

IN GOD'S ARMY DAY OF DENIALS

A Little Gray-Haired Priest Does Noble Work.

Wearing Besmirched Surplice, He Trudges Gory Battlefield.

PRAYING AS HE MARCHES

Minister Prays for French and Germans Alike.

Consoles the Sorrowing and Buries the Dead.

[By William G. Shepherd.] On the Battlefield of Solomons, Oct. 22.—I wish I could show you the little gray-haired priest of that village near Solomons as he goes about his duties these days. There is a peace of a certain warlike kind that he knows about on his face and he reads his services over a dead German with the same tender tones and the same smile of hope that he has for the dead soldier who sleeps in the red, white and blue of France.

Four Looters. These men are Germans who were caught wearing civilian clothes. Maybe they were spies; who knows? But they are worse than spies. They were caught looting the French and German man dead out there on the battlefield. They are being taken out now to be shot.

It was a thing to shudder over, but the little clergyman marched on with the look of hope on his face. On his face as if he knew someone who understood and even controlled all this madness and evil into which humanity has fallen, someone who knows the weakness of humanity so well that he might have pity even on a man who had robbed the dead.

The next time I saw the little clergyman was at the entrance to the Red Cross hospital. Three caskets stood in the high hallway, which opened onto the street. A line of French soldiers stood at attention, facing the doorway. A Red Cross ambulance drew up and the soldiers broke their rigid formation to make way for five wounded soldiers who were carried past the coffins where three dead soldiers rested.

The soldiers reformed again. There was evidently a hitch in the proceedings. The clergyman stepped onto the street and, by the glances of the officers towards the church door, I could see they were waiting for the clergyman. Then I saw him come to the door.

God's Soldier. Five women and two little girls, all in black, were following him, persistently, and speaking to him. He stopped and spoke a moment with each woman. They knelt, one at a time, on the sidewalk, as he raised his hand in blessing, over each mourning bedecked head. He held his hands on the heads of the little girls and raised his face upwards as if he were telling someone who would be called upon to give the little folks who needed extra care. All this time the soldiers were waiting. The priest walked across the street, through the mud, his soldier's shoes splattering the dirt onto his surplice. The officers saluted, the soldiers raised the caskets, the little priest led off through the slush and the three dead soldiers of France were started on their last journey.

I've seen the little priest a score of times since then. He marches more than any soldier. There are scores of dead to bury; there are dozens of stories and cottages to be built from the broken-hearted women and children of the village who have lost their soldier loved ones to be comforted, and his task was so great that it seemed to me that if I were the little priest and saw so much of such terrible sorrow in a world gone so far awry I would take off my white robe and fold it away and say, "God has forgotten us."

Only I know by the little clergyman's face that he knows that God has not forgotten us, even though the cannons of men who are hungry for the funeral services and even though each crash means more broken hearts and more dead to bury.

Claim She Is German. Halifax, Oct. 22.—Service was expected today of a writ, which has been issued in the admiralty court, against the steamer Brindilla, owned by the Standard Oil company, which was seized by the British auxiliary cruiser Coronia and brought here a few days ago. The writ charges that the transfer of the steamer from German to American registry was not bona fide and that the ownership of the Brindilla is still German. The owners are given seven days in which to file a defense. It is understood that another writ has been placed on board the steamer the crew will be sent back to New York.

General Drayton Ives Dead. New York, Oct. 22.—General Drayton Ives, veteran of the Civil war and for many years a prominent figure in the financial district, died today, aged 74, at his country home in Ossining, N. Y. He was a former member of the Stock Exchange, former president of the Metropolitan Trust company and a director in several manufacturing corporations, and noted as a book collector. He was born in Farmington, Conn.

Gets Canal Appointment. Washington, Oct. 22.—Appointment of Colonel Chester Harding, U. S. A. engineer, commander of the District of Columbia, as engineer in charge of the Panama canal zone, has been announced by the war department today. The transfer will probably go into effect about October 25.

FOR MR. RIPEY

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able to keep up the road to its present standard and make necessary improvements that cannot afford to make any extensions.

