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FRIDAY, AUGUST 18th, 1916.

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PRESS NEWS.

The Military Situation on the French Front.

To the North of the Somme the Germans attempted several counter attacks on the New French positions south east of Maurepas. These broke down under the French fire.

The French took a quantity of prisoners. To the south of the Somme the French took four mitrailleuses in the trenches captured by them south of Belloy.

On the right bank of the Meuse an attack by French troops has allowed, after a violent combat, of the expulsion of the Germans from that part of the village of Fleury which they occupied. A handful of the enemy still holds some ruins to the east.

In Thiaumont sensible progress has been made, fifty prisoners including one officer being in French hands.

On the rest of the front a calm night.

BELGIUM.

The Working Classes and the War.

A dispatch from Berne announces the result of a meeting held a day or two ago by the General Council of the working classes in Brussels. This meeting comprised representatives of all the Socialist Federations of Belgium.

The meeting unanimously decided as follows:—

"The Belgian working classes are decided to bear any misery and suffering in order not to submit to a German peace. We do not ask for peace, and the manifestations by the Socialists of neutral countries are wasted on us. We say to all those who are interested in us,—do not be influenced by the idea that we want peace." We make this decision to prevent the disastrous effect that such an idea might have."

Persecution of the Clergy.

A Belgian Priest who has already passed one month, besides another three months, in the German prisons has just been recommenced.

A great number of the priests of l'Agglomeration bruxelloise have been incarcerated.

RUMOUR HATH IT THAT:—

The "press" wireless operator has taken to going to bed at 8 pip emma, and rising at 11.30 ditto.

A leading light in the detachment, on volunteering to do some work with a bent needle, was set to scratch holes with a pick.

A lot of early reconnaissance work is coming along.

Much trouble is caused by packs and rifles.

Someone is getting married.

Someone was trying to take Henry Irving off last night in "C" Flight.

The advance guard of the earwigs met with a serious reverse when the mess changed positions to-day.

AERODROME TOPICS.

Quite a good sale the first one! All sold out!! Keep it up and we'll do the rest!!!

Someone suggested publishing as a weekly or bi-weekly! What do you think of it? In any case bound copies of the week can be obtained on Saturday at 4d. a copy.

Now then! what about contributions? Are the officers to do everything?

One or two pilots seem totally unfamiliar with the letter "toc." This is most strange when one thinks what that letter stands for!

That Bloater evidently dates back to the period at which all creeping and crawling things made their appearance.

Still another article is missing—this time a mackintosh, quite an ordinary one. Has anyone found it?
(Really, we must start a lost property column. Ed.)

Spring cleaning has come very late in the year. However, the moving of furniture is progressing none the less vigorously.

When are the Stores going to get anything?

The rabbit has gone to the wall.

R. F. C.

WE are the eyes of the Army,
Without us the Army is blind.
We are the eyes and we feed the brain,
We guide the guiding mind.
What though the guns are belching
Their shafts of iron death;
What of the gunners sweating
As they gasp and sob for breath.
What though the shrapnel bullets
Go whistling in the wind;
They know not whether they win or fail
In their task, for they are blind.
But a single shell with us there
May do what before it lies;
For we can see and we can guide,
We are the Army's eyes.
What though our men fight nobly
As they dash o'er No-man's land,
What though they reach the further side
A sorely stricken band.
Will they succeed or fail,
Can they their grasp maintain,
Will they fulfil their task
And hold what they mean to gain.
No one can say, save we,
Whether the ground they'll take,
If the line will hold on strongly
Or waver and feebly break.
And the foe may bring supports up
To stem the tide of fate;
But we can see, for we see all,
And 'tis we who cry "Checkmate"!
For we are the eyes of the Army
Who guard her 'gainst surprise,
And show to her th'umerring course,
For we are the Army's eyes. **CRASH.**

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MONDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1916.

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PRESS NEWS.

The Military Situation on the French Front.

