

## BEST STORIES OF THE WAR

Heroism walks hand in hand with suffering through the fields of Belgium where the rival armies are now grappling. Day by day we read tales of brave doings by armed men and of sorrows borne by an unoffending peasantry. The following are among the most stirring that have been reported today.

### GIRL WOULD BE AIR SCOUT.

Writing in The Petit Parisien, a correspondent from Dijon tells of the alarm caused recently by a mysterious aeroplane apparently pursuing a group of six other aeroplanes on the way to Dijon from the southern centre. Soon after their arrival at Dijon the stranger landed near the military aerodrome. The mysterious pilot, on being interrogated, proved not to be a spy, but a young English girl, who had donned a uniform in the hope that she might aid France. She is now being detained, pending the arrival of her parents.

A paragraph in The Excelsior gives details of the 160 mile raid along the frontier by Pegoud in a standard unarmored eighty horse-power Bleriot-Gnome monoplane with M. Monnier as a fighting passenger. Starting at dawn last Tuesday they made many valuable observations and destroyed two important convoys with incendiary bombs and 100 pound shells. They flew low, from 1,300 to 1,500 metres, owing to their heavy load of nearly 800 pounds of explosives, enough oil and gasoline for four hours, two carbines and ammunition. They returned to Paris simply to obtain another machine, their own having ninety-seven bullet holes in the wings and having been struck twice by fragments of shells, once on the stabilizer and once under the steering wheel.

### OSTEND IN PANIC AS FOE CAME.

"Gay Ostend is utterly transformed by the shadow of war," writes the correspondent of The London Standard. "It is crowded from end to end with refugees of all nationalities, who are clamoring for an opportunity to escape seaward. Never have the streets been so thronged and one might have thought it a fête day but for the strained and anxious faces of the crowds."

"All the large hotels in Ostend are ready on the receipt of instructions to open their doors as hospitals and all necessary arrangements have been made to receive the wounded. Early this morning a number of wounded Belgian soldiers were taken by boat to an unknown destination in order to prevent them from being made prisoners by the Germans."

"Many hundreds of refugees have taken shelter in the bathing machines on the beach, while others are encamped on the race course which adjoins the dike. The King's summer palace, which looks out over the sea, has also been turned into a hospital. Side by side with all these scenes of war it is a striking con-

trast to watch the crowds of children paddling and playing war games on the sand.

"At nine o'clock this morning all the men of the Civil Guard were disarmed, and the burgomaster issued a proclamation to the inhabitants urging them to be calm and offer no resistance to the invading German."

"The Maritime Railway station was held by Belgian soldiers this morning but they will be removed by boat if the Germans enter the town. The station was full of boxes of coin and bank notes, which were being guarded by the soldiers, pending their transfer to steamers for Folkestone. I am told that all the bankers in Ghent, Bruges and Ostend have sent all their treasure to England for safety."

### CRUISER SHOT TO PIECES.

Describing the naval engagement in the Adriatic in which the cruiser Zenta was sunk, a writer in The Corsier d'Italia, says:

"A flotilla of Anglo-French torpedo boats was steaming out to sea after receding and re-attacking on the Piræan coast when it met other warships of the allies with their decks already cleared for action coming from Malia. The combined fleet proceeded toward the entrance to Catara Harbor."

"When they were approaching it the British torpedo destroyers which headed the flotilla sighted the Austrian protected cruiser Zenta and three smaller vessels doing blockade duty. Before they were discovered the allied flotilla opened fire upon the enemy's cruiser, which, being taken wholly by surprise, was slow in replying. When at last the Zenta began to return the fire it did so at long intervals with its shots very wide of the mark."

"In the meantime the gunners of the Anglo-French fleet were tearing ugly rents in the Zenta's flank and within four minutes had flooded her engine rooms. The other three Austro-Hungarian vessels—torpedo boats—then began racing away with many dead aboard."

"Seeing that the Zenta was foundering rapidly while its crew was intent on seeking a way of escape, the largest of the English torpedo boats went alongside and rescued two hundred marines, who were on the point of drowning."

"Fifty of these men subsequently succumbed to injuries received in the battle. Besides these one hundred were wounded by lively rifle fire."

### AEROPLANES GUIDED UHLANS.

From The Daily Telegraph's Dunkirk correspondent:

"The Germans seem to be directing their march on three points. In the north they have pushed across to Antwerp, under the shelter of the guns of which the Belgian army which has retreated from Malines has retired. A second body approached the vicinity of Ghent, riding close up to the city. The Uhlans were preceded by two German aeroplanes, which were in quest of the whereabouts of any armed Belgian force. The appearance of the Uhlans practically at the gates of Ghent created something very nearly approached a panic among those inside the city."

