

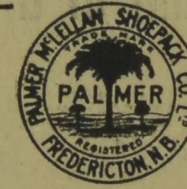
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## SEVEN KILLED BY GAS EXPLOSION

Cleveland, Dec. 14.—A natural gas explosion in a two-story apartment house at 11610 Madison Ave, tonight killed seven persons, injured seriously eight, and wrecked the two-story building. Windows for a block around were broken, and persons in a drug store across the street were thrown off their feet and injured by broken glass.

The exact cause of the explosion has not been ascertained. A strong odor of escaping gas had been noticed in the vicinity. A photograph studio occupied the first floor of the apartment and it is supposed the escaping gas became ignited.

The explosion blew out the walls of the building and the wreckage at once caught fire. Firemen dragged the dead and dying from the blazing mass at the risk of their lives. Most of the injured were horribly mangled, having had arms and legs blown off. Several of the dead were children, who lived in the apartments above the photograph studio.

Owing to the cold wave here today the gas pressure was high. It is believed a great amount escaped before the fumes found their way to the photographic dark-room and caused the blast.

## PICKED UP AVIATORS IN NORTH SEA

London, Dec. 14.—A telegram to Reuter's Telegram Company from Flushing says that the Dutch steamer Oranje Nassau has picked up two aviators in the North Sea.

The aviators proved to be a British officer and his mechanic, who had been compelled to descend upon the sea on account of the motor of their seaplane becoming disabled.

At first they refused to leave their craft until they were assured they would be interned in Holland, with the vessel was bound.

It was reported that the aviators had been flying over Belgium, where they dropped five bombs.

## THIN KHAKI LINE OF BRITISH HEROES

An officer in the Army Service Corps writes:—

"I know, reading the home papers—I could almost wish that a horde of these gentry could descend on old England's shores. I don't think anything but that will ever arouse them to the awfulness of the thing that the thin (very, very thin in some places) khaki line in the trenches out here is fighting hard to keep from them; and that very thin line is doing each day something that has never been equalled even by the thin red line of bygone days. I am not patting myself on the back, for my work lies behind the trenches, and I take off my hat to every mother's son that is there. I should have thought that the recruits to the new army would have exceeded the second million by now, and yet they don't seem to have got the first completed yet. If they could only take the youth of England on a personally-conducted tour along our lines here so that they could realize what we are up against, I think they'd join in a body; but, failing that, the best way to buck them up would be a hundred thousand Germans landing in England. I don't suppose they'd get very far, still they would bring home to the smug armchair brigade as nothing else ever will something at least of the awful way in which Belgium and part of France have suffered. Those who are out here are doing miracles."

In the meantime, however confident one may be of the result, we are still a long way off that salvation and the present battle is still raging backwards and forwards as fiercely as ever. As you said in your other letter, the old Scottish have done splendidly, and I am afraid, have lost rather heavily, but there isn't one regiment in the firing line that is doing better than another; they are all doing their best, and a splendid best too.

### A POPULAR CITIZEN.

A stranger happened in a small town in New England a few weeks ago and while sitting in the lobby of a hotel he overheard some of the regulars speaking about a man who had just been gathered unto his fathers.

"I understand from your remarks," said the stranger, joining the group "that one of your townsmen has just died."

"Yes," answered the native address, "poor old Dave Bowers. Died week ago."

"That's too bad!" sympathetically returned the stranger. "I suppose he was very popular?"

"Popular," exclaimed the native. "Well, I should say he was! Why, every dog's tail in the town stopped waggin' for five minutes while the funeral passed."

Many a girl who aspires to become a missionary doesn't even breeze into the kindergarten grade by helping her poor old mother launder the dishes.



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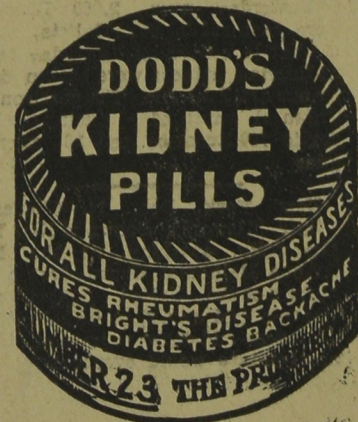
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