To the North of the Somme, besides the important material already captured, the French have taken 6 guns in the wood entered yesterday night by their troops between Maurepas and Guillemont.

Violent artillery actions are going on on the Somme front.

On the right bank of the Meuse the Germans last night launched an attack, aided by liquid fire, on the village of Fleury.

The French artillery fire effectively stopped the Germans, who suffered serious losses.

Russian prisoners on the Italian Front.

A certain number of Russian soldiers previously captured by Austria, but released by the Italian entry into Gorizia, have arrived in France, whence they are proceeding to join their comrades on the French front.

They state that all the defensive works before the Italian front have been constructed with the aid of Russian prisoners, who were given the alternative of doing the work or starving.

60,000 Russians are working to fortify the second and third Austrian lines and are being shot ruthlessly if they dare to murmur against the brutality of their guards.

THE BULGARIAN ADVANCE.

The Greek press states that the Bulgarian offensive in the regions of Florina and Cavalla seems rather less against the French under General Sarrail than against Greece and Rumania.

The extension of the advance necessitates a certain weakening of the Bulgarian line.

From the political point of view the idea of the Bulgarians is to influence Greek popular opinion towards the Germanophiles in the elections, and to frighten Rumania.

The Bulgarians are advancing over districts which in 1913 were unfortunate ones to them and they are occupying points they consider to be essentially their own and of which Greece spoiled them.

The "Nea Hellas" in all these points sees one idea—the appropriation of rich Greek provinces.

The "Embros" says:— We must follow impartially the struggle which is just beginning.

Certain incidents have caused between ourselves and the Allies a coldness which is unmistakable, but at such a critical time we must never forget the benefits which we have derived from them in the past.

RUMOUR HATH IT THAT:—

R. E. exhaust pipes are not always conducive to the best effects for hill climbing with Harley Davidsons!

Several people find 9 a.m. the limit!!

Watered by the recent rains the wireless aerial has begun to sprout.

AERODROME TOPICS.

What's the matter with Transport? Are they *always* at work—like ourselves?

NOTICE!!! Meetings of the "R.F.C. Choir" are held every evening (after duty, of course) in the "Drome Lounge," for the purpose of worshipping at the shrine of Bacchus! Supper provided at your own expense! Special evening—Friday!!

Special attractions—Step dancing by 2 A/M Foot.

Beautiful music on the gramophone—conversation with real Scotsmen—delightful humming by the Choir.

First driver—What? Speak to me? Why your number isn't dry yet.

Second driver—There's comfort in expectation.

Hope we have already, Faith *may* turn up someday—but, by gad! Charity is to be strafed as soon as she appears, apparently.

"What's your age?" gruffly asked the sergeant-major.

"21!" replied the new "rookie"

"21 what" snapped the great man (expecting "Sir")

A deathly pause ensued.

"Well! what am I?" shouted the incensed one.

"Oh! er- er- about 35 I should say," came the faltering answer.

Our heartiest congratulations to Sergeant-Major O'Toole on the occasion of his marriage. Two of the editorial staff were fortunately passing the Church at the time that the Sergeant-Major and his blushing bride drove away on their honeymoon. He looked supremely happy.

All our copies went on Saturday night again! 150 this time, too! Keep it up!

LET HER RIP.

HE started off quite gaily,
A "bloater" was his ship,
He "taxied" out—then sailed away,
He meant to let her rip.

He circled round, he spiralled,
Then gave her nose a dip,
And down he came—a fearful rush
In sooth he let her rip.

He flattened out above a wood
And landed on a tree.
Another bloater's off the strength
So let her R. I. P.

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RENDCOMB AERODROME, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 1916.

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PRESS NEWS.

The Military Situation on the French Front.

To the north of the Somme the German artillery, energetically replied to by that of the French, during the night bombarded the first lines and lines of communication of the French to N.E. of Maurepas. No infantry action followed the bombardment.

To the south of the Somme after intense artillery preparation the Germans yesterday and again to-day attacked those trenches taken by the French on the 21st instant to the South of Estrées and the west of Soyecourt where they gained a footing at several points. A fairly active artillery duel is going on in the Belloy Assevilliers and Lihons sectors.

