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U. S. CONGRESSMEN HAVE CLOSE CALL

American Party Visiting the Trenches in Belgium Target for Machine Gun Fire. Shell Explodes Nearby.

British Front in Belgium, Friday, Nov. 16.—Five members of the party of American Congressmen and private citizens who spent yesterday and part of today visiting the Belgian war zone, had a narrow escape from death or injury this morning when they were caught in a sudden burst of German machine gun fire while inspecting the front line trenches near Dixmude.

The Americans in danger were Congressman C. C. Dill, of Spokane, Wash.; Congressman Charles B. Timberlake, of Colorado; Congressman John P. Miller, of Seattle, Wash.; Congressman Albert Johnson, of Washington and former Representative Stout, of Montana.

Nobody was hit, but it was one of those peculiar freaks of nature which soldiers call luck, for the shots came in a shower, so close to them it seemed almost certain some one must be wounded, although they were exposed only for a brief time.

The other seven members of the party were in another section of the trench, and were not disturbed by the fire. Later, however, when all the Americans were together, the Germans dropped a big shell some ten yards away, seriously endangering every one. One member, in describing the incident to the correspondent later, said he and his companion heard the shell coming. "It sounded like the roar of an airplane", he said.

Again fortune favored them and no one was injured.

The visitors spent the night near the front, and rose early this morning for a trip to the trenches in the vicinity of Dixmude. The German and German lines run within thirty yards of each other at one point, and it was there that the five men came into danger. At that distance it is easy to see anyone in the opposite trench who raises his head above the top. Only the usual firing was under way when the party reached this place.

The Americans were having an excellent view of the lines when several of them got into an exposed position and were seen by the Germans. Suddenly the enemy machine guns nearby began a vicious chatter, and bullets came whizzing across the narrow strip of No Man's Land at the rate of several hundred a minute.

Before the visitors realized the situation bullets were whizzing all about them, like a storm of hail, and dirt was being thrown into their faces, as some of the steel pellets struck the top of the trench. They all bent down for cover, but all might easily have been caught, since it does not take more than a small fraction of a minute for a machine gun to account for a number of men if the shooting is accurate.

The Americans departed this afternoon for England. On arriving at the port whence they sailed they said their trip to the Belgian front had been most satisfactory. They were especially pleased at the invitation of King Albert to take tea with him. The King made them feel very welcome and chatted freely with them for some time. The American mediator, Brand Whitlock, also was presented at the invitation of the King.

JONES NEWS.

Jones, Nov. 19.—Prof. T. E. Dorn, superintendent of education, delivered an eloquent and inspiring address at the recent opening of our school.

Rev. Wm. Buzhardt of Hodges, preached here on the second Sunday afternoon.

We are indebted to Supervisor Lipscomb for building a good bridge over Turkey Creek and putting our roads in splendid condition.

Razor's bridge road is in excellent condition for automobile travel and is a great convenience to the public.

Mrs. G. L. Graham is in charge of our school and we cordially invite all of our friends to send in their children.

Rev. J. B. Copeland will fill his appointment here Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Graham visited the latter's uncle, Mr. L. T. H. Daniel, of Greenville.

Mon. and Mrs. J. F. Morrison are on

a visit to their son, Mr. Wesley Morrison of Anderson.

Brewerton Lodge will meet Saturday, the 24th at 2 p. m.

Mr. J. A. Hill is visiting relatives at Bordeaux.

Miss Lizzie Martin, of Monticello, who is teaching at Ware Shoals, and Miss Mary Jones dined Sunday at Dr. W. T. Jones'.

Mr. Wilmot Smith recently visited his uncle, Mr. Winston Smith of Anderson.

We recently met the following friends: Hon. W. C. Irby of Spartanburg; Col. J. H. Wharton of Waterloo; Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Bramlette, of McCormick, and Mr. Jas. Razor of North Carolina.

Mr. J. B. McCombs of Greenwood visited relatives and friends here last week.

