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it would be dolorous but fortunately the villages left were not German. According to the view in this army a civilized person would have said that any villages behind a German retreat were dolorous villages. What the German invaders did not do to the French villages south of the Vesle the American and French shells completed. It seemed almost a sacrifice to level so many pretty little places, but Foch knew it was a greater sacrilege to allow the enemy to stay in them and lay plans to attack Paris. The whole countryside is pockmarked with shell holes by tens of thousands, many formerly fair fields having so many shell holes that one can literally step from one to another. Some of these fields are bloody fields. One I saw yesterday I can never forget.

To east, to west, and north of the road lay a wheat field from which anything, rested Noah's ark, and Jacob the enemy had harvested the grain before the battle came. To the south of the road a hundred yards away lay a stretch of woods. North of the wheat field was a large wood.

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In a small field south of the road lay a row of bodies of Americans where German machine guns on the south side of the road had opened on them. What could cause a greater thrill than to walk forward to the road and see the bodies of the German machine gunners in their ner dead from bayonet wounds?

On the north side of the road were dugouts with American spades lying about which told that our men had made them, and then fifty yards away and stretching back lay dead Germans. That scene along the road told an

eloquent story. The Americans had charged toward the road, only to be met by German machine gun fire. Rushing on and suffering losses they had bayoneted some of the gunners and put others to flight. They had then taken positions on the north side of the road and met a counterattack, killing the Germans I saw ly-

ing beyond. The whole story of the battle lay there plainly. Far north of the road out of the wheat field could be seen orderly rows of shell holes, where our accurate artillery had laid down a creeping harrage, behind which the troop

had moved to the foes' positions at the edge of the wood. Here and there lay the body of a boy in brown who had paid the great price. On the edge of the wood I walk

ever linger. In a pit perhaps fifty over to her. With the power of the feet long, twenty feet wide, and fifteen feet deep the Germans had established a strong position with emplacements in the sides for machine guns-maybe twenty of them.

There in the bottom of the pit in utmost confusion lay fifteen or so dead as he used Lenine and Trotzky. He Germans and perhaps ten Americans. will use it to oppose Russian democ-In front of the pit lay nine dead of racy, and oppose the Allies who are our men.

The Americans had charged thou machine guns even into the pit, where they fought hand to hand with the

ing there in the cockpit a shell had fallen among them.

All along the edge of the

despite Hindenburg and Ludendorff villages which were being left behind and "Hard Luck Willie," as the boys call the crown prince, a retreating army, it is held, cannot be stopped in its tracks by waving the German flag in its face.

## CENTER OF MANY LEGENDS

light machine guns, firing a rathe Dome of the Rock in the Holy Land intense fire into one of our positions Has Long Been Held Sacred. Another group was estimated to be The Mussulman's grief at the fall of about 25 or 30. 'At another point o Jerusalem is largely centered in the our front a stationery enemy patrol fate of the Dome of the Rock. For took position, firing with two small centuries devout Molammedans have machine guns. Now and then squad journeyed to this spot, which they would dart forward from their gun count only second to the holy places of positions. Eight Germans got up to Mecca in religious signific nce. the wire in front of one of our po Directly under the rounded dome sitions, and four others approached at topped with the Turkish crescent is the sacred rock about which a host of another point. Besides these assault

groups which reached our line, there traditions-Jewish, Christian and Mowere undoubtedly additional enemy hammed an-have been collected. From forces in assaulting columns and supthis rock Mohammed ascended into porting columns which were unabl coven on his steed El Borak, the lightto enter the field. iny. Here also, tradition is worth The special machine gun group un-

der command of Lieut. L. E. Shaw saw the angelic vision. This spot is was in one of the most exposed cen-18 miles nearer heaven than any other ters of the fighting, being under ter on the earth, and the Turks accept rific artillery fire and the fire of two the old Jewish theory that this is the lerman machine guns, Loeut Shaw center of the earth. Here on the Judghandled this very difficult situation ment day the angel Gabriel stands with cool bravery. The enemy bar-

when he sounds his trumpet. age was so close that it was impos-There is little room for argument sible to stand up and Lleut. Shaw over these statements. You accept or controlled his guns by rolling from reject them as you will. But long and one to the other. His two guns fired heated have been the learned disserfive thousand rounds. tations to decide whether this identical

