airship

I had the unique experience of seeing a French flyer under fire. The first intimation that he was near was a loud explosion from a cannon near by. Far and high up in the sky I saw suddenly a round ball of white smoke where the shrapnel had exploded. Near by was the flyer looking like a black speck.

Flies Away Under Fire.

Another explosion, another white ball and the aeroplane close by. A third, fourth and fifth boom came, each followed by the appearance of a white ball of smoke, but each time the flyer was still there. After ten shots had been fired there was a row of great round clouds of smoke stretched half way across the sky with the black speck of the aeroplane in the lead, and gradually mounting higher, away from the dangerous fire. In ten minutes \$3,000 worth of ex-

plosives had been shot away without bringing down the air scout. Special Shrapnel for Air Shots.

The shrapnel fired at flyers is constructed differently from ordinary shrapnel, which describes a parabola. and is timed to explode over the cers, all of whom were interested in enemy and send down a shower of shot from above. shrapnel send the shot straight ahead, and so probably every one of the erament had assumed a protectorate shells I saw exploding sent some bullets through the wings of the aeroplane.

If one of these shots shatters the motors or wounds the fiver or the observer the shell has accomplished its purpose, for since the Germans have dance. I sat beside the city comman- taken their position here no flyer of either army has been shot down, though practically no machine has returned from a reconnolssance trip treasures. There is an especially without its wings being punctured.

Hate But Respect British. Throughout the army wherever I talked with officers and men, I found warm praise for their fighting capa-

Especially effective has been the English artillery, which the Germans say astonished them by its accuracy. a telephone switchboard, where two One reason for this is that the region soldiers sit with receivers at their of France where we are has been ears, making notes of reports from used for maneuvers and the enemy knows the exact range. Nevertheless Outside is a scene of ceaseless ac- there is no sparing of praise for the tivity. Every moment automobiles good marksmanship. The English drive up the wide roadways, officers here have some naval guns which

English soldiers have also astonishhastily take their places in the auto- ed the Germans by their powers of resistance and accurate rifle fire, but Horsemen in small detachments the Germans say that the English come and go and soldiers on bicycles strength lies mostly in the defensive.

As much as the English are hated from early in the morning till late at so much are the French respected. night. One never forgets that this is Everywhere the officers speak well of

"They fight a gallant fight and observe the rules of war," say the Ger-"They are a worthy foe."

Aged Author Seeks Service.

Paris. - Denied a position in the French navy because of his age (sixtyand little luxuries of all sorts. What four years), Pierre Loti, the author, delighted the soldiers most was the who is a captain in the French naval arrival of the tobacco, for the supply reserve, asked to be joined to the ma

3,000 GERMANS DIE IN FIVE FIERCE CHARGES

London.-Details are just available of the heroic attempt of Prussian Reims and Verdun.

mans were in danger of being caught stry. It was at this moment, while the greater part of the German troops were retiring in the direction of the guards lost 3,000 men, it is stated.

Reims, that a regiment of Prusslan guards threw itself desperately upon the lines of the French cavalry.

Not once but five times did the devoted regiment hurl itself against the solid French front. After the fifth guards to cut the railway connecting charge there were only a hundred men left surrounding their flag. With This attempt failed and the Ger- signs of reluctance they gave the signal of surrender, and it was then between the French infantry and cav- found that nearly all of the hundred were wounded.

In the course of this engagement

REGIMENT IS TRAPPED: WIPED OUT BY FRENCH

the One Hundred and Ninth Baden regiment by means of a remarkable bushed themselves. ruse successfully worked during a

Between Altkirch and Waldighofen a considerable French force discovered the nearness of the Baden regi-

Procuring many stick and boughs, the French stuck them into the earth of an open field. The French placed their caps on the sticks. From a few Paris .- There is a report here that feet away in the fog the capped sticks a French force in Alsace annihilated resembled troops blundering and help-The French immediately amless.

The Germans, vaguely seeing the make-believe soldiers, cheered and charged wildly. The French waited until they were completely in the trap. then opened fire from three sides. The German regiment was cut to pieces.

GATHERING THE HARVEST OF DEATH IN EUROPE



All along the valley of the Marne and the country to me about over which the immense armies of Germany and the allies fought as the former advanced toward Paris and then fell back the French peasants have been busy with the grim task of burying the dead soldiers. Scenes like those in the illustration were repeated endlessly. At the right is seen the simple cross marking the grave of a French soldier, his cap and scarf at its foot.



MARCHING OUT TO THEIR DEATH



Group of Belgian sharpshooters, engaged in guerrilla warefare and captured by Germans, being led to the execution place, where they were shot.

straightened up.

PUT THE GERMAN IN THE BOW | "I'll die first," said the sailor, as he

He Wouldn't Tell British Captain Where Mines Were, So Had Danger Post.

London.-A story is going the rounds here that when one of the British mine-hunting boats captured a mine-laying trawler manned by Germans in the North sea the British captain lined up his captives and picked out the weakest looking of the

Ordering him to step forward, he said:

"I want you to tell me where those mines are that you laid."

LIVE ON FISH THEY CATCH | land ponies. Every year the herd fish that are stranded in these holes.

Remarkable Breed of "Banker Ponies" Natives of the Coast of North Carolina.

On the coast of North Carolina there grass, a few salt water weeds and wild marshes and on fish. They catch the parsley. On these banks lives a strange fish for themselves at low tide; with breed of half-wild horses known as their hoofs they dig deep holes in the "banker ponies." These creatures are sand below high-water mark, and when generally about twice the size of Shet- the tide falls they greedily devour the even pretend to understand women.

hunt for them, and your position is rine to the bottom of the North sea going to be right in the bow of this ship so that if we hit one of them you surely will be the first man to die.

"Very well," replied the captain;

'you are going to die first anyway if

any of us do. You have helped lay

three mines. You know precisely

where they are. We are going to

He ordered the prisoner directly in the bow and then steamed ahead over the waters known to be mined. The end of the story is that this vessel tured Russian officer, praising the hu

picked up nearly 300 mines while the manity practiced in the German hos captured prisoner was kept in his pitals and the untiring efforts of the position of danger.

to sell to the dealers.

surgeons.

One of the English heroes of the

war is Albert Dougherty, chief gun-

ner of the cruiser Cressy, who fired

the shot that sent a German subma-

after three British cruisers had been

Praise for German Humanity.

trograd, is printed a letter from a cap

Berlin.-In the Novoe Vremra, Pe

sunk by the foe.

SANK A GERMAN SUBMARINE

owners drive the "bankers" into pens. Often they fight brisky over an espe brand the foals with the proper mark, cially tempting morsel. and catch some of the older animals In captivity these strange herses are intelligent, but seldom are even in North Carolinians say that the beasts | temper. Once tamed, they make exmust be starved into eating grain, hay cellent draft animals, for they have are several miles of low, sandy shore or grass, for they have always lived a strength that is disproportionate to where nothing grows except a coarse on the rank salt marsh grass of the their size. Foals that are bred from "bankers" in captivity make valuable animals-strong and intelligent.

Men are great pretenders; some

Over Seventy Years Young.

Mrs. Russell Sage started on her elghty-seventh year a few weeks ago and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller began her seventy-sixth. Mrs. Sage is said to be the more robust of the two, Mrs. Rockefeller not having been very strong for some time. Both women have a long life of well-doing to look back upon.

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Different School. "Are the fish biting?" "No; there are catfish. They're

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cause of the destruction of young

trees for hop poles.-London Chron-

SKIN ITCHED AND BURNED

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in pimples all over me. I would sting

and burn and itch all over and I

scratched until I was almost raw. At

times I could hardly bear anything to

rub against the parts that were af-

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fected.

We are told that Eve was made from Adam's ribs, but some of U really have an idea Adam lost h backbone. planting cider fruit and so creating a taste for more wholesome liquor. A century ago Cobbett also wrote angrily of hops and hop growers, chiefly be-



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SOME TESTIMONY

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