Mr. Ripley said that while the suggested extensions from Caney, Kan., to Pawhuska, Okla., and from Superior, Neb., northward, were probably needed, nothing could be done in the near future about them.

War Has Its Effect.

"The European war," Mr. Ripley said, "is being felt in every line of business. It will, however, open new European markets for American products, and increased demand for our products in the old markets. In addition to this, American goods will be in great demand in other parts of the world, hitherto supplied by Europe, South America, the Orient and other great districts where Europe has sent millions of dollars worth of material annually.

"There will also be a forced development of our own resources and industries. Parts of the United States, such as the great southwest territory served by the Santa Fe system, are capable of producing everything for their needs. If the southwestern portion of this country was isolated from the rest of the world, everything needed could be produced in abundance."

Talk Before Apprentices.

Mr. Ripley gave a short talk before the Santa Fe school of apprentices this morning. He was introduced by Frank W. Thomas, the supervisor of the school.

"Last night I was among the men who used to operate the Santa Fe railway," he said to the students; "now I am among those who will run the railway in the future."

Inspect the Shops. President Ripley and several other officials spent most of the morning in the Santa Fe shops on a tour of inspection. The party consisted of the president, Vice Presidents W. B. Storey and W. E. Hodges, M. J. Drury, superintendent of shops, F. W. Thomas, supervisor of apprentices, C. H. Swanson, Edward J. Berwind, Charles Steele and J. C. McGoff, mechanical superintendent.

Vice President Storey spent three hours in the shops and he came out his hands covered black from actual contact with the machinery. With Mr. Drury at his elbow, Mr. Storey asked hundreds of questions, made numerous suggestions and must have closely inspected at least twenty engines and many other parts of machinery.

Number of Stockholders. There are 3,103,493 shares in the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company, according to the report submitted at the stockholders' meeting today. Of these, 1,141,738 are shares in preferred stock, 1,198,755 shares in common stock. At the meeting today, 616,244 shares, or 19.87 per cent of the total, were common, a total of 1,853,173 shares, were voted. Most of these shares were voted by proxy. There are 40,573 stockholders of the road. Seventeen thousand and sixty-seven hold preferred shares and 23,506 hold common stock.

Equipment Cost Millions. W. H. Simpson, general advertising agent of the Santa Fe, was in Topeka last night attending the A. A. Robinson dinner. Mr. Simpson is enthusiastic about the Santa Fe's advertising campaign in California and during the exposition period in 1915.

"Our advertising campaign on the California exposition will probably start in the national magazine during December, and a little before that in the newspapers," Mr. Simpson said. "I think that the war in Europe will have the effect of sending many people to California who ordinarily go abroad in the winter. Assurances have been given me by the management of both the California Exposition and the Santa Fe that the war will have no effect on them. None of the European nations have signified a desire to withdraw exhibits, and it seems scarcely likely that they will do so. A political significance has been attached to the exhibitions in view of the fact that America being a great neutral nation probably will be called upon to conduct peace negotiations when they are begun. For this reason it is probable that the warring nations will want to appear there in large numbers and will therefore seize the exposition as a means of placing before the people of the United States their industrial activities."

Two equipment costing upwards of two million dollars has been purchased to help handle the heavy traffic to California, and we are carrying on extensive improvements at the Grand Canyon, such as the building of new houses about the rim; the addition of a new cottage and dining room at Grand Canyon camp, one of the Grand Canyon hotels, and the opening up of several new rim trails."

Meeting at Noon. The nineteenth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company was held in Topeka at noon today. Forty thousand stockholders of the road were represented at the meeting by proxy. Many executive officers were here for the meeting.

E. P. Ripley of Chicago, Howell Jones of Topeka, Charles Steele and Henry Pritchett of New York were slated for re-election as members of the board of directors. Dr. Pritchett was elected by the board last June to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Byron Smith of Chicago. The directors were elected for a term of four years.

The annual financial statement was submitted to the stockholders and approved by them. This statement was made public early in the month by President Ripley, showing a sound financial footing, with, however, an increase in expenses and a heavy decrease in receipts, especially in freight revenue.

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At the meeting, routine business was transacted. The meeting lasted one hour. F. I. Bonbrake and John R. Mulvane acted as tellers in counting the votes.

