THE MEN BIRRELL BLAMES FOR THE IRISH REVOLT.

AMERICANS' MISSION—LOOKING AT BATTLEFIELDS.

Outside a command post on the French lines. The American visitors have many questions to ask about everything they see.

They see what a communication trench is like.

Neutral eyes survey the trenches of the Aisne where the Allies' armies saved Europe.

Just a peep through the trench loopholes.

Viewing some of the captured German trenches.

A ramble over the historic battlefield of the Aisne.

The American girls are especially interested in the flight of the Army carrier pigeons.

To the Allies this war is a battle between the principles of Christianity and Civilisation and the gospel of the Hun—brute force backed up by science. We believe we are fighting not only for ourselves but also for the rest of the civilised world. America still stands outside. Many of her sons are fighting for us, many of her daughters are tending our wounded—but as a nation the United States remains neutral. Her Government sends a mission to look at battlefields which are our sacred burial grounds. Future Americans may feel ashamed that their fathers were not in this fight—thousands and thousands of Americans are thinking this to-day.
HOW DUBLIN CASTLE SAT ON THE SAFETY VALVE.

WHAT SIR CARSON TOLD THE IRA THREAT.

Mr. Birrell The IRA's Expectations.

ULSTER'S BAD EXAMPLE


REDMOND'S AND DILLON'S ADVICE

Mr. Augustine Birrell, late Chief Secretary, yesterday appeared before the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Irish rebellion.

Sim Feinism, otherwise old hatred and distrust of the British nation, had always been obvious.

Had Home Rule not been placed on the statute book there would never have been an Irish revolt.

The Ulster "Rebellion," with its running, and all the cowardly, mishandling of rebellion, encouraged disloyalties.

Sir E. Carson's entry into the Cabinet also had a bad effect on the minds of the Sinn Feiners. Mr. Redmond and Mr. Dillon had always taken the view that Sinn Feiners were a negligible organisation.

The inquiry stands adjourned until Monday, which is expected that the Commission will open its Irish sittings in Dublin on Thursday.

BRITAIN DISTURBED.

Home Rule Stops Troubles At The Outbreak Of The World War.

Mr. Birrell, at the outset, dealt with the growth and character of the Sinn Fein movement in Sinn Fein's own words.

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This spirit of hatred towards England might have been satisfied by the Catholic emancipation had been granted.

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BRITISH SURPRISE FOR THE TURKS IN ASIA.

Warships, Seaplanes And Aeroplanes Destroy El Arish. MAIN ROUTE TO SYRIA.

New Commanders In Egypt And The Balkans.

From The War Office.

British Official News.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

Lancashire Lad's Brave Dash at Vimy. Enemy Fire Dooms Buried Germans To Horrible Death.

By Percival Phillips.

FRIDAY.

The Lancashire battalions achieved an important local success on the Vimy ridge, midway between Arras and Lens, last Monday.

After the explosion of five mines near the lines of the enemy, they held up and laid down, during a night of fierce fighting, without rest, and a new British line established over a front of about 1,500 yards, as the result of a very sharp fight by the Lancashires, which the enemy at this point is utterly destroyed.

A bombardment of the German trenches by British "heavies" was the prelude. It began about 8.30 on Monday evening, and continued for 30 minutes after the ground was finally cleared of the German trench at this point was stopped short by our fire.

On the north-eastern slopes of Hill 304 an attempt by the enemy to advance from a point of fortification was frustrated. In fact, the general British advance was not stopped short by our fire.

On the right, in the sector of Hill 287, the enemy was stopped short by our fire.

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Some attacks made by the enemy to return his progress at this point were stopped short by our fire.

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ONE OF OUR AIR-SCOUTS HOMeward BOUND.

A British naval airship coming in from a long flight. Our aircraft of this type are doing useful work for the Fleet as scouts at sea.—(Official Photograph.)

WHEN THE HEROES MEET.

Capt. Martin, of the Wandle, exchanges war yarns with Private Robson, V.C.

THE UNCHANGING SUNDIAL.

Though nurses and patients welcome summer time and more sunlight, the sundial remains a passive resister.

TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES THAT PREVENTED THE RELIEF OF KUT.

A transport team of an Indian regiment crossing a "lamb" or bank in the Mesopotamian plains. It was the difficulty of negotiating these flooded swamps that chiefly prevented the Kut relief force reaching General Townshend in time.
The Irish Commission.  
As I write, the first day of the Irish Commission is arriving enough to provide a text for Mr. Asquith on the need for a complete alteration in the government of Ireland. Since the immortal Irish question is not now a question of the Irish people but of the Dominions, I suppose the dependants of our homes have been sold up, houses and mort­gages being made to remit a portion of their claims.  

Vice-regal Lodge.  
Wm. Birrell was first appointed to the Irish Secretaryship, his wife was strongly urged to persuade him not to take up his quarters at the official Vice-regal Lodge.  