Under this violent onslaught th spot, already overcrowded with assomen stuck to their posts, carried out lations, is the site of Solomon's temevery order without hesitation, often ple or the tomb of Christ. Science under galling fire, and showed a high

mounted it and continued firing until

ordered to cease. The fire of this

There were instances of individua

fired his rapid fire piece from the hip

first at one group and then at th

other. Privates Smithfield Jones and

George Woods are especially mention

ed for their coolness in the face of

violent shelling when they dismount-

ed the machine guns and then reas-

added a heavy fire of large minenwer-

fors. There was no flinching;

now leans towards the former concludegree of skill with their weapons sion and grants that very likely the and coolness and courage. Each ma rock marks the place where stood the chine gun jammed three times, was altar of the famous Jewish temple. partly disassembled and cleaned under Even for a confirmed skeptic the

fire, continuing in action throughout place must hold some interest, for the the engagement. structure protecting the rock is a One team fired fourteen clips when vorthy rival of the Taj Mahal in beau-

ty of design. The building is octagon-Lieut. Shaw they were ordered al like a mosque and popularly called clear the jam. While under intense the Mosque of Omar, to the distress fire of artillery and machine guns of the well informed, who pointed out

they coolly dismounted the gun, rethat it is only a shrine and that the true Mosque of Omar is a small vault-

like building in no way connected machine gun section was doubtless unexpected by the enemy, and this Germans had forced the Americany deep. with the sacred rock. Mohammedan worship is as yet un fact coupled with the effective fire listurbed by the viceroy of the Chrislaid down was chiefly instrumental in

tians, the chief difference being that causing the withdrawal of the ene the Mohammedan is now the tenant my. and the unbeliever the landlord.

bravery during the action. Private German troops are already in Petro-

Howard Gaillard with a small rapidgrad in strong force, says a London fire piece was unable from his position dispatch. Germany, fully aware that to get a good fire to bear upon the the Bolshevist "jig is up," is ready

advancing enemy groups, so he cool and willing to act as the undertaken ly and with entire disregard of dan ed and there was a picture that will of the "Reds," who handed Russia ger, mounted the parapet, and while enemy bullets were flying around him.

Lenine-Trotzky government declining daily and thus being of no further use to Berlin, the kaiser has set afoot

a scheme for the re-establishment of he monarchy in Russia. That monarchy the kalser proposes to use just

sembled them and continued fighting good measure. until the close of the action. Lieut. F oming through Siberia.

C. Grame was in command of the group which received the brunt of the ette escradrille, a descendant of "Old President Wilson spent Thursday nemy fire which, besides the barrage,

at Magnolia, Mass., with his close gunners. It seemed that while fight- friend, Col. E. M. House. Washing

ton believes that something big is impending, but just what it is can-

wood not be surmised.

feel that an expression from you for with sand bags. Blankets were hung per Doherty and I soon got into the until it stopped after 30 minutes. the benefit of the people of South in the end of galleries to deaden the apparatus and proceeded below. As bring the war to a conclusion by con-Meantime under cover of the artillery, the enemy inflantry began its Carolina would help to make his deoperations, adopting the infiltering feat overwhelming. You are doubtprocess by which detached groups ar less aware of the savage attacks made thrust forward at a number of point by Blease upon you and upon the adinstead of moving in mass forma

ministration, several months after tion. One group came on with two America entered the war in which, among other things, he declared that we reached within striking distance the blood of every American soldier of the enemy we would build a charge killed on foreign soil would be an un

chamber and load it with guncotton, warranted sacrifice of American manconnecting up with detonators and a hood chargeable to you. He is not double set of leads to the charge, and telling his followers that he is in faat the right moment fire these charges vor of a third term for you, that he rom the trench above by means of will loyally support you if he is elect blasting machines. From this clay ed and is making other similar state soil and at a depth of from 20 to 75 ments that are at absolute variance feet, we would blow craters sixty to with his whole career and his whole seventy feet wide with a small charge record in and out of office. Even as of 600 or 700 pounds of guncotton. late as June of this year in a public speech he dared the Federal govern-As a matter of fact when we met he Hun below ground in No Man's ment to take the bridle off during the Land we would endeavor to fire months of July and August and al-

"camouflets" that is a charge calculow a free discussion of the war and lated to destroy enemy galleries bu its causes. not to break the surface of the ground "I should be very glad if you could find it consistent and convenient to We would usually carry on our work

favor me with an expression for pub- until we heard the Germans talking. When you can hear the enemy talklication as to the desirabilities of the defeat of Blease. His opponent, Mr. ing in clay you can bet they are pret-Dial, is a loyal and patriotic citizen ty close. On some occasions we have of my home city of Laurens and will in this way fired our mines when make a worthy successor of Senator within three or four feet of enemy

unendurable and none of our sold- deep, and after the battle of the

ounds.

Tillman in the senate. "With the highest respect and esteem, I am, "Very truly yours

masters, the French, but the American greater depths.