We are indebted to the following friends for recent kind favors: Mrs. Mary Mabry, Edgar Madden, Clifton Ezell, James Jones, J. W. Kirkland, Charlie Marler, Jeff Jones, John Medlock, Geo. Hughes, F. L. Morrison, W. H. Hill, Samuel McInch, Ed Gaines, J. A. McCoy, A. B. Hammett, W. H. Young, S. E. Richey, Clarence Jones, Joe Owens, O. D. Gunter, Ulysses Elmore, M. U. Ashe, Jno. T. Davis, J. H. Abercrombie, Geo. Culbertson, Pet Moore, Pierce Robertson, Thos. Dutton, J. A. Boggs, Irvin Babb, W. T. O'Shields, Jas. Hodges and many others.

Meeting of Woodmen.

A regular meeting of Pecan Camp No. 237 will be held Wednesday night Nov. 21st, at which time degrees will be conferred on several candidates. The members of other camps are invited to be with us.

On Saturday Nov. 24th at 4 P. M. M. W. Bobo, Dist. Manager, Woodmen of the World with headquarters at Spartanburg, will make a public address on woodcraft at Gray Court.

Mr. Bobo is a very instructive and entertaining speaker, and we hope that every Woodman for miles around will be here to hear him. Especially do we invite all those in this section who are not members of our great order, to come and hear him and learn what this order stands for, what it has and is accomplishing, and what it expects to accomplish in the future. Everybody come.

G. Y. Hollams, C. C.

J. E. Johnson, Clerk.

"Masque of Life".

"The Masque of Life," which will play at the Opera House for two days, commencing Thanksgiving Day, has already proved itself popular in New York. During a long run at the Park theatre, it caught the public fancy and steadily played to crowded houses. It is a seven reel spectacular production, said to be brimful of thrills, and very different from anything ever before seen in America in many ways. In the first place, it is a real spectacle, and obviously produced in a most expensive manner. The claim that it cost nearly \$600,000 to make does not seem to be exaggerated and ways have been found to weave into a vital modern story all sort of big pageants and gorgeous ballet scenes. Pete, the chimpanzee actor, steals a little baby and when pursued by hundreds of people, runs with his prize up a 300-foot chimney. The little circus girl, heroine of the picture, follows the monkey up the lightning rod wire and this part of the film provides as many thrills as could be imagined on the screen. The filming of these scenes in such a realistic manner is said to be a triumph of directorship, while the later reels, developing the tremendous fire scenes inside the burning circus building, are declared to be the most daringly realistic work with fire ever seen. One remarkable incident is the burning of a lion's cage, where, through losing control of the fire, several lions were actually burned to death. The gruesomeness of this incident is contrasted by the wonderful beauty of the allegorical and ballet spectacles.

Certain Cure for Croup.

Mrs. Rose Middleton, of Greenville, Ill., has had experience in the treatment of this disease. She says, "When my children were small my son had croup frequently. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always broke up these attacks immediately, and I was never without it in the house. I have taken it myself for coughs and colds with good results."

We are showing a big line of Baby Chairs, prices from 50 cents up. S. M. & E. H. WILLIAMS & CO.



This store of good merchandise asks the consideration of people who call for style, fit and comfort in Suits, Coats, Dresses, Shoes, Millinery and all dry goods at this Thanksgiving season, and invites them to come into our store and view for themselves the extensive stock of goods we carry. We are proud of our line this year, and we want to make the Thanksgiving season a happy one by supplying our friends with the best we have at moderate prices. We name below a few things that should attract your attention and draw you here to see them and the other great values we offer.

MEN'S SHOES

- No. 1066 Gun Metal Blucher or Button \$4.50
- No. 730 Gun Metal Button or Lace \$4.50
- No. 1065 Tan Button, Lace and English Last \$4.50
- No. 664 Gun Metal Blucher \$4.00
- No. 1140 Gun Metal Blucher \$4.00
- No. 4M2 Gun Metal Calf \$4.00
- Tan English \$4.00
- Tan, Broad Toe \$4.00
- No. 11 1-2 Gun Metal Blucher \$3.50
- Patent Button or Lace \$3.50
- Big lot of Men's Shoes, odds and ends, all sizes, styles and leathers, we will sell at \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00
- Complete line of Boy's Shoes, Button or Lace, selling at less than cost at \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00
- Men's Work Shoes—plain or cap toes, any style \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00

LADIES' SHOES

VERY SPECIAL IN LADIES' SHOES.