List of Directors. The executive officers of the company will be elected at a meeting of the board of directors to be held in New York early in November. Following are the directors of the system: H. Rieman Duval, New York; Thomas P. Fowler, New York; Charles S. Glead, Topeka; and Walker D. Hines, New York, terms expiring in 1915; Edward J. Berwind, New York; Henry C. McGoff, of Pittsburg; Andrew

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MAKES CHARGES OF CORRUPTION

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Brooks' relatives. It is claimed, was recently removed from service. No effort to stop it.

White Bowman was keeping cards and cases on the two Democratic members of the board, he admits that he made no effort to stop the payment of any of the bills, which he now declares were illegal. Asked today if he had noted in the records of the board his protest against the action of which he now complains, Bowman said he had not.

"The vote of two members is sufficient for any action," said Bowman. "There was nothing for me to do or say."

Bowman also neglected, he admitted, to protest against the approval of any of the alleged illegal vouchers and permitted their approval by the state auditor without complaint. Bowman also said that he believed he had talked to Auditor Davis about the situation in the office. No effort was made, however, to hold up any of the vouchers or warrants which Mr. Bowman now says were illegal.

Bowman Former Chairman. Under the administration of Governor Stubbs, Bowman was chairman of the board of control. He is now serving his eighth year as a member of the board. When Governor Hodges was elected, he was called upon to fill a recess appointment and name the successor to a second member whose term expired. He appointed W. E. Brooks of Fort Scott and Stance Myers of Leavenworth to fill the places. Since that time Brooks has been chairman of the board.

Governor Hodges has as yet made no statement concerning the situation in the office of the board. He is in the Third district this week and may not return to Topeka until the latter part of next week.

HAMMERED INTO A ZIG-ZAG LINE

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other dispatch said the guns of the war vessels had destroyed the village of Slype. The canal between Ostend and Bruges, where it is said the Germans have their headquarters. At Sluis only a few miles to the northeast of Slype, in 1940 a British fleet achieved a victory over the French.

It is clear now that ships have been playing an important part in the warfare along the coast. The admiralty officially announces that the monitors Severn, Humbler and Marzey not only bombarded the German position south of Ostend but landed detachments of marines with machine guns. It is reported from vessels in all areas taking part in the operations.

Dodge the Submarines. Curiously enough, the monitors retain that title from "Lincoln's cheese box" of civil war fame, and so far apparently they have been able to dodge submarine attacks. How the German submarines got to Ostend is unknown but presumably they rept down the Dutch coast, submerged whenever sighted by a British patrol, then picked their way carefully through the British mine fields.

With the fighting along the Belgian coast hardly more than seventy miles from Dover that area of hostilities necessarily holds chief interest with the British public though, according to last night's Paris official communication, there were violent actions here and there along more than a seventy-mile front, extending almost due north and south from Nieuport to La Bassee. Everywhere the allies claimed to be holding their positions.

Reinforcements for the German right have been spoken of daily since Ostend was taken and today comes a report that Austrian forces were being transferred from the Italian frontier for this purpose. Rumors that Emperor William is seriously ill are filtering in here via Paris and this with a report that a German fleet is off Falsterbo, Sweden, are among the usual crop of unconfirmed narratives that London is discussing.

From the east comes a claim of the Austrians that they have retaken the last point in the Carpathians held by the Russians and it was added that there is "now no enemy on Hungarian soil." A reiteration that the Germans have been routed south of Warsaw was the gist of Petrograd's latest communication. The members of the American commission charged with the duty of sending food to the starving Belgians are due to meet in London today.

THE WEATHER RECORD. Following are observations of the United States weather bureau for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 o'clock this morning:

Table with columns: Location, High, Low, Rain. Includes cities like Amarillo, Boston, Buffalo, etc.

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Washington, Oct. 22.—The interstate commerce commission today ordered a reduction in the freight rates of 25 cents a ton on lump coal and 5 cents on slack from mines in Oklahoma and western Arkansas to destinations in Texas, holding existing rates to be discriminatory.