How Americans Took Good Measure

-"We regret being unable on this oc-

casion to follow the counsels of our

flag has been forced to retire. This is

country's honor. We are going to

This was a message sent by the

American commander of American

forces south of the Marne on Monday

back towards Conde-En-Brie. The

French commander informed the

American general that the early Ger-

man success could not have any great

derstood perfectly that after hard

they immediately launch a counter-at-

tack. He added that a counter-attack

could be postponed without risk and

Immediately after the American

general sent the above message which

is quoted by the correspondent of the

Matin, the Americans launched their

counter-attack and lost ground was

soon recovered with an additional

half mile taken from the Germans for

Lieut. David Putnan of the LaFay

been decorated with the French mili-

of Revolutionary fame, has

it might be better to give American

troops an hour's rest.

Put"

th

control, keeping all combat posts man airplanes.

effect on the battle; but that it was un-

counter-attack."

nines. Deep Under Earth.

Trench mining in clay is much mo angerous than in chalk on account "Thomas H. Daniel." of the difficulty of hearing operations until you are almost on top of them

in the Vimy Ridge trenches and the

Somme area, we were mining at much

These would blow cone-

haped craters several hundred feet

Some idea of the terrific force

these mines can be obtained when you

ompare the bursting charge of the

Mills bomb, which contains four

ounces of ammonia with the single

mine charge of 100,000 pounds or 400,-

Some of our mines were 150

back again and climbed out on top.

Raiding Below Ground.

the enemy, the men working in ad- the end of the air hose and carried

vanced tunnels would have to use can- it on through with me. We found the

vas shoes or work in their socks. As remains of three or more Boches who

We then proceeded to pump fresh Thirty-one American divisions, air into the gallery from the hand approximately 1,300,000 men now are pumps on the surface. I reported that in France, with as many more in here was no reason why we could camps in this country as a reservoir, not get into the Hun galleries. Cap-Secretary Baker says that the actain B. then ordered us to make up clerated programme of troop move three raiding parties, with a view to ments overseas, which has enabled exploring their system. The three General Pershing to organize his first parties were each composed of an field army of some 1,250,000 men will be continued because of the generous officer, an N. C. O. and two sappers. 'he N. C. O.'s each carried a portable action of the British government in harge of a box containing 30 pounds supplying ships.

President

f guncotton with them; the sappers To carry out the present programm few bombs each, and the officers of 80 divisions overseas by June 30, lectric torches and revolvers. nearly 2,000,000 men must be sent to It had been arranged that Captain France in the next eleven months. Mr. 3. should station himself at the junc-Baker would not be drawn into any ion of our tunnel with that of the liscussion of the country's ability to Germans, and if anything went transport men, but it is known that

wrong he would blow his whistle hard nany more than that number could be and on the signal we were instructed landed in the war zone at the present to return to our shaft as quickly as rate of shipments. we could. I happened to be the juni-

Youths to Be Sent Early. or officer, so had to wait to take my General March told the committee party in last. We did not have much according to the report to the senate, uck with this stunt. The first two

that he was in favor of young men parties got in and went up to the for the army, and that the youths of gallery some distance. The Boche 18, registered under the new draft opened up fire at once with autoaw would be in France by June 30. In the chalk country further south

matics and bombs. Our fellows re-He estimated that some 2,300,000 men turned shot for shot. Then the whistle blew, and discretion being the better would be secured from the new regispart of valor the first two parties trants, and he outlined the calls for merely stopped long enough to fire he next year or more as follows: their portable charges and then came August, 250,000; September, 200,iers would understand their not being Somme we found the Germans at out as fast as they could and back to

00; October, 155,000; November, 150,asked to do whatever is necessary to Fricourt had a mine system 200 feet the surface. 000; December, 150,000; January, 100. the gun jammed. Reporting this to reestablish a situation which is humil- deep. For these chalk mines we used Doherty and I at once again put on 000; February, 200,000, and 300,000 iating to us and unacceptable to our a different and much stronger high the Proto apparatus and proceeded

below for a second investigation. This explosive than guncotton. With the British we used individual time we carried the air hose in furmine charges as large as 100,000

ther and got some distance up the 000 against the estimate of 2,300,000 enemy gallery. I also carried a can to be had from the new registration. ary in a small cage in order to test but no explanation was made of this afternoon of last week, after the in diameter and well over 100 feet the air. The canary did not last and other discrepancies in the draft very long and soon toppled off his perch.

that the present reservoir in class 1 til he is out of sight. We could not find any live Huns i will be exhausted by next October 1. their gallery-much to the disgust of but Secretary Baker made it plain friend Doherty. They may have been that the reservoir of men now in camp rawling around in the dark some in this country is sufficient to keep where, but gave no sign of life.