- 8 1-4 inch top, dull Kid Boot \$6.00
- 8 1-4 inch top, dull Kid Boot \$5.00
- 8 1-4 inch top, dull Kid Boot \$4.00
- 8 1-4 inch top, Gun Metal Boot \$4.00
- White Canvas, low heel \$3.50
- White Canvas, high heel \$3.50
- Gun Metal, low heel, white sole \$4.00
- Vici, low heel \$4.00
- White Canvas, low heel \$2.50
- White Canvas, 11 1-2 to 2 \$2.00
- White Canvas, 8 1-2 to 11 \$1.75
- Misses' Shoes, Button or Lace, Patent, Vici or Gun Metal \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50
- Children's Shoes, all leathers \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

EXTRA SPECIALS

- IN LADIES' MEDIUM PRICE SHOES FOR THIS WEEK.
- Patent, Cloth Top \$3.00
 - Gun Metal, Cloth Top \$3.00
 - Patent, Cloth Top \$2.50
 - Gun Metal, Cloth Top \$2.50

BEST LINE OF LADIES' EVERYDAY SHOES.

- Box Calf, plain toe \$2.50
- Box Calf, cap toe \$2.50
- Peter's No. 1284 Box Calf \$3.00
- Vici Common Sense, cloth top \$2.00
- Baby Doll Patent Button \$2.00
- Men's Rubbers 85c and \$1.00
- Ladies' Rubbers 65c and 85c

LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR

- Just received big lot new Suits, Poplin and Broadcloth, big special \$22.50, \$25.00 and \$27.50
- 1 lot Serge all wool Suits, only \$15.00
 - Big lot Ladies' New Coats, big special \$17.50
 - 1 lot new Coats, all new styles, worth up to \$30.00, special at \$25.00 and \$27.50
 - 1 lot Ladies' wool Serge Skirts, size up to 36 waist, \$6.00 to \$8.50
 - Lot of Ladies' all wool Fancy Sweaters, just arrived, at \$7.00 and \$7.50
 - 1 lot all wool Sweaters, old rose, Cop. and cardinal, special at \$5.00

SILK AND DRESS GOODS

- 54-inch Ladies' Cloth, only black and red, worth \$1.00, only 75c
- 36-inch Wool Serge, all the new shades 75c
- 1 lot 42-inch Fancy Plaids, for Skirts, only \$1.00
- 54-inch Broadcloth, only \$1.50
- 36-inch Silk Poplin, all the new shades, only \$1.00
- 36-inch Fancy Stripe Silk, for dresses and skirts at \$1.50
- 1 lot 36-inch Silk and Cotton Goods for shirts and waists only 50c
- 40-inch all wool Ottoman Cloth for dresses, only \$1.35

WASH GOODS

- 36-inch All-Linen, brown 25c
- 36-inch All-Linen, gray 25c
- 32-inch All-Linen, tan 25c
- 36-inch Fancy Skirting 25c
- 36-inch Fancy White Skirting 25c
- 36-inch Black and White Plaid, 1-2 wool 50c
- 1 lot short length Ginghams, worth 30c, special per yard 20c
- 27-inch Flannellet, only 15c
- 1 lot 32-inch Fancy Skirting, only 25c
- 1 lot English Long Cloth, 12 yards to the piece, worth \$2.70, special this week \$2.00
- White Flannel yard 35c 50c and 75c

HOSIERY DEPARTMENT

- Wanderhose for boys and girls, only 25c
- U. S. Soldier Girl's Stockings, only 15c
- Ladies' Ipswich Hose, heavy weight 25c
- Hose of Luxite Hose 25c
- Buster Brown Fashion Silk Hose \$1.00
- Varistrong Silk Hose, black and White 50c
- Misses' Buster Brown Rib Hose 25c
- Ladies' Fleeced Lined Hose 25c

These Are All High Class Goods and Well the Prices Asked for Them

We Look for Still Further Advances

SWITZER COMPANY

We Are Agents for Butterick Patterns