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SOME SIDELIGHTS OF THE WAR

A curious effect of the war is reported from Eastern France, which is said to have been invaded by many wild boar, frightened from the border forests of Germany.

Lord Roberts has issued an appeal to sportsmen possessing race glasses, field glasses or stalking glasses to turn them over to the army for use at the front. Effort will be made to return them at the close of the war.

According to a French priest, there are now nearly twenty thousand priests serving in the French army.

On the retreat toward Paris a private, Pat Flynn, performed a peculiarly cool action. He heard cries from wounded men from water. There was no water on hand, but in the midst of shell fire Flynn seized hold of a stray cow and began to milk it. He filled his canteen five times and conveyed the milk to the wounded. As they retired, Flynn brought the cow along with him, and only abandoned it when the shelling became too hot.

Lord Dysart is remitting the year's rent on his garden allotments and cottages in Grantham to all tenants who have joined the colors.

"At Boissy Levison only four walls of the railway station were left," writes an English surgeon. "I found here a circle of litters on which lay the bodies of four dead. Upland, stiff, bare-chested, and their wounds dotted with blood. They had been brought here alive, and were abandoned during the flight. One of them, with fine hands and a face still speaking of energy, was strikingly handsome. Some soldiers stood at a tap between the corpses, drawing water. In a shed next door, with shattered roof there were more bodies. One of the dead men was sitting upright with open eyes and outstretched hand, like a fixture at Madame Tussaud's but a figure of flesh not wax."

"In our own regiment it's not unusual to see men playing cards under fire, while waiting for the order to advance," writes an English private. "I know of a case where one of our chaps was just going to go nap when the Germans sent along a shell that hit every man of the card party, killing one and wounding three. When one was being taken off on a stretch-

er he called out, 'It was the Germans that won that trick.'"

Many wealthy people have already been ruined by the war. A Belgian nobleman reports, without complaint how his chateau near Liege had been razed by the Belgians to clear the way for three of the heavy guns, how all the horses in his racing stud had been commandeered; how through his ruined tenants' inability to pay any rent for two or three years, his income was gone. He asked whether if he put the wreck of his fortunes, namely, the family plate, in a big chest, he would be allowed to take it into England.

A correspondent writes: "I shall never forget the admirable cool given by a little English soldier wounded in the hand, whom I found sitting by the roadside outside Mons, wearing an air of consternation. I began to talk to him, and asked him if his wound was hurting him. 'It's not that,' he said, with a doleful shake of his head, 'but I'm blessed if I haven't been and lost my pipe in that charge.' I gave him mine, and he was promptly comforted."

Describing his experiences at the front, a lance corporal of the Argyll Highlanders, in a hospital, said: "I was shot clean through the thigh. I was crawling along to the base on my hands and knees, bullets whizzed all around me and shrapnel fell within a few feet. Eight times my kilt was pierced. Except for the thigh wound I did not have a scratch, although my gun was shattered in my hand. But I was not yet out of the wood. The Belgian hospital to which my comrades and myself were carried was shelled by the enemy, and many men around me were killed as they lay in bed."

TELL US WHY.

A schoolboy home for the holidays, wishing to inspire his little sister with awe for his learning, pointed to a star and said: "Do you see that little luminary? It's bigger than this whole world." "No, tain't!" said his sister. "Yes, it is," returned the youthful scholar. "Then why is it that it don't keep off the rain?" was the triumphant rejoinder.—Chicago News.

REDMOND ASKS RECONCILIATION

London, Oct. 5.—John E. Redmond, the Irish leader, in making recruiting speeches at Wexford yesterday, eloquently appealed for a reconciliation on the Home Rule question. He said:

"I will meet Andrew Bonar Law (the opposition leader in parliament) by gentleness and by reason. I pray with all my heart and soul that out of this terrible war one blessed result will come for Ireland and that is that as Irishmen go on on fighting side by side, Catholics by Protestants and north of Ireland Irish by south of Ireland Irishmen, it may prove to be a sign of the future unity of our Irish nation."

"German domination would mean the loss of all the liberties we have won. I will put it quite plainly, as General Botha (the South African premier) did in his speech. Are you for Britain and her colonies or are you on the side of Germany?"

"Believe me, we cannot remain aloof. The war has come upon us and we must have our choice. The only choice of honor, or safety, and of statesmanship is to defend the empire's liberties against their declared enemy."

ONE RESULT OF THE WAR.

New York, Oct. 5.—The future of the Irish Home Rule Bill depends in some measure on the duration and result of the European war, in the opinion of Timothy Healy, Irish member of the British parliament, who arrived here yesterday from Liverpool on the Cunard liner Campania. To some extent Ireland owed the enactment of the bill to the present conflict, Mr. Healy said.

ORDERED TO THE FRONT

Letters received in this city are to the effect that the "King Edward Horse," a regiment of which twenty-two Rhodes Scholars at Oxford University are members, has been ordered to leave for Belgium on Wednesday, October 14. Among the New Brunswick students attached to this regiment are Frank M. Smith, a Mount Allison Rhodes scholar, and Mr. Harvey Reid, a Carleton County boy, who was awarded a Rhodes scholarship at Acadia University a few years ago.