fighting the Americans had slowly re- 000 times that amount. You cannot Doherty was a typical game little tired and that it was not expected that see a hand bomb like the Mills burst frishman and was as mad as a hatten because we could not find a Hun. I rewithout having some respect for its member his attempts to register andestructive qualities-particularly if

ger, enveloped as he was in the heavy you are close up. Nearly all of our work on these Proto apparatus, were very amusing Flanders mines was done by hand. At I'd like to have a regiment of Doh mes our galleries and tunnels would ertys.

e half full of water and it required On our return to the surface power of the Czecho-Slovaks was unposted a guard of six men near the constant pumping, day and night, to ierestimated. Wolff declares that arry on with the operations. enemy gallery in order to preven things can no longer be painted rose-All the dirt was handled in sand their coming into our undergroun colored, especially since the events or bags and brought out from the main system, while we got ready for furthe galleries on rubber tired mine cars

action. As we were afraid that the nd hoisted to the surface by wind- Hun would try to smoke our fellows out with smoke or gas bombs. Lieu

tenat G. and I went below again. We Losses Not Heavy were each armed with revolvers and We were very fortunate in our lectric torches. We very cautious work below ground, in not losing more

ly walked or crawled up the Boche men than we did, but it required tary medal, in acknowledgment of constant and careful listening to avoid gallery. Hear Enemy Whispers. group always worked under perfect his having brought down nine Ger- casualties. We could distinguish in

Another officer and a sapper time the nature of the sounds of the

is determined to Many southern congressmen believe that if Vardaman and Hardwick are noise. As we approached nearer to we approached the enemy I picked up centrating all forces on the western renominated, an erroneous impression front, incluling Italy, Secretary Baker will be created in this country and told the committee, and General Germany. They fear that there will March supplemented this by stating be a disposition to claim that the the lives of everyone in the galleries had been "sent west" by the explosion that it was the purpose to end the president's war policy is not popular. depended on silence the work was of the portable charge. We left the great world struggle quickly and de-As a matter of fact, the president's conducted almost noiselessly. When air hose in their gallery and came cisively. For the nation not to put war policy has little to do with it. The forth its maximum effort at once, the strong sentiment against outside inchief of staff declared, would be but terference with state matters may 'playing Germany's game." influence voters to support the can-

didates the president is opposing. In private Democratic congressmen declare that the president should play hands off in such matters at time.

It was predicted today that when ongress reconvenes, and Messrs. Vardaman and Hardwick return, the part played by the president will become a subject for debate in the sen ate.

With a few exceptions members of congress, Democrats and Republicans, believe that it would have been better for the president to have left the Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia contests to the people of those states.

The unanimity of this expression is equalled only by the invariableness of the added phrase, "But don't quote me."

War Makes Pigeons Poor .-- The pigeons of St. Paul's are not as fat as they use to be. War rations and air raids have affected them materially says a London dispatch.

Visitors to London's famous cathedral are not as numerous as they were in pre-war days, and even those perjualified for full military service sons who do feed the pigeons nowadays don't care to pay twenty-five cents a pint for peanuts just to see the big birds peck. It is a violation of the defense-of-the-realm act to feed bread to birds, so pigeons have to content themselves principally with the scanty leavings from the cab horses' dinner

monthly thereafter until the end of bags. The pigeons of the St Paul's and of next year. These calls would aggregate 4,205,all London, too, dread the buzz of airplane propellars overhead, and even during the daytime, when an observing Allied aviator appears in the sky, and this is almost daily, the pigeons figures. General Crowder has said utter about and fret considerably un-

And at night when the Boches have come, dropping bombs and things, pigcons are out in a jiffy from their roost in the belfry where is hung Great Paul of seventeen tons, St. Paul's largest up the present troop movement overbell, never returning until daylight. They spend the remainder of the night

on adjoining buildings or wherever Advices from Berlin are to the efthey happen to alight when the air fect that Germany has become very raid is at its height. essimistic at the way affairs are

"One could feed those pigeons all trending in Russia. Theodore Wolf the peanuts and wheat they could eat," in the Tageblatt, warns against blind said a policeman whose station is near optimism, and points out that the St. Paul's Cathedral, recently, but they'll never take on any flesh so long

as there are aviators about. Bombe and the hum of the airplanes worry them nearly out of their feathers." the west front; that even those par-

ties who welcomed war with America Vice Admiral Behncke has been consider the time has come when the appointed head of the German navy. German people should demand an ex-

succeeding Admiral von Capelle, who planation. These people, Wolff exturn succeeded von Tirpitz. The plains, underestimated America's present shakeup follows the recent strength, and now try to prove that apologies of Admiral von Holtzendorff America would have declared war in

any eventuality in order to absolve for the failure of the German submathemselves from the responsibility. rines to sink American transports.