

### HOW GEN. FRENCH INSPIRES HIS MEN

Commander of British Troops at the Front Goes Right into the Thickest of the Fighting.

### ENCOURAGES SOLDIERS

In the Three Hottest Engagements the English Have Been in, General French Was There.

(By William Phillip Stimm, United Press Staff Correspondent.)

PARIS, April 8.—(By mail to New York.)—A mud-caked surgeon told me this story about General Sir John French, the English commander, with whom General Joffre, head of the French forces, shares half and half, the responsibility for the welfare of the allies in France.

"I saw General French in the battle of Neuve Chapelle," said the surgeon. "The town was being mercilessly shelled, but he was running around everywhere, talking to his men, privates and officers. He might have been killed by a shell any minute."

"It was a critical time. The village square was filled with wounded. We didn't know whether we could get our ambulances up to the place or not."

"It's getting pretty hot," I heard an officer say to General French. "Oh, not very," replied General French. "We're only feeling a little pressure."

"On a curb stone," continued the surgeon, "a colonel sat, with his head in his hands. Knotted in groups near him were about 250 dejected Englishmen, the remnants of what had been a crack English regiment only a few hours before. Three out of every four of them had been killed that day."

"Please get your men together," said General French, to the colonel. Then ordered his little handful of men to fall in.

"I was astonished," said the surgeon, "to see General French climb into an automobile. The minute the soldiers, who had been through hell fire, recognized him they cheered faintly. The general stood up in the car, raised his hand and began a little speech."

"I need you boys," said General French. "Things are going beautifully and we need just a little bit more fighting. We'll soon have the Germans back where we want them."

"The men were electrified less by the words than by the fact that General French was personally in the midst of the fighting with them. They gave a terrific cheer. The colonel who had seemed a broken man only a few moments before, cheered too. In a little while the handful of men were back in the thick of the battle again and General French was talking new courage into another little group of men who had been in a particularly hot place."

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It's against all the rules of warfare for a leader to go under fire. But every success that this marvelous English general has attained, so far in the great war, has been when he was breaking rules.

There can be no question that public opinion in France is inclined to think that the English have not given until this spring the assistance on continental territory that she might have given and there is also a sort of popular misgiving here that the future will not see the situation remedied to any great extent.

That the Germans are taking full advantage of this situation, and have taken advantage of it since the outset of the war, there can likewise be no doubt. Germany's remarks about Great Britain's despicable little army, so statesmen say here, was intended merely for its effect on France, to cause the French to feel that they have been left to do all the fighting; that the English are using the French to win a war largely brought on by England to gain English ends.

But French officials are taking steps to stamp out any such impression here and the visit of Minister of War Alexander Millerand to England was undoubtedly for the purpose of getting first hand information as to the exact situation, militarily speaking, of the island ally. It is said that he came back thoroughly satisfied and even astonished. It is also reported by neutrals who have recently been in England, that that country will surprise the Germans with the number of men she will put in the field this spring and furthermore the whole country is an armed camp and is fully prepared to build a conscript army or make any other sacrifice necessary to give France and Russia all the help needed. Minister Millerand is said to have observed all this at first hand and to have returned to France in a very optimistic frame of mind.

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attached to the vessel. Another line will be affixed to the hull tomorrow. It is probable that preliminary attempts to raise the submarine will be made Monday.

Owing to Loughman's long stay under the water he was immediately placed in a re-compression chamber upon being brought up this afternoon. After being under this treatment for an hour, his pulse and respiration had been restored to normal. He remained there three hours, however.