In the Vosges the French have repulsed with hand grenades a German raid on their trenches near Hartmannsweilerkopf. On the rest of the front a comparatively calm night was passed.

AVIATION.

On the Somme front Adjutant Dorme brought down his fifth enemy machine, which fell near Moislains—north west of Péronne.

Four other German machines were brought down by the machine gun fire of French aeroplanes and fell in their own lines.

FRANCE AND THE BULGARIAN ADVANCE.

All the military critics state, concerning the advance on the Macedonian front, that the Bulgarian army being obliged to keep troops on the Roumanian frontier and the shores of the Black Sea, cannot put in the field against the Allies more than 200,000-250,000 men, a force totally insufficient for that work of envelopment for which they obviously are aiming.

Colonel Rousset says that to justify the enormous frontal extension the enemy must be very greatly superior to ourselves.

Whatever may be the demonstrations made against Florina and Cavalla it is apparent that the main attack is directed against Doiran.

THINGS WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW:—

If it is a fact that birds can be easily seen from a height of 5,000 feet. Now then!! what did we say about "forced" landings?

How the two flight sergeants, who bought the present, spent the evening, the night it was purchased.

Whether, since bread is the staff of life, the life of the Staff is a long loaf?

[This, *evidently*, does not refer to the Flying Corps Staff.—Ed.]

If Transport are proud of themselves? Listen.

"You speak of the Transport as M.T.,
If we are—what odds? we've a slate;
So we'll live well daily and carry on gaily,
And at Roll Call *not one* will be late."

For the sake of the peace we will not publish the remainder of the verses.

AERODROME TOPICS.

Overheard in Stores:—

Storeman, to a flight mechanic, "Give us a woodbine."
Mechanic, "You see the O.C.—they're all mob."

Transport suggests the following:—

All spare kit found straying in and about the huts, will, in future, be collected by a special fatigue party and deposited in the Squadron Store.

The above articles will be sold again to the *original owners* at the end of the month, and the proceeds devoted to buying a "wireless" printing outfit—in the hopes that we shall derive some amusement from our Printers Pie when (!!!) overseas.

The sergeants have apparently arranged to have a farewell dinner at the Fleece before we depart.

A good "swinger" is a credit to the Corps, but an *amateur* is an abomination for evermore.

[This *cannot* refer to that weird process known as "swinging the lead"—at least we hope not.—Ed.]

Why is a bloater like a gadfly?

(A free copy of the new number will be given to anyone who can answer this riddle before 4 o'clock to-morrow.)

A flight mechanic asks us "which is the best flight and which one possesses the staff of mechanics?"

[We wonder what he means.]

A boxing contest will take place in the dining hall on Friday. All Officers, N.C.O.'s. and men invited. Further details to-morrow.

Several spare copies of last night's Gazette may be had at the Printers.

SIX LITTLE "BLOATERS."

SIX little Bloaters starting out alive,
One's engine petered out, then there were five.

Five little Bloaters taxiing "on the floor,"
One pushed the wall down, then there were four.

Four little Bloaters revving fast and free,
One revved a bit too much, then there were three.

Three little Bloaters, too much work to do,
One got fed up with life, then there were two.

Two little Bloaters, whereon straights were done,
One flattened out too late, then there was one.

One little Bloater, getting in a fix,
Ran down a precipice, then there were nix.

L'Envoi.

No little Bloaters, forty-seven men,
Nine fed-up pilots, murm'ring—Amen!

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THE FLYING CORPS EVENING GAZETTE.

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RENDCOMB AERODROME, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1916.

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Wireless Press News.

THE MILITARY SITUATION ON THE FRENCH FRONT.

On the Somme front there was considerable artillery activity in the region of L'Estrées and Sayocourt.

Between the Oise and the Aise the French carried out a successful raid on the German trench in front of Nouvrom, and took several prisoners.

