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The War News Good.

Charlotte Observer.

We could never see much to admire in the Russian troops except their numbers, and it is probable that what little admiration we have had for them as fighters will be a long time in the process of restoration. But the firing squad appears to have been successful in weeding out some large part of the more undesirable element in the Russian Army, the headlong flight has been halted and it is possible that under the reorganized state of affairs the new army may make a better account of itself and at least succeed in engaging the attention of a material part of the German Army in the east. It is easy to imagine what would be happening to the German Army in the west at this time, if the Russians had been gamely holding their ground. The Germans had been able, through the shameful conduct of the Russians to mass their guns and men on the western front, assembling in both the greatest array of force since the war opened, and yet, in spite of these preparations on a tremendous scale, the British and French won the most signal success of the present campaign. It marked the beginning of what gives promise of being a Waterloo for Germany. Some of the "absolutely impregnable" German positions reported to Washington a few days ago by returned military experts were captured with apparently the greatest ease and with remarkably small loss of life, while the French gained positions of immense strategic value. Towns by the score were captured and a small army of prisoners was sent to the rear of the Allied forces. It was altogether the most stirring war news that has come in many a day. The results of this new offensive by the British and French negative much of the sensational stuff the alarmists have been sending out and minimize the actual necessity for the United States pouring thousands more soldiers into France at this time. We were told that if this were not done the Germans would sweep over the Allies into both London and Paris.

It will be noted that in the past day or two the press dispatches have been dated from the British Front "in France and Belgium." Behind this fact the Observer believes it can see some significance. The driving back yet a little more of the German lines and their naval bases will be exposed and that will mean trouble for the submarines of a grave character. Once the German Government is driven to an abandonment of these bases the situation for the future of the submarine campaign will undergo an entire change and one that may prove disastrous to Germany. It would give the allies the upper hand on the sea and bring Germany into a realization of the failure of its vaunted dependence for winning the war. In the continued successes of the Allies in the west one can afford to forget the pitiful spectacle the Russians have cut in recent weeks. And if the Russians should succeed in pulling themselves together and once more materialize into a factor which Germany must take into account, then indeed would the war news take on a about as bright an aspect as the world could hope for at this time. German alleged "impregnability" does not appear to be able to halt the magnificent "inefficiency" of the British and French—and it is altogether probable that we might truthfully add of the Americans. In spite of the fact that we are told nothing of

WONDERFUL HEROISM.

British Airmen Make Telling Rade on Germans.

Following are some extracts taken from an Associated Press Dispatch, of the 2nd, which give some idea of the part airmen are playing in the great world war:

Wonderful heroism was displayed by the British airmen, who performed remarkable deeds. One typical instance will indicate the nature of the important work they carried out. A British aviator crossed the Ypres salient just as the infantry attack at dawn began. For a time he patrolled the roads and canals, now and then running the gauntlet of enemy fire at a height of thirty feet in order to obtain information for the guidance of the infantry in their advance. During this patrol work he came to a German airdrome. Owing to the early hour only one enemy was stirring outside the shed and he passed in his ablutions only long enough to satisfy himself that the plane above him evidently was one of his own.

The British aviator circled low and dropped a bomb squarely on one of the sheds. This brought numbers of Germans tumbling in a panic from the buildings. He turned his machine gun on them and circling about the field, bombed two other sheds with disastrous effects. All the time he kept up a steady stream of machine gun fire at the Germans, a number of whom were killed or wounded. The Germans finally got a machine gun into action against him, but he dived and at twenty feet silenced it with his own gun. Having put this gun out of action, he circled the field, firing with his machine gun through the doors of buildings at the huddled enemy within. At one time his machine actually touched the ground.

Leaving the airdrome, the British aviator attacked two German mounted officers and put them to flight. A little later he encountered a column of two hundred troops and swept along the line, with his gun working steadily. The entire column was dispersed and fired by devious ways to cover, leaving numbers of their comrades lying in the road. Two German battleships appeared on the scene and the British engaged them both, sending one to earth and putting the other to flight. He pursued the fleeing plane, but it was soon lost in the clouds.

In the meantime, a large body of German soldiers had gathered around the machine which had been brought down. The British flying man came sweeping back from the mists in which he had hidden and accounted for several of their number with his machine gun.

His next objective was a troop train. He traveled along its entire length, pumping bullets into the crowded cars. This completes the story of one aviator's fights for the day, but he later did valuable scouting work over the enemy lines.