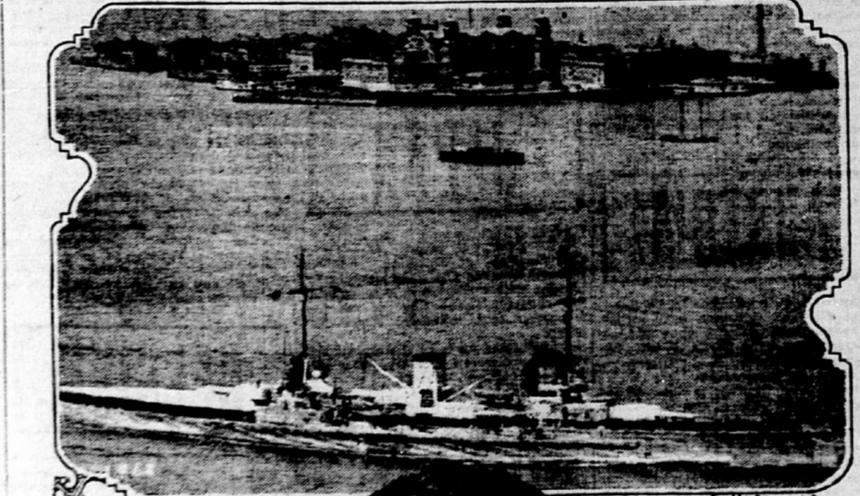
The first intimation received by those at the surface that Loughman was in trouble was when he telephoned that his lines were fouled. He worked alone for a time to free himself and after asking for aid further communication failed and he groped alone on the floor of the ocean until Crilly reached him.

Physicians and the latest apparatus for reviving victims of deep sea diving were hurried from the cruiser Maryland to the scene of the accident. The greatest excitement was aroused on shore by reports from boats coming from the scene of the work over the P-4. Crowds soon lined the pier and rumors that Loughman was certainly dead soon began to circulate. Crilly today shared with Diver Agra who went down 215 feet equipped with nothing more than a helmet three weeks ago, the hero honors growing out of P-4 operations.

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### NO DANGER OF OVERCROWDING U. S., SAYS COMMISSIONER HOWE



ELLIS ISLAND - GERMAN CRUISER MOLTKE IN FOREGROUND

Frederick C. Howe, commissioner of immigration, does not fear overcrowding of America. Neither does he fear the illiterate immigrant.

"Immigration is an important question to the people of this country, but it is not so important as land monopoly, for it is land monopoly that causes the crowding into the cities and the exclusion of the people from the land," says Howe.

"All the land in America is owned, but only a small part of it is cultivated, and a much larger part of it is in a low state of use. There are only about thirty people to the square mile in America, while in Europe there are ten times that many; in some countries fifteen times as many. All Germany could be put in Texas, and Germany is a prosperous country. The immigrants who come here are many of them peasants. They would go to the land if they could be. But the land is held by speculators in colossal tracts throughout the west, and people cannot get to it."

Howe says that his motto is that "the earth belongs to all the people." An incident early in his administration illustrates the commissioner's attitude. He found on taking office a large number of immigrants detained for various reasons on the upper floors of the government buildings at Ellis Island. Many of them had been there for months. Below stretched an immaculate green lawn which was carefully protected from use. It took him only a few hours to get the captives out onto



FREDERICK C. HOWE

the lawn where scores of them stretched themselves at length, fairly kissing the earth and luxuriating in the touch of green grass again. "The earth means opportunity," says Howe. "The American traits of which we boast are not the product of race so much as the product of free contact with natural opportunities through a number of generations. That contact is now impossible for the average man. The way to restore it is to adopt a taxation policy which will encourage activity and discourage the idle holding of land."

"There is some reason for the opposition of labor to immigration," says Howe. "Labor is fearful of increasing the competition for jobs. This competition is a product of land monopoly and will disappear with it. I cannot see the menace of the unlearned immigrant. I suspect that my ancestors, Scotch-Irish, who came to this country 125 years ago, were illiterate. Otherwise they would not have come. Few people in comfortable circumstances ventured on such a journey when months were occupied in passage and when 20 to 30 per cent of the immigrants died in passage."