In the forest of Apremont the Germans made a minor attempt on the Croix St. Jean. On the left of the Le Pietre wood the French barrage fire nipped in the bud a German raid.

On the remainder of the front the night was calm.

AVIATION.

In spite of clouds and misty weather, which has been general along the greater part of the front, the French Flying Corps has been particularly active. On the Somme front four German machines were brought down, one of them by the close range machine gun fire of Adjutant Doome. It crashed to earth near Manancourt. This makes the eighth machine to date brought down by this pilot. The three others descended south east of Peronne. Two machines were seen to be badly damaged in the same region. Both fell to earth.

In Champagne an Aviatik was badly damaged in an aerial fight and fell in its own lines. North of the Somme, a German machine on which a direct hit was scored by the special French anti-aircraft guns came to earth south east of Somme-Suippes. The two aviators were taken prisoners.

Finally a German machine was forced to land in the French lines near Riquebourg (Oise), and the pilot and passenger made prisoners.

ARMY IN THE EAST.

Nothing of importance is reported; the bombardment continues at various points on the front.

FALKENHAYNE'S DISGRACE.

Count Reventlow, in the *Tagesszeitung*, says: "It seems clear that Von Falkenhayne's retirement from office is due in part to the check received by the Crown Prince at Verdun. It is not yet established whether the entry of political considerations into his direction of military operations or his omissions are the real reasons."

The *Deutsche Zeitung* says that "even if politics entered into the Von Falkenhayne's arrangements in connection with Verdun, no one can bring the charge home. It is, however, clear we think that mistaken political hopes were bound up in the plan of campaign around Verdun."

HOLLAND.

GERMAN BRUTALITIES.

Yesterday, before the High Court at the Hague, four German officers interned in the fortress of Wier-Lickerschaus were charged and condemned on a count of brutality towards the commander of the Fortress.

RUMOUR HATH IT THAT:—

Tenders going to Cirencester can then no longer be described as M.T.

Some people will stick in tents, even in the depth of winter.

The mud may have something to do with this in-tent-ion. (Help!!!)

The R.F.C. cheese rises above all other. In fact, it is very high.

It is a good Maxim not to have your Vickers fitting too Lewis.

AERODROME TOPICS.

Our abject apologies to our readers! Yesterday's copy was mislaid until too late for publishing. It was, however, with great satisfaction that we noticed how its absence was felt.

Some people are very *sharp* at picking up wireless.

Better to be a good old Casbean than a never will be or a never was.

Now that we are going, red tape is even more in evidence than before.

Mess, 9 a.m.—Abandon hope all ye who'd enter here.

It is not only the road that is "board."

The concert has been postponed until Monday week, Sept. 11th, owing to the difficulties of production.

SPORTING CROCODILE.

LATEST RACING.

THE EUROPE STAKES.

RESULT.

GREAT BRITAIN.....1
FRANCE2
BELGIUM3
Also ran: RUSSIA, AUSTRIA, GERMANY.

The Race.—After a lot of commotion at the post, they got off to a good start. Belgium showed gameness and led for a while, when France joined the issue, and they ran neck and neck, with Great Britain lying handy. At the distance, Great Britain joined the leaders and kept together for a while, and then forced the pace, and won an exiting race by a neck. A short head between second and third. Russia was close up fourth, and Austria last, barring Germany, who broke down badly and had to be destroyed.

Time, indefinite.

Starter: The Kaiser.

The first four were all out of the same stable.

4-6 Great Britain; 2-1 France; Russia and Belgium, 7-2; Others, 20-1.

THINGS WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW:—

Whether Roumania was not wise in hanging out so long, despite Germany's attempt to Russia. Or was she Hungary for some Turkey?

Whether the Aerodrome has not lately recalled old memories in those who knew it as ploughed fields?

Whether the "Blue Peter" has been ordered yet?

Why do all the girls love Lawrence?

Who suggested altering the name to Raincome!

Whose idea it was to cut off the water on a thirsty day?

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