

"GASMAN" TELLS GRAPHIC STORY

British Permit Account of Special Corps Which Administers Deadly Gas

London (correspondence of the Associated Press). — Before the "big squeeze" began discussion of British gas attacks was strictly prohibited, but now the taboo has been lifted and a British "gasman" has been allowed to write a graphic account of the work of his own special corps whose business it is, he says, "to doctor the Germans with their own medicine."

"Behind our lines," he writes, "the sun set in a blaze of glory. A glance over the parapet shows the green and scarlet of the popped No-Man's land already merging into the gray mists of twilight; but 150 yards away, like a brown earth shadow among the graves, hangs the rusty barbed wire of the enemy and just behind it, the chalky upthrow marks his front line trench. The gasmen stare across the silent shadows at that white line and for a moment they think of the choky, rattling cough of the men who die by gas. It is not pleasant to die by gas."

"Connect up!" The order comes down the line from one bay of the trench to another, and the gasmen immediately get busy. The front rows of neatly piled sandbags of which fire-step is apparently solidly built are pulled out and disclose a cavity in which show, black and ominous, the cowed heads of a row of iron cylinders. They are sunk in pits, well "bagged up" to protect them from possible crack or puncture by flying fragment or ricocheting bullet. Each cylinder weighs about 120 pounds, and contains sufficient compressed gas, if it could be used without waste, to put an entire company out of action.

"On top of the cylinders lies a tangle of flexible connecting pipes, and three and four way joints, spigots, and screw-jets, and upon these, with spanner and key, the gasmen start work. The cylinders are all connected in series, and nothing remains but to throw the jets over the top of the parapet and open the valves in order to release the deadly fumes.

"Need Favoring Breeze. "But something is required to carry the gas over to the German lines—a favoring breeze—and never did our boys scan the sky more intently than the gasmen watch their little, inconspicuous wind gauges, fixed to the edge of a trench. They must have a wind of a certain direction, and they prefer it of a certain strength. On this occasion, the direction is satisfactory enough, but the breeze shows sign of weakness, and occasionally a mere, almost imperceptible zephyr.

"When not watching the wind, the gasmen are watching their pipes; repeatedly feeling and testing every inch of tube and joint; for none know better than they the danger of leakage and of the escape of gas into their own trenches. Persistently an officer passes down the line, casting rapid though keen glances as he goes at each set of cylinders and their connecting pipes. And in every bay, he causes and whistles two words to the corporal in charge: "Eleven o'clock." But the wind, without which the gas will not reach the enemy's trench and do its deadly work among its occupants, begins to peter out.

"At ten-fifty the gasmen don their special respirators, which in the dim light, give the wearer a strange, almost inhuman appearance. Masked and goggled, with weird, trunk-like pieces of hose running from the mouth-piece to the broken, air-purifying chemicals strapped to their chests, they look like some of the unearthly beings who people the books of H. G. Wells.

"But not a breath disturbs the still air. The feeble breeze has died completely. Hurried the order runs down the line: "Cancel, and stand by." Behind their masks the gasmen grunt disgustedly. But suddenly—crack! crack! rat-a-tat! rat-a-tat-tat! The orders to the infantry have not been countermanded, and the quiet of the night is roughly shattered by a long line of viciously cracking rifles and Lewis guns to which the Germans reply.

"Cylinders Are Exposed. "The gasmen move about uneasily. It is not for themselves they fear, but for those pipes and cylinder heads lying bare and exposed to the hail of flying fragments. Well they know the danger of bursts and of trenches filled with gas and no wind to remove it. But they cannot "bag up" without orders, and so they detail one of their number in each bay to watch the cylinders while the rest gather behind the traverse, as being a slightly safer spot.

"When day breaks a fair wind is blowing, straight towards the German trenches. But, of course, it is now broad daylight, and the gas will be visible as soon as it leaves the pipes. The gasmen know what to expect. They know as soon as the greenish-gray clouds appear outside their parapet there will be running messengers and hurried telephoning in the German lines. They know that within a few minutes the men work at the back, and that every piece capable of flattening out a parapet and burying the man, is being broken, among their own cylinders will be the danger of bursting and of trenches filled with gas and no wind to remove it.

"Time! Over the top the jet-pipes are flung, and then, simultaneously along two miles of trench, there arises a sibilant hiss, as if some monstrous and venomous snake suddenly aroused from slumber. Now the gasmen are working frantically with wheel and spanner and key, and the hiss increases in shrillness and volume. Outside the parapet the greenish-gray is already spreading like a foul blanket over No-Man's land. Carried ceaselessly forward its outer edge is rapidly approaching the German trenches, into which it will presently sink, spreading agony and death among those who cannot escape.

"No rifle or machine gun fire has been ordered this time, and from either line scarcely a sound is heard except the deadly hiss of the escaping fumes. The minutes pass in tense, ominous quiet. Nature herself seems to pause agnost to watch this latest devilry is practiced by her children upon one another.