Birrell Preferred An Hotel.  
Wm. Birrell paid his first visit to Ireland in an official capacity, he and Mrs. Birrell went to the Vice-regal Lodge. They were as much impressed with it that they never went back again.  

In For It.  
Mr. D. H. of course has a wholly undoubted reputa­tion for being ubiquitous and omniscient, but until that aftercrops I had never known. An invitation to the Rendon aero club in London was not sent to him in the "Paragraph." on Thursday. The sun shone, the green trees and greener fields were round the T-shaped road, where we hovered, and busied, and whirled stately bipedal and dashing, sweeping monopoloes.  

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Enthusiasm.  
To the descriptive writers and wielders of pens of bows and stars I leave the extant account of the day. My recollections are of a sudden desisting din and in two seconds the transformation of "Pa," who didn't venture, into trench warfare. The Americans, who are impervious, other machines dented about beneath us, dived, swiveled-backed, banked (b), spiraled, and got on the wrong side, and the small (Jenks) safe, Grahame White obviously the greatest man in the world. May I become a flying man No. 10 old—and too heavy.  

Don't Worry About Hender.  
Hender is a wonderful spot. R.P.C. men, R.N.A.S. men rush about, and you count machines by, well, never mind how many of them. Hender is no place for the chronicler, but must be said about the workshops. All I know is that I left in a good temper. I have no lack of optimism in respect of the state of the world, and, as Pemberton-Billing, an expert. But even experts couldn't deny that things are improving.  

A Little Advice.  
As I write, like kicking a man when he’s down, and down B.R. certainly is. So we can leave the Bads. To jump on him with hob-nail boots is the wrong way to go about it. I think he will follow with advantage until he is safe, and then he will have to make his point out the other night, that was a hint from the commonwealth, and his way. His childish attempts on Thursday night were controlled, and trying to get other members counted only made him ridiculous, Verbal, cap.  

Agean Stables?  
It is rumoured that P.R. now contemplates resigning his military career—in the cavalry.  

The Cottage By The Sea.  
It is said that Hender is quite a great event this year over for the "cottage by the sea" in which to spend the summer.  

Standing Public Money.  
Save the point of view of public economy, however, the few civil servants who become soldiers the better. Every established Government official who enlists receives full salary minus a little, and those who go over become financially much better off in the Army than in civil life.  

Hidden Heroes.  
I understand, however, that in most depart­ments some men who express a wish to go into the forces are not permitted to do so, unless they are absolutely necessary, and who it was alleged to the House that he usually did so, because of Vice Lord. He was for Sir Herbert called them, were to be found at the Admirals. At the War Office they are very few. Lord Kitchener has seen to that.
PLAYING THE GRAND OLD GAME IN THE SHADOW OF CAPTIVITY


BURIED FOR THREE DAYS.

Pte. Sullivan was buried alive for three days in a wrecked trench which the Germans took and occupied for 30 hours.

CANADA'S KHAKI GIANT.

JACK BUYS A FLAG IN HONG

THEY SACRIFICE TENNIS TO POTATO-GROWING.

The girls students of an Uxbridge college have turned their tennis lawn into a potato patch. May a good crop reward their patriotism!

PAST AND PRESENT

Members of Parliament hire a motor-bus when possible than travelling by taxis—an economy.

A flag day was held yesterday in aid of our Lithuanian flags as a tribute to the men who shed their lives.
ECONOMICAL M.P.s.

On an official visit of inspection. They find it hard war-time economy to their constituents.

SUNSHADES AND FURS—A MAYTIME CONTRAST.

Convalescent Tommies taking the fresh-air cure in Hyde Park yesterday found the summer heat so intense that they were glad to carry sunshades.

THE MARINERS’ FRIEND.

In spite of the sunshine, women with handsome furs bravely displayed them.

EX-OFFICER ABSENTEE.

Mr. H. Charles Woods, an ex-lieutenant of the Grenadier Guards, who was charged yesterday as an absentee under the Military Service Act. The case was adjourned.

General Gouraud, now minus an arm, reviews the heroes of the magnificent French defence of Verdun. The tattered flags are significant symbols of the patriots’ sacrifice for country.

MENT WHEELS OF TIME.

With out for a ride to-morrow. Among them will be 1803 made to Brighton in ten hours.
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Any Irish Matinee—Splendid Entertainment at Reading

By Mrs. Gossip

HER MAJESTY the Queen has graciously consented to be present at the Palace Theatre on Monday afternoon, May 29. Mr. Alfred Butt has kindly lent the theatre, and has also arranged for that delightful comedy, "Peg O' My Heart," to be played.

This matinee, which is being organised by the Countess of Limerick, Lady Ormonde's and Browne, and Lady Maud Warder, is to raise funds for a scheme to help the totally disabled Irish soldiers, so that when the war is over these splendid fellows will be able to earn their own living.

A great number of well-known people are interested in the matinee, including Lord Kitchener, the Duchess of Devonshire, the Marchionesses of Ormonde and Sligo, the Countesses of Dunraven, Leicestershire, and Lansdowne, and Sir John Maxwell, Commander of the Forces in Ireland.