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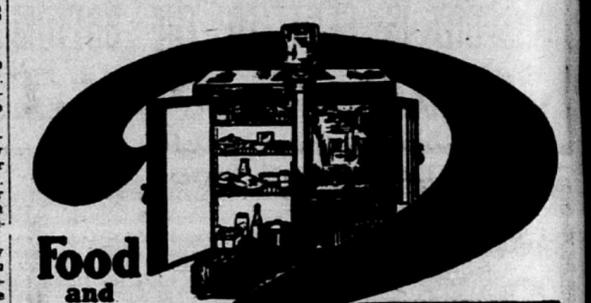
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Kidney and Bladder weakness result from uric acid, says a notable authority. The kidneys filter this acid from the blood and pass it on to the bladder, where it often remains to irritate and inflame, causing a burning, scalding sensation, or setting up an irritation at the neck of the bladder, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer is in constant dread, the water passes sometimes with a scalding sensation and is very profuse; again, there is difficulty in voiding it. Bladder weakness, most folks call it, because they can't control urination. While it is extremely annoying and sometimes very painful, this is really one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast, continue this for two or three days. This will neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs which then act normally again. Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is used by thousands of folks who are subject to urinary disorders caused by uric acid irritation. Jad Salts is splendid for kidney's and causes no bad effects whatever. Here you have a pleasant, quick-acting lithia-water drink, which effectively relieves bladder trouble.

Three Brothers Killed. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 17.—Three boys—brothers by the name of Bower—were killed late today near Wardale station, of the Harmony interurban trolley line, when one of the big cars crashed into a wagon in which they were riding and wrecked it. Two of the boys were dead when extricated from the wreckage. The third died in a Pittsburgh hospital shortly after being received there. Joshua Bower was thrown forward from the driver's seat and escaped with only a few scratches. The four had been to market here and were driving rapidly to their home in Wardenton.

That Original Sin. Mason City Globe-Gazette: What a mistake Adam and Eve made when they did not eat the first fry.

Speaking of Solons. Britt Tribune: Every seven by nine question would be orator and major general aspires to jump from the school district to the legislature.

Count 'Em—1. Washta Journal: Champ Clark is reported to have said that the truly great presidents could be counted on the fingers of one hand. We have an idea Teddy could count them on one thumb.

The Question of the Hour. Council Bluffs Nonparall: When an election is held now the chief question with the liquor forces is how many saloons will we lose this time?



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### Shippers Must Consider Practical Use of River for Freight Traffic

Shippers in Keokuk and other Mississippi river valley points will be interested in the bulletin that has just been issued from the office of the secretary of the Upper Mississippi River Improvement association regarding the change in shipping rates that will be effected by the completion of the Panama canal and the urgent need of developing the traffic facilities of Mississippi river cities. The bulletin is here published in full:

Shippers Interested. The time has come when the shippers in the upper Mississippi valley must seriously and immediately consider the practical use of the Mississippi river for freight transportation, in view of the effects of the Panama canal.

Changed conditions bring before the important manufacturing, commercial and agricultural centers in the upper Mississippi valley, the question whether they are to be benefited or injured by the Panama canal; or, successfully compete with the east for trade on the Pacific coast or in foreign countries.

Never before have the great industries in this valley faced such important issues as are now presented, due to decisions by the interstate commerce commission, the changed relations in transportation arising from the opening of the Panama canal, and present readjustment of through rail rates, required by trans-continental all-rail lines in competition with the canal.

Eastern Rates vs. Middle-west. All rail transcontinental rates to the Pacific coast are the same on the principal commodities from New York and other eastern points as from the Mississippi river. The Mississippi valley possesses no advantage over the east on the all-rail movement of commodities to Pacific coast terminals.

Before its manufacturers can obtain ocean rates they must pay the all-rail rates to the Atlantic seaboard, as many are now doing, routing their freight from Mississippi valley points via all-rail to New York, and thence via steamer to the Pacific coast, because the combinations, rail and ocean freight rates, are less than the all-rail rates to the Pacific coast, thus the east is receiving absolutely the benefits of the canal. How can the trade of the Mississippi river points profitably do any business with Pacific coast points or with foreign countries against such odds in transportation costs.

These changed conditions bring forcibly before the important manufacturing, commercial and agricultural centers the fact that shippers in the upper Mississippi valley must consider the actual use of the Mississippi river, in view of eastern competitors routing freight to and from Atlantic seaboard points via the Panama canal, which can only be met by full use of the inland waterways connecting with seaborne traffic. The day of potential influence of the river as a regulator of rail freight rates is passed. It must be made an actual carrier of commerce without delay.

Unless the Panama canal is to be solely beneficial to the seaboard points, as it is now, and detrimental to the industries in the Mississippi valley, the middle west must fight for its own commercial welfare and as-

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