Chicago, Oct. 22.—WHEAT—Rather indifferent weather cables tended today to check the buying of wheat. Although some strength showed itself here at the start, the volume of transactions was not nearly so large as on the previous day, and there was a gradual dwindling of prices in consequence. What foreign demand was traced seemed to be for the December option instead of spot, on which there has of late been a decided narrowing of the discount. After opening unchanged to 1/16 higher, the market receded below last night's level.

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Market higher, Top 7 1/8; bulk of sales...

CATTLE—Receipts 200. Market weak. Native steers, 10.00-15.00; cows and heifers, 8.00-10.00; stockers and feeders, 6.00-8.00; calves, 4.00-6.00.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market. St. Joseph, Oct. 22.—HOGS—Receipts 1,000. Market 100 to 110 higher. CATTLE—Receipts 1,000. Market dull. Steers, 10.00-15.00; cows and heifers, 8.00-10.00; calves, 4.00-6.00.

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Kansas City Live Stock Market. (The following sales were made this morning at the Stock Yards, Kansas City, Mo., and reported to local distillers by telephone direct to the State Journal by Clay, Robinson & Co., live stock commission merchants, with offices at all markets.)

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KILLING STEERS. No. Wt. Price. 1. 1100 7.15 1.100 7.15. 2. 1100 7.15 1.100 7.15.

COWS AND HEIFERS. 1. 1100 4.50 1.100 4.50. 2. 1100 4.50 1.100 4.50.

BULLS. 1. 1100 4.50 1.100 4.50. 2. 1100 4.50 1.100 4.50.

HOGS. 1. 1100 7.15 1.100 7.15. 2. 1100 7.15 1.100 7.15.

TOPEKA MARKET. (Furnished by Chas. Wolff Packing Co.) HOGS, Kan., Oct. 22. HOOGS.....\$7.50-8.00. HEAVY.....\$7.50-8.00. ROUGH AND HEAVY.....\$7.00-7.50. LIGHT.....\$6.50-7.00.

Butter and Eggs. (Furnished by The Continental Creamery Co., Topeka, Kan.) TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 22. BUTTER—Creamery.....\$24.00. STORAGE EGGS—24.00. CREAMERY BUTTER—Chicago, Mo., N. Y., 2c; virgin, 3c; Topeka wholesale, 3c.

TOPEKA GRAIN MARKET. (Furnished by E. B. Bland, corner Kansas ave and Curtis st.) TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 22. CORN—No. 2.....\$1.15. OATS—\$1.00. WHEAT—\$1.20.

TOPEKA FRUIT AND PRODUCE MARKET. (Furnished by the Topeka Packing Co., Corner Laurent and Madison.) TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 22. POULTRY—Hens, 1c; springs over 2 lbs., 11c; broilers, 12c; and under, 10c; turkeys, 14c; ducks, 7c; geese, 6c; old roosters, 7c; ducks, 7c; geese, 6c. BUTTER—12c.

ITALIAN PRUNES—Topeka, Kan., Oct. 22. BUREL GEM CANTALOUPE—Per crate, 6c. HONEY—Per 24 rack case, 50c. VALENCIA ORANGES—Per box, \$1.50. CALIFORNIA LEMONS—Per box, \$2.00. TOKAY GRAPE—Per basket, \$1.00. NEW ONIONS—Red, per bu., \$1.50; Yellow, per bu., \$1.75; white, per bu., \$1.50. GRAPES—Per basket, 50c. MANGO PEPPERS—Per basket, 50c. HOT PEPPER—Per lb., 50c. EGG PLANT—Large, per doz., 60c. NEW BEETS—Per bu., 50c. NEW CARROTS—Per bu., 50c. GREEN BEANS—Per basket, 50c. WAX BEANS—Per basket, 50c. CUCUMBERS—Per basket, 50c. KAW VALLEY POTATOES—Per bu., 50c.

TOPEKA HAY MARKET. (Furnished by T. A. Beck, 212-214 E. 6th.) NEW PRAIRIE HAY—\$10.00. NEW A.P.A.—\$10.00.

WICHITA LIVE STOCK MARKET. Wichita, Oct. 22.—HOGS—Receipts 1,000. Market 100 to 110 higher.

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