

FEAR GERMANY MAY LOSE.

Touton Officers Taken Prisoners in Flanders Drive Talk Freely.

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, August 3.—German officers captured in the battle in Flanders have discussed quite freely both the military and political situation as it affects the fatherland. Germany's loss in man-power they admit to be serious.

The interesting information has been volunteered by these prisoners that the entire class of 1918 recruits now is in the field in its entirety, and, what is more significant, it is said small elements of the 1919 class were on the battle front.

The whole trend of the statement made by these captive officers is that they are beginning to fear they may lose the war. More depressing than anything else is the fear that there may be another winter campaign. Peace without annexation or indemnity is endorsed by all the officers who have discussed the question, but most of them have indicated that they favor the annexation of Eastern Belgium and a part of the coast of Flanders, if such a thing possibly could be done.

Terrible Cost.

The men are highly intelligent. An officer who has made a study of economic matters said the war already was costing the fatherland ten billion marks annually in interest charges. He appeared to be deeply impressed by the gravity of the situation.

Almost without exception the German officers still maintain that Germany is innocent of causing the war and say there is "all manner of documentary evidence to prove it."

Gas Shells Effective.

Discussing the present battle, the German officers say that the British gas shell bombardment on the two nights preceding the opening of the infantry charge was most effective and that the Germans suffered heavily. The Guard Fusiliers were heavy gassed Sunday and Monday nights. Sunday night they were still in their supporting positions, but the following night, preceding the battle, they were in the process of carrying out a relief movement. The men wore gas helmets, but the gas clouds from the British penetrated the helmets and large numbers of the troops were overcome.

A German division which was being held in support on the back line crossing the Ypres-Menin road also suffered severely. So disastrous was the effect of the gas at this point that at least one battalion which was being rushed up to the relief of the men in the front lines never reached its objective.

It is the irony of fate that it was in this section of the front that the Germans early in the war for the first time in history inaugurated use of gas shells.

Refined Savagery, This.

"They have cut out my tongue. For God's sake send help." These words were written under a stamp on a letter received from Fred Stone, aged about 27, by a friend in North Carolina, according to reports received from Kingston, N. C.

Stone holds a commission in the British army and was captured by Germans. The letter itself contained no reference to torture, but his friends say the Germans would compel him to write only of kind treatment and that his message under the stamp was a mute appeal for aid.

New Luminous Paints.

New Luminous paints for varied uses have been brought into increased demand by the war, and the best results have been obtained from those consisting essentially of prepared zinc sulphide with a small percentage of radioactive material. To determine the brightness and life of different mixtures, elaborate tests have been made at the British National Physical laboratory. It is found that increasing the radium adds to the brightness, but also increases the cost and the rate of decay, the differences in brightening and decay becoming much less after a few months. Keeping cost in mind, it is concluded that the most satisfactory paint has one part of radium to about 5,000 of zinc sulphide.

In Him.

"Children," said the teacher, instructing the class in composition, "you should not attempt any flights of fancy, but write what is in you."

As a result of this advice Bobbie turned in the following composition: "We should not attempt any flights of fancy, but rite what is in us. In me there is my stummick, lungs, liver, two apples, two cakes and my dinner."—Current Events.

Did He Have It?

"Well, little miss," said the grocer, "what can I do for you?"
"Please, sir, mother wants a bottle of good-natured alcohol."—Boston Transcript.

BUT ONE CASE.

Only One Trial for Witchcraft in the South Held in Tennessee.

This case of witchcraft was in the year 1835, and originated on the banks of Obeys river, a tributary of the Cumberland, and in Fentress county, Tenn. It was first tried before Joshua Owens, a justice of the peace at that time.

An old man named Stout, who lived in a very quiet way in the neighborhood, who did not attend church, who had been sitting up late at night, reading strange books, and about whose early history nothing was known, was suspected of being a wizard, and when a daughter of one Taylor was taken violently ill with a disease that the doctor could not diagnose, it was determined to arrest old man Stout for bewitching her.

A large posse was secured, and guns were loaded with silver bullets, for it was thought that nothing less would kill a wizard.

The old man was arrested and brought to trial before Esquire Owens. A vast array of witnesses testified as to his habits, and added that they had seen him escape from dwelling houses through the keyholes in the doors, and that he had thrown people and animals into strange spells by his influence when they were miles away from him. The officers and posse subjected him to a great many indignities, and he was held to await the action of the grand jury.

When court convened Judge Abraham Caruthers, who was on the bench, and who founded the great law school Cumberland university, at Lebanon, Tenn., and Gen. John B. McCormick, the prosecuting attorney, refused to indict the old man. The action of the court and the attorney general almost precipitated a riot, it is said, in the court room.

Old man Stout then sued the officers and posse for damages, and they pleaded as a defense that they were in the act of arraigning a criminal, and cited the statutes of Henry VII and James I, making witchcraft a felony, which they declared had never been repealed in Tennessee. Thus ended the first and only trial for witchcraft in Tennessee by the conviction of the persons who had arrested him and subjected him to great indignities.

DANCE MUSIC BY WIRELESS.

Catchy Fox Trots Sent 31 Miles Through the Air.

Dancing to music transmitted by wireless was a novelty offered the other night to guests at a house party in the home in Morristown, N. J., of Theodore Gaty, vice president of the Fidelity and Casualty company. The music was played in the laboratory of the De Forrest Radio company at Highbridge, this city, and was received at the Gaty home on an instrument so delicate that it has picked up radio signals sent from the German government station at Berlin.

The fox trots and waltzes played 31 miles from the Gaty home were made sufficiently loud by an amplifying device designed by P. F. Goodley, an electrical engineer of Montclair. The plan was suggested after music sent from the De Forrest laboratories had been heard by accident. Music has also come over the Gaty aerial from New Rochelle.

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Mr. Gaty and his two sons, one of whom is a student at Cornell university, have made a hobby of wireless and have a very elaborate plant.

Spurned His Money.

A judge who used to wear very long, waving hair, was on his way to court when he was accosted by a little street bootblack, with an exceptionally dirty face, with the customary "Shine, sir?" He was very importunate, and the judge, being impressed with the terrible state of the boy's face, said:

"I don't want a shine, but if you'll go and wash your face I'll give you sixpence."

"All right, sir."

"Well, let me see you do it."

The boy went to a neighboring fountain and made his ablutions.

Returning he held out his hand for the sixpence. The judge said:

"Well, you earned your money. Here it is."

But the boy said:

"I don't want your money, old fellow. You can take it and have your hair cut," and forthwith scampered off.—Life.

Super-Energy.

Little Jane and Josephine were busily engaged in helping mother dry the dinner dishes.

"But Jane, you didn't get that plate dry," objected her sister.

"Yes, I did," exclaimed Jane eagerly. "I dried it so hard that it perspired!"—The Delineator.

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