Numerous instances are related of pilots charging the anti-aircraft gunners and machine gun operators at a height of thirty or forty feet and silencing the guns. Pistol duels between the British aviators and the German infantry were not uncommon occurrences. In one instance a young aviator, in a burst of chivalry, deliberately stopped his machine gun when a German officer drew his pistol and began shooting at him, and engaged the enemy with his pistol, apparently feeling that he had no right to take an unfair advantage of his opponent. The aviator's pistol was sufficient, however.

Sunday School Singing Contest.

The Sunday School singing choir of Wilkes, Ashe and Watauga counties, representing the Children's Singing Class of our (Summit) Sunday school, I hereby challenge any children's singing choir in the three counties mentioned to meet our class at any half-way point where suitable accommodations can be had, and there sing in a contest either for a premium or for mastery of the occasion. Conditions as follows:

Each class shall be composed of the members of one Sunday School only. White people. Ages to range from 14 years down, and each class to consist of not less than 24 nor more than 44 children. Sacred songs only to be used. Any Sunday school wishing to enter such contest, kindly address W. S. Church, Summit, N. C.

Summer Complaint.

During the hot weather of the summer months some member of almost every family is likely to be troubled with some unnatural looseness of the bowels, and it is of the greatest importance that this be treated promptly, which can only be done when the medicine is kept at hand. Mr. F. F. Scott, Scotsville, New York states, "I first used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy as much as five years ago. At that time I had a severe attack of summer complaint and was suffering intense pain. One dose relieved me. Other members of my family have since used it with like results."

Card of Thanks.

We, the entire family, wish to extend our many thanks to our friends and neighbors for their faithful and untiring help, and their many deeds of kindness shown us through the long sickness and death of our dear husband and father. May God's richest blessings ever be theirs.

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

An Editor Tells the Truth, Says a Head Line.

A west Texas editor got tired of being called a "liar" because of an occasional typographical error or slight disarrangement of the facts publishing a commonplace news item. In his wrath, he announced in boldface black type as follows:

"A lot of people in this town fall out with the editor and brand him as a liar when the ordinary human mistakes a life show up in a newspaper. You have a little charity and fellow feeling for every man in town but your editor. You claim that you want the facts, and d-d if I don't give 'em to you. Read the next issue of this sheet and you'll see some facts with the bark off. I'll admit that I've been a liar, an editorial liar, ever since I have been editing this sheet, but I have never printed a lie in these columns except to save somebody's feelings from being hurt. I'm not afraid of any of you, and I'll be damned if I don't print the truth from now on, or until you get out of the habit of calling me a liar every time I make some little unavoidable typographical error. Watch my smoke."

Here are some paragraphs culled from the next issue:

"John Bennin, the laziest merchant in town, made a trip to Belleville yesterday.

"John Coyle, our groceryman, who voted with republicans in 1896, and consumes more mail order whiskey than any other member of the Baptist church in this county, is doing a poor business. His store is dirty and dusty. It is a wonder he has any business at all.

"Rev. Sty preached last Sunday night at the Christian church. His sermon was punk and uninteresting, except some stuff he quote from Bob Ingersoll, for which he failed to give Bob credit. He also recited a few passages from one of William Elbert Munnsey's sermons and had the gall to palm it off as his.

"Dave Chartier died at his

home two miles north of this place last Thursday night. Dock Holderness, who is an old friend of the family, attended him a few minutes before he expired. He gave it out that Dave died of heart failure. That is a lie. Dave died from drinking too much of a very poor grade of mail order licker. This paper prints the truth:

"Tom Spradlin married Miss Cordie Meador last trades' day at the county seat. It isn't generally known, but the marriage was brought about mainly by a Remington shot gun manipulated by the bride's father, Tom coucludin' that marryin' was the healthiest thing he could do until other arrangements could be made.

"Roger Lloyd, cashier of the State bank at Willow Grove, died Wednesday evening and was buried Friday by the Odd Fellows in Pleasant Mound cemetery. He has been taking this paper seven years and so far has not paid us one cent; we thinking that he, being a banker, would pay some time. We will sell the account for two bit's worth of fres greens.

"Married; Miss Susie Scruggs and Horace Griffin, last Saturday, at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. James C. Williams officiating. The bride is a very ordinary town girl who flirts with all the traveling men she meets and never helped her mother three days all put together in her life. She is anything but a beauty resembling a gravel pit in the face and walks like a duck. The groom is a natural-born loafer and bum. He never did a lick of work until his step daddy run him away from home last fall. He went to the county seat, and just before starving to death, accepted a position as chamber maid in a livery stable. As soon as his ma' found out where he was she went and got him and brou't him home. He now resides at the home of his wife's father and says he has no definite plans for the future. Susie will have a hard row to hoe.—The Dallas Pitchfork.

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