"Those who had no pressing business in the city commandeered every kind of vehicle, from automobiles to carts drawn by dogs. Here were military officers in automobiles, citizens rich and poor, influential and humble, town councillors—everybody bent on making his escape as fast as possible toward Bruges."

"I interviewed several of the officers and they told me that, while the city was still free, the Uhlans had come in from the south and a larger force was hourly expected. They believed that the occupation of the city by the Germans was a question of only a few hours."

### BLEW UP FORT AND DIED HERO.

The Paris Ministry of War issued the following communiqué concerning the holding out of the Liège forts:

"The Châteaufort fort at Liège was the scene of an act of heroism which brilliantly affirms once more the valor of the Belgian army."

"Major Nameche commanded the fort which controls the railway from Aix-la-Chapelle to Liège via the Verdiers and Châteaufort tunnel. The fort was bombarded continuously and very violently by the Germans. When

## NOTES FROM THE RURAL DISTRICTS

### FOREST CITY

Forest City, Aug. 24—This is the season just between haying and harvesting in this section and early everyone seems to be taking a few days vacation and enjoying life.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanford Gould and daughter Grace spent a few days recently with relatives at Topsfield, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Graham and little son Merrill are spending a week at Mattawamkeag, Me.

Miss Ella Lesman who has been spending a few weeks in the vicinity of Canterbury has returned home.

Mrs. M. C. Beatty and daughter Lucy of Houlton, Me., spent a week recently with Mr. and Mrs. William Gould.

On Sunday Aug. 16, a baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Way.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Cropley spent a few days of last week with a week's vacation at Danforth.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith of Ludlow, Me., paid a short visit to this place last week.

For the past week Aug. 15—23 a large number of our people have been attending camp meeting at Brookton, Me. As advertised, it was a week in the woods, as the camp grounds were in a grove about half a mile from the main road. Our summer pastor, Mr. Chester Wood was the chief manager, he was assisted by Rev. Thomas McDonald of Houlton; besides those two the different days brought their different subjects and speakers. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Clark and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harvey and son Earl of this place camped on the grounds all the week, and a number of others for a few days. Wednesday was Temperance Rally Day, the speakers for that day were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Winchester of Lubec, they were greatly enjoyed by a large number who were able to attend the services of that day. The meetings closed on Sunday, Decision day.

The Misses Birdie and Myrtle Graham spent two days of last week at Danforth, Me.

### DOWVILLE

Dowville, Aug. 20—A painful accident occurred to Nathan Grant and his two grand daughters, the Misses Dow, when driving home from the funeral of Mrs. James Ritchie on meeting an automobile their horse became unmanageable and the occupants of the carriage were thrown out. Mr. Grant sustained a broken shoulder and fractured ribs, while Miss Lydia Dow is suffering from a broken leg. Miss Tressa Dow is suffering with bruises. Dr. Murdoch is the attending physician and the injured ones are getting along as well as can be expected.

Haying is finished in this section of the country and a very good crop has been gathered in.

James Barton of Union Corner accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Dakin and her two children are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hatfield.

The Misses Lean and Lucy Foster left recently to visit relatives at Blaine, Me., and also attend the R. B. Camp Meeting at Robinson, Me.

An open air service was held on the lawn at the residence of Rev. L. B. Foster on Sunday afternoon. About two hundred people were present.

Mrs. Frank Wright and two children Royce and Freda are visiting relatives in Millville.

Miss Teressa Dow a recent graduate of a Connecticut Hospital is spending her holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wilnot Dow.

### BLOOMFIELD RIDGE

Bloomfield Ridge, Aug. 20—A highly respected lady, Mrs. John Forsythe of Bloomfield passed away on Friday, August 14 of heart trouble, aged 77 years. She was a member of the Methodist Church for many years and a great church worker. The remains were laid to rest in the Methodist Cemetery at Bloomfield Rev. George W. Tilly preached the funeral sermon. The choir rendered the hymns "Asleep in Jesus, Blessed Sleep," "On the Happy Golden Shore," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." The pall bearers were—Messrs. C. W. Pond, L. G. Aldin, George A. Moyn, R. A. Norrad, A. L. Boies, J. E. Norrad.

Mr. Herbert C. McLellan has moved into his new house.

The Miramichi Lumber Co., Ltd., has a large crew of men and three pairs of horses working at Taxes building and repairing dams. Mr. M. Black of Pleasant Ridge is head dam builder for the company.

It was only a heap of debris and the commander judged that resistance was impossible he blockaded the tunnel by producing collisions between several locomotives which had been sent into it. Then he set fire to the fuses of mines in the tunnel.

"His task thus done, Major Nameche did not wish to see the German flag float over the ruins of his fort. He therefore exploded all the remaining powder and blew up everything, including himself. Such an act of heroism is beyond all comment."

Mr. and Mrs. William Hurley of Maplegrove were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. James McLellan.