NOT QUALIFIED.

Some time ago Sambo Smith was watching the development of a watermelon vine in his garden on the outskirts of a Southern city when the esteemed Washington Snow rambled down the road and became a part of the immediate scenery.

"Mistah Smith," began the esteemed Snow, trailing his way across the garden. "I hab come to see yo' on pohtant biziness."

"Yes, sah," agreeably answered Sambo. "What kin I do fob yo' Mistah Snow?"

"We am gittin' up a mission band, Mistah Smith," impressively replied the other, "an' we would live yo' ter fine."

"Say, Mr. Snow," broadly smiled Sambo, "yo' make me laugh like grea happiness! Yo' know very well dat I kain't eben carry a tune on a mauf organ." Philadelphia Telegraph

HOME-SICK COLLIE

Emerson said: "In dealing with children, as much soul as you have avails." This is true in treating with domestic animals, especially the dogs. Here is an example which tells me so:

I saw a traveller at a railroad station leading a beautiful Scotch collie with a chain around his neck. He told me the dog was eleven months of age, was born and raised on a farm in Southern Indiana, and that he had bought it and was taking it to Eastern Pennsylvania.

"But," said he, "I am worried about him. We have been on the road a day and a night, and I can't make him eat."

He bought at the lunch-counter a few slices of bread with milk poured over them, and took them on a wooden picnic plate outside to see if he could coax "John" to eat. But the dog turned his head away and looked wistfully out of the station shed down the shining steel rails. Then it was that I thought of Emerson's remark, and I asked if I could try and induce the animal to eat. The privilege was granted, and I squatted down and called, "John, come here, I want to talk to you."

John came over and put his head up near my face, and I said:—

"Poor boy! I know your trouble. You are so homesick. You want to see the cows and the children, don't you?"

He put his head on one side and seemed to be drinking in every word. His eyes were deep and soulful.

"I know just how you feel, for there have been times when I wanted to see the cows, the green fields, and the children. And then the sights and sounds are all so strange to you, John. You feel as queer and lost as a child would who had been taken away from home, don't you? But, dear, you must eat, for you have a long, long journey before you. Come on over here with me and I'll feed you!"

And so he followed me and ate the whole supper from my hands. As I looked up, I saw there were men around us with tears on their faces.—Edgar Hill, in "Our Dumb Animals."

ANNOUNCED THE PREACHER

It is related of a preacher in a small town, who was to be absent from his pulpit a fortnight, that he recently announced after the sermon:—

"The preacher for next Sunday will be Mr. Firstly, and the one for the Sunday after you'll find hanging up behind the door on the other side of the vestry."

POLICY TO OPTICIANS

The latest insurance novelty is a policy issued to opticians, covering them for a small premium against actions-at-law, damages, and costs connected with errors or asserted errors in the adjustment of spectacles.

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For his Antarctic expedition Sir Ernest Shackleton had made a sleeping bag said to be the lightest in existence. It was constructed of Kapok, a fibrous, silk material, obtained from the seed pods of a tree grown largely in Java. It is six times as light as cotton, and is so oily that it is quite waterproof.

The reason why Kapok is not more generally known is because hitherto the attempts which have been made to invent machinery for the purpose of making Kapok of real commercial value have met with indifferent success. It is reported, however, that a new machine has now been invented, with the assistance of which it will be possible to "card" Kapok fibre, so that it can be used for coat linings, bed quilts, and so on.

A mattress stuffed with Kapok was tested in the water, and though only weighing 10 pounds, it supported a man weighing 200 pounds lying on it. As a matter of fact, for some years now, owing to its peculiar waterproof nature, this vegetable fibre has been employed as stuffing for life-buoys and life-belts.

Although Kapok is mostly produced in Java, it is also grown to a small extent in India, British Honduras, and Ceylon, and there is little doubt that if the latest machines prove a success they will bring fortunes to the lucky inventors.

Noiseless Streets

An inexpensive method of abolishing the noise of city traffic is being tried at Frankfurt. The street paving is of stone blocks, and the spaces between the blocks being cleaned out to a depth of about an inch, asphalt is flowed over the street in a layer an inch thick. Sand being sprinkled on, the surface is smoothed. Thus an almost noiseless surface can be produced simply and rapidly, and repairs can be easily made.

Daily Floral Tribute

In the cloisters of Westminster Abbey is a tombstone which has been polished every morning and decorated afresh with a bunch of flowers for nearly five years. It is over the grave of the late Mrs. Wilberforce, wife of the present Archdeacon of Westminster, who died five years ago. Never a morning has passed but a fresh floral tribute has been laid on it.

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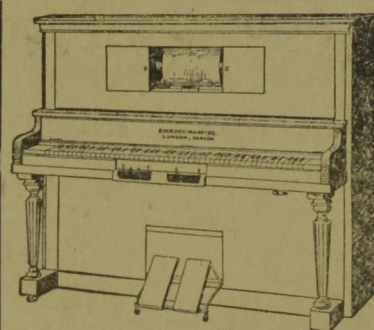
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