"Behind their masks the gasmen begin to breathe more freely, and then suddenly, to the left, "Crash!" And "crash" again, and yet again. This time on the right. Now the parapets rock suddenly and fall forward, burying the men and their cylinders. Almost immediately the men scramble out unharmed, but the pipes are broken, and the gas is filling the trench. With spanner and mud the thing is stopped, new connections are rigged up, and the death vapor is again directed outside what is left of the trench. But one of the men has had the mouth-piece of his respirator broken and already he is coughing and choking painfully. "I've got it!" he gasps hoarsely, and goes behind the traverse

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Dress Fabrics of Quality and Timeliness, Are Special-Priced

Black Chiffon Taffeta—36-inches; colored edge (a mark of quality)—Special 98¢ yd.

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Wool Suiting—56 inches; mixtures of tan, gray and green—Special 89¢ yard.

Worsted Club Checks—56 inches—Special \$1.39 yard.

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Axminster Rugs

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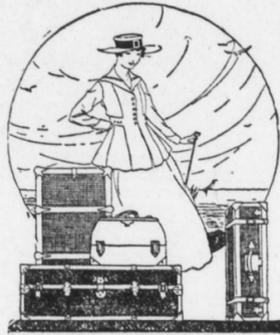
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Nottingham and Filet laces in white and ecru; about half the former prices—Special 19¢ yard.

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You will find no larger assortments in Harrisburg.

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Four Specials From Women's Underwear and Hosiery Department

Women's Silk Hose—heavy thread silk, with high spliced heel and wide garter top; in black and white—Special, 65¢ pair.

Women's Lisle and Fibre Silk Hose—in black, white, gray and tan—Special, 21¢ pair.

Women's Union Suits—sleeveless; lace and tight knee styles; regular and extra sizes—Special, 35¢.

Women's Silk Lisle Union Suits; sleeveless; lace and tight knee styles—Special 45¢.

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Choose from neatly tailored styles of a seasonable nature—choose from models that are fanciful but practical and desirable—choose from models which have never been marked so low in price—sizes begin at 36.

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BUT THIS IS HOW HE DID IT

OH YES—I SPENT THE SUMMER AT NEWPORT. I KEPT THINGS STIRRED UP TOO!



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EMBARGO ON U. S. GLASSWARE By Associated Press Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 25. — Glass

manufacturers in the Pittsburgh district were notified to-day by their London agents that an order in council had been issued placing an em-

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Men's Swiss Athletic Union Suits—plain checks and silk finished materials; sizes 34 to 46—Special 59¢. (Second quality).

Men's Mesh Shirts and Drawers—white shirts and drawers (knee length); ecru shirts and drawers, (ankle length)—Special 21¢ garment.

BOWMAN'S—Main Floor.

For Saturday Morning—

Worthy Offerings From Two Basement Departments

Crystal Glass Flower Vases—10-inches; heavy pressed blank; rose design, genuinely cut—Special 59¢. Mason Fruit Jars—quart size; packed one dozen to a carton—Special 45¢.

100-piece American Porcelain Dinner Set—floral decorations in six distinct patterns; gold trimmed—Special \$10.00 set.

Sevon's White Enamelware—4-quart Berlin kettles; 4-quart Berlin sauce pots; 2-quart coffee pots; and 4-quart dish pans—Special 39¢ each.

Venetian Enamelware—blue mottled on outside and white within; 3 and 4-quart covered buckets; 2-quart coffee pots; 2-quart milk kettles—Special 19¢.

Ekko Portable Cooker—complete with can of solid alcohol; used for heating liquids or for preparing a quick dish—Special 19¢.

6-quart Aluminum Preserve Kettle—famous "Wear-Ever" brand; a splendid value in a busy preserving period; bail handle—Special 83¢.

"Wear-Ever" Aluminum Stew Pan—2-quart capacity; deep style; exceptionally low priced—Special 39¢.

10 cakes of Swift's Prize Soap—a fine laundry soap—Special 10¢ cakes for 25¢.

BOWMAN'S—Basement.

to suck an acromia ampule and die slowly. "Closing-up time! Rapidly the valves are shut down, the jet pipes withdrawn and plugged and stacked away. Evidently the men work at bagging up their cylinders again. Imperceptibly a sergeant stalks down the ruined and battered trench, shepherding his flock towards their dustout. He is an old-timer—a transfer from the infantry—and he scarcely quivers as a shell bursts behind a traverse he has just left. Quietly he directs two of the men to carry an unconscious case to the nearest point of the communication trench where stretcher-bearers may be found.

"In the dugout with the shells still pounding overhead, the section's roll is called. Most of the men answer to their names. Some are answered by comrades as wounded and for others no one answers at all. "But over in the German trenches hundreds of men are choking and gasping in agony for an hour before they can die. They have been made to quaff their own medicine."