The marriage of Berton J. MacLellan son of James McLellan of Bloomfield Ridge and Miss Lea B. Spencer, daughter of Elijah E. Spencer both of Bloomfield Ridge will take place on Tuesday, August 25.

Mrs. Thomas Jones of Fredericton and family are spending their vacation with her mother, Mrs. William Hinchy.

Mr. Allan E. Munn of Campbell is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. John G. Snow.

Mr. John A. Spencer of Bloomfield Ridge was a pleasant caller at Brown's Flats on Sunday evening, preached here on Sunday evening to a large congregation.

Mr. Walter Archibald Cahoon, son of John Cahoon of Gordonville and Miss Lella M. McLellan of Bloomfield Ridge, daughter of Mr. K. McLellan are to be married on September 9.

Miss Edith E. Holden of Oromocto will have charge of Pleasant Ridge school this term.

Miss Muriel E. Bradley of Nashua Village has charge of the school at the Main River.

Miss Leah Shannah of Red Bank will teach the school at Bloomfield Ridge this term.

Mr. Clarence E. Boies has broken the record of raising ducks, chickens and turkeys at Bloomfield Ridge this year. He raised twenty-five pairs of Miss Bessie M. McDonald of Deak-ducks, they are dandies.

town is visiting her old home at Bloomfield Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. MacDonald were calling on her mother Mrs. John A. Spencer recently.

Miss Christina M. McDonald of Boston, a nurse, is visiting her old home. Miss McDonald has been away for five years.

### CANADIAN WOMEN STRANDED IN LONDON

It is interesting to know that Canadian women delayed in London are not waiting idly until such time as they may be able to get away. A letter from one such says:

"No one thinks or talks of anything but war. The common interest has drawn the people in this hotel very close together. There are Australians, South Africans, New Zealanders and Americans, most of them stranded here, like ourselves, for an indefinite time, and making the best of it."

### SEWING FOR THE CAUSE

"We begin tomorrow to sew for the 'cause,' and great piles of shirts, night shirts, etc., are to be sent here, with several sewing machines. It will be a good safety-valve, for we are all at rather a high tension waiting for news, unable to concentrate on anything else."

"There are some people here who arrived without luggage and with very little money and little hope of a passage back before the late fall. There are over 680,000 Americans in London, many of them panicky, crazy to get home, and sure that the mad Kaiser with his forces will soon invade London. The English people are very quiet and composed, and ready for whatever happens, with perfect faith in the navy and soldiers."

### SIGHTSEEING AT A STANDSTILL

Of a friend whom she had expected to visit and tour Scotland with our correspondent says:

"Miss R. writes that all their horses and motors have been taken by the government. I never saw such enthusiasm, and it is wonderful to see the unity of this great nation in its time of need."

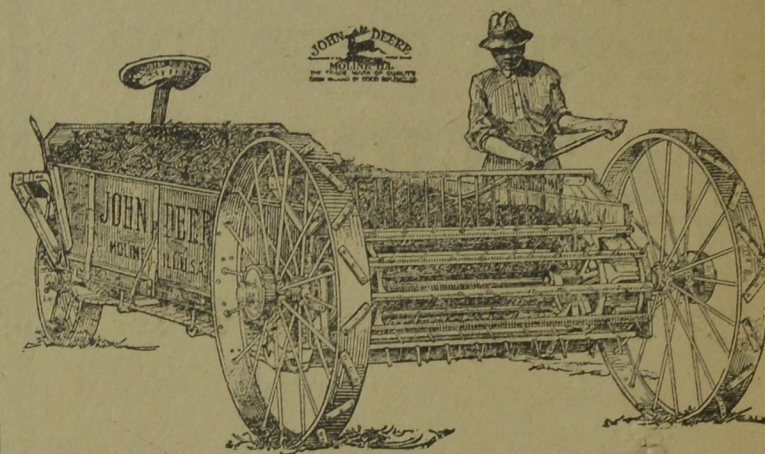
"We have been haunting the war and recruiting offices, and have seen most of the serious-faced members, also the Premier and Lord Kitchener."

### SHOPS DESERTED OR CLOSED

"You wouldn't know dear old London now. Shops are deserted or closed and the streets are thronging with soldiers and ringing with the cries of the newshoys with extras. Beautiful Kensington Gardens is now an emergency camp and we hear the tramp of soldiers and bugle calls many times a day."

"I am growing very food-thirsty towards the Germans, and yet England is treating the 60,000 who are in this country so decently. Indeed, our head waiter is a German, whom we are certain is a spy. He glowers at us, and is rude to everyone, and the management won't let him go because they are so short-handed."

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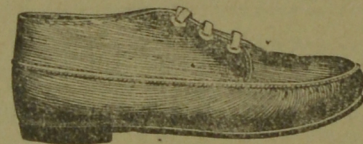
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