Mind You Buy One.

Lady Limerick and Mrs. Townshend, wife of the famous General, will be found hard at work at the Palace Theatre this afternoon, selling tickets for the matinee. Mrs. Lionel Harris will be doing the same this evening, so don't forget if you are going to see "Brick-Bird" to-day to take your purse with you.

At Allington Manor.

Lady Swaythling, who is the wife of the chairman of the Caledonian Market Fair, is selling pipes and tobacco at her stall on June 5 and 6.

It is not generally known what a splendid work Lady Swaythling has done. Soon after the war broke out she gave up her beautiful home, Allington Manor, in Hampshire, and converted it into a sanatorium for tuckular Belgian soldiers, where they have been cared for and so well treated that many of them have been able to return to the front.

An interesting occupation of the soldiers at Allington Manor is gardening, and the visitor on going there is greeted just now with the sight of Belgian soldiers sowing their own vegetables. Bulteel's "huts," which anyone who wishes to create a garden, can have such a view, and a large percentage of the proceeds will appear.

I have attended, as I have often told you, nearly all the charity matinées that have been organised in London since there were such things, but never have I been to a more successful one than that given by "The Beano," as established by George Grossmith, who so generously gave up a whole day, as did Henri Leoni, Alice Kleinham, Leslie Henson, and Mudge Sounders.

The Readingites turned out en masse not only to enjoy a unique entertainment, but to help swell the funds of the soldiers and sailors' free buffet at the South-Western Railway station, Reading.

The Entertainment.

Miss Ena Grossmith, eldest daughter of the celebrated ti. 0., as the head of "The Beano," which consists of eight amateurs, all girls, really they are as good as any professionals I've seen.

They sang and danced beautifully, looking extremely fascinating in their black and white striped skirts, just displaying enough black silk stockings and neat satin shoes, their waists swathed in Wedgwood blue, and their white toby fries edged with the same shade. Titled their "Sapho" hats of black.

Mrs. Lionel Harris made a swinging speech, after the first half of the programme, abstracting from the audience a substantial sum for the buffet. Mr. Grossmith at the conclusion of the matinée announced that £100 had been realised, which I believe was a record for Reading.

The Needlework Exhibition.

I have just heard from the Countess of Godfrey, who is doing such splendid work as president of the Red Cross and St. John's Central Workrooms, at 48, Grosvenor-square, rooms have been established for the supply of hospital necessaries and comforts for the wounded at home and abroad. Lady Godfrey wrote to me that she is doing all she can to encourage the women to take an interest in the Needlework Competition.

Isn't that splendid? Busy as they are, these willing helpers are going to find time to make the next Needlework Exhibition as even bigger success. I don't know how to decide something too! Have you been in for particulars? Don't delay, send a large stamped self-addressed envelope today so—

Needlework Department,
Daily Sketch, London, E.C.

WORTH A VISIT.

There is a wonderful collection of pictures—the work of women artists—at Waring and Gillow's, and I spent a very enjoyable hour there on Tuesday. The Queen had already paid a visit and made several purchases. I also noticed Sir Thomas Dewar busy buying, Mr. Walter Winans, and Miss Lilian Braithwaite. The object of the exhibition is to create a fund to assist artists who are sufferers by the war.

For The Star And Garter.

Everybody is working hard to make the "Barrie" matinée, on June 6, for the Star and Garter fund, a huge success.

Mrs. Bonham Carter, who was Miss Violet Asquith, is arranging the programmes selling. I hear she has already fixed on several very lovely girls to do the job. Anyhow, there isn't the least doubt that the organising by Mrs. Bonham Carter will be well done.

TO-DAY'S HAPPY BRIDE.

Miss Olive Lockwood, of Queen's Gate, is to-day marrying Captain Claud Lambert, Lancashire Yeomanry. (Swaine.)

A smart coat of black taffeta that revives the old coachman's cape effect. (Manuel.)

THE CAPE REVIVED.

HER HOME-HOSPITAL.

TO-DAY'S HAPPY BRIDE.
OFFICIAL STORY OF LOOS.

(Continued from page 3.)

before the machine-guns and sent wise of Old St. Laurent. Here on the southern side of the hill the 4th Brigade held unassailed for some hours in the face of heavy fire, which increased in volume as the German reinforcements came up.

TO PAST.

With the Germans on the run there was no stopping them, and on they went over the hill, only to be checked by machine-guns and machine-pistols on the far side.

Ralled Round the Tartan.

A prominent part in this crisis was played by the headquarter bug carried by the 7th Camerons, on which a couple of pieces of Cameron tartan had been sewn. Round this bug ran, and though more than once the line shook before the German counter-attack, every time the bug went forward the men followed it, and before the remnants of the 4th Brigade had settled down, had checked the first counter-attack, and were holding off steadily.

The name of the Cameron officer is not given in the