Shoots Lessee of Wife When Refused Rental

Pittsburgh, Aug. 25.—Having rented his wife for a year to Nicholas Plushachefsky for an agreed price of \$100, Yokim Batalski grew angry because the lessee refused to pay the rental.

While Plushachefsky, who works nights, was asleep in his room, Batalski broke down the door and insisted that the money be paid. Batalski did not get his money, but Plushachefsky did receive in the stomach two revolver bullets out of four aimed at him.

Mrs. Batalski frankly told the police of the contract by which she had been leased, declaring she and her husband had in good faith carried out their part of the agreement. She said her husband had repeatedly demanded the money from Plushachefsky.

Sews Hens' Eyelids to Cure Them of Pecking

Portland, Ore., Aug. 25.—Because she sewed shut the eyes of three hens to keep them from pecking their broods of new chicks, Mrs. Mary

Loveland is the party of the first part in a warrant secured by Humane Officer Pitts.

According to Mrs. Loveland, her hens acted all right while they were hatching their families, but when the chicks burst through their shells the mothers manifest their displeasure by trying to peck the down from the youngsters' bodies. Mrs. Loveland decided she wasn't going to have the helpless infants maltreated, so took a needle and thread and performed the operation which Pitts says is cruelty to animals.

Woman, 84, Makes Hay and Cares For Garden

Cooeville, Tenn., Aug. 25. — Mrs. Nellie France, 84, who lives near Beaver Hill, mowed hay last week. "Aunt Nellie" enjoys remarkably good health. She has a splendid garden which she has made herself, doing all of the hoeing.

While her hay was being mowed she went to the hay field and asked permission to drive the mower, which was being pulled by two large mules. Her request being granted, she made several rounds in the large hay field. She did the work with steady nerve and insisted upon driving longer, but the overseer, fearing that she would overexert herself, prevailed upon her not to do so. The day following, however, she donned her sunbonnet and went back to the hay field and raked all day. She frequently rides horseback from her home to Monterey, a distance of eight miles.

Peppered His Bed, Says Man Asking Divorce

Youngstown, Ohio, Aug. 25. — The charge that his wife vented her spite on him by spattering cayenne pepper in his bed is one of the allegations in a divorce petition filed by David L. Lodwick against Jennie Lodwick. Other allegations which Lodwick claims his wife showed him during their marital career of eight years were a blow on the head from a hatchet, a dash of acid in the face and a practice of burning his shoes and clothing. He declares she locked him out of the house, and later caused his arrest when he cut his way through the screen door.

bargo upon American table glassware. Shipments leaving the United States before August 15, the cables stated, would be accepted. While the order was made to read table glassware, manufacturers were of the opinion that all kinds would be affected except, possibly, lighting glassware of which England buys a considerable quantity in this country.

Uncle's Million Dollar Estate Dwindles to \$5

Los Angeles, Aug. 25.—After journeying across the continent from her home in Monessen, Pa., to secure her deceased uncle's "fortune" of \$1,000,000, Mrs. A. T. Blush has left for home, satisfied that the fortune does not exist.

Joins British Army For Revenge; Is Slain

Pottstown, Pa., Aug. 25. — Having lost her sister, Mary, when the Lusitania was torpedoed, Miss Allison Buchanan has just received a cablegram telling that her brother, Robert, had been killed, July 2, while participating in a drive of the Allied armies in France.

Missing Professor Reported With Allies

Newberry, S. C., Aug. 25.—It is reported in Newberry that Professor Fred D. MacLean, the young New-

berry College instructor, who mysteriously disappeared from the city, is now with the forces of the Allies in Europe.

Angus Jones, another Newberrian, has recently joined the Allies, and is now located in Scotland, being connected with the commissary department. It is said that Professor MacLean is in the same department with Jones, but no definite information can be obtained to that effect.

Continued Quiet Results in Withdrawal of Tender From Mexican Waters

Washington, Aug. 25. — Continued quiet along both Mexican coasts reduces the necessity of keeping a strong naval force there already has resulted in the withdrawal of the destroyer tender Dixie, for the eastern coast and other vessels will be relieved soon.

A plan is being worked out by the navy department whereby reserve battalions will be used as soon as the war games are ended, to maintain the usual peace time naval strength in Mexican waters.

TO ISSUE BONDS

Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 25. — The State Public Service Corporation, upon application by the road officials today granted authority for the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad company, to issue bonds totalling \$194,138,316 preferred stock to the amount of \$9,452,026 and common stock aggregating \$18,000,000. The application stated the road would have outstanding on July 2, 1917, in addition to those authorized to-day, obligations totalling \$321,674,886.

ARCHBISHOP SPALDING WEAKER

Peoria, Ills., Aug. 25. — Archbishop John Lancaster Spalding who has been in failing health for the past two weeks, as the result of a heat attack, grew weaker during the night and to-day was unable to converse with relatives.

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