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Tank Triumphs In Great Fight

With the British Armies in France, [via London], Oct. 13.—A fight to a finish between a tank and "the tangle" was the outstanding and dramatic feature of the capture of Le Sars by the British yesterday and their advance in that neighborhood.

The tangle was a good example of the methods of defence that the Germans are using now that they are out of their old fortifications. It was a strong point with the maze of dugouts, reinforced by concrete, which had been specially constructed as a rallying point at which machine-guns could play on the infantry on both flank and front. Shells of the largest calibre were unable to put all the machine guns out of action. "Clearly this was a job for a tank," said a British Staff officer, "and one of the worst ever attacked. No rush of any force to destroy under the guns of a battleship, no cavalry charge on record was more gallant, daring or picturesque."

Since the taking of Eaucourt l'Abbaye British bombing parties had made many rushes into the tangle, and the Germans had met showers of bombs with showers of their own. The fire had smashed much of the cement, making the advance for the infantry all the more difficult in the midst of the bewildering turns of the maze. Neither bullets nor bombs could harm the tank, but it was bound to be under heavy shell fire. For the commander and crew it was death or success. Dextrous as the tank is in moving over all kinds of obstacles, it is uncertain whether his Majesty's landship, as the official title goes, could navigate the tangle.

With the peculiar grumbling and rumbling noise it makes as it goes over shell craters, the tank started off. Shells dropped all around it, covering it with earth, but it seemed to lead a charmed life. It wrapped itself up that ruined fortification, managed to cross the upheaval of cement blocks, and blazed its own machine guns into the dugouts and into the German machine gun positions.

Meanwhile the German gunners in the rear, having sighted a tank, proposed to smash it if it was in the power of their guns to do so. The tank seemed to draw all kinds of fire and at times was hidden by shell smoke and dust from explosions. But every time the

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pall raised it could be seen moving over the craters made by the shells aimed at it, with bullets and shell fragments rattling on its side. Its business was to clear the tangle and it succeeded.

Germany's Con- quests

[MONTREAL WEEKLY WITNESS]

Germany may well want peace today. She has up till now been the victor on every side. She is in possession of Belgium, the most productive country in the world. She has taken possession of those parts of France whose coal and iron production are France's most valuable natural asset. Between what she has robbed France of and what she has now seized, she has added enormously to her own natural wealth and plundered France of a very large portion of what has made her industrially great. Likewise between what she had before seized from Poland and what she has now in possession as the result of this war, the story of France is there repeated. And these are but the beginning of her gains. Before the war Austria was in her own eyes and in the eyes of the world a great empire. The war has made her a helpless dependent on the Prussian power. Austria, recently enlarged by the possession of Bosnia and now of Serbia, is today a satrapy of the great Kaiser. Exactly the same is to be said of the still vast Turkish empire. It was supposed to be independent. The war has revealed it to be under German command. The dream of the German emperor from boyhood has been to extend his empire to Constantinople and down the Euphrates valley to the Indian ocean. That dream is now fulfilled. He is in command of the Straits which lock Russia in from the seas, and of all Turkey except only where invading British and invading Russians have obtained some foothold; and all the Turks are at his bidding. It only needed, but it absolutely needed, Bulgaria to complete this central empire of the world. When this missing link fell into the war it also revealed itself a Prussian province. Germany may well want to cry quits now that the tables are turning on her, and her stupendous superiority of long calculated preparation is beginning to be overmatched by the tremendous sacrifices of the nations that she calculated to have crushed ere this. She stated the war now would be to proclaim that brute aggression is the rule by which the world's fate is determined and to notify mankind that the process of its subjection had only begun.

Marr-O'Connor

(Holyoke Daily Transcript, Oct. 10)

The marriage of Miss Claire Louise O'Connor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. O'Connor of 37 Laurel Street, to Peter J. Marra, son of Mrs. John Marra of Pleasant street, took place at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning in the Bleau

ed Sacrament church. Rev. John Lunney, the pastor, performed the ceremony and celebrated the nuptial mass which followed. The church was filled with relatives and friends of the couple.

Miss Louise Beaton, of Hartford Conn., a cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid and Owen Marra, brother of the bridegroom was best man. The bride wore a suit of violet blue silk Lyons velvet, a callot model, with hat of new blue mist shaded of broadtail and velvet with beaver gun metal trimmings. She carried a bouquet of bridal roses and a hand painted white stain prayer book. The bridesmaid wore navy blue chiffon broadcloth with black lynx trimmings and a black velvet picture hat, with gold satin and ostrich trimmings.

Following the church service, there was a reception and wedding breakfast to the immediate relatives and intimate friends of the couple, in the home of the bride. The couple left for a honeymoon trip, the destination of which is a secret and upon their return, they will live in the Colonial apartments and will be at home after December 1st. The bride's travelling suit was of rose Jersey, and she wore a hat of black hatters plush with pheasant birds. The bride's gift to the bridesmaid was a cameo pin set with pearls and the bridegroom's present to the best man was a diamond scarf pin.

Mrs. Marra was graduated from the Holyoke High school and Westfield Normal school. After her graduation, she taught in the public schools of Palmer and later came to this city, where she has been engaged in the Sargeant street school. Mr. Marra was graduated from the local high school and Williston Seminary and had been engaged for several years on the staff of the city engineering department. He is a member of Holyoke council, Knights of Columbus. Both Mr. and Mrs. Marra enjoy great popularity among their wide circle of friends. They received many beautiful and useful wedding gifts.—Mrs. Marra is a granddaughter of Mrs. John Donnelly of Woodstock.

Fresh Triumphs For Haig's Troops

New York Oct. 16.—A London cable to the Tribune says:

Haig's troops have won fresh successes in the Thiepval region of the Somme front. Here the British are confronted by two great obstacles to an advance—the powerfully fortified Stuff and Schwaben redoubts.

After heavy artillery preparation the British swung forward in this sector Saturday and advanced on both positions. North of the Stuff redoubt two lines of German trenches were cleared for a distance of 200 yards. North and west of the Schwaben redoubt the enemy was thrust back a considerable distance.

The Germans again adhered to the policy of abandoning ground in preference to losing men in great numbers. About 200 prisoners were swept behind the British ranks in the two movements. Both of these bastions in the German line now appear to be perilously close to capture. From dominating positions on three sides of them the heavy British guns are pouring forth a destructive fire that will soon pave the way for the charge of the infantry. With the two redoubts in their hands the British will be able to sweep northernwards along the eastern side of the Ancre Valley with little opposition, thus bringing Bapaume under attack from the flank.

A slight advance was also made by the British yesterday morning to the northeast of Gueudecourt, where Haig's troops threaten to encircle Transloy from the north and thus force the evacuation by the Germans of the lines along the Bethune Road between Transloy and Sailly Sailles. Success in this movement would straighten out the allied front south of Bapaume and permit of an advance on both sides of the triangle at whose apex lies their objective.

Few French successes since the beginning of the offensive promise more than that obtained in the vicinity of Belloy en Santerre and Ablaincourt. Both have an important bearing on the drive against Peronne from the south. Yesterday's smashing advance by the French prepared the way for an attack on Barleux, the most formidably defended village in the region. Barleux is now exposed to attack on the north and west, and Foch's troops are pressing forward on the south in an effort to pocket it.

With its fall, Peronne's will be virtually sealed. A general offensive movement on this front awaits only such a spell of dry days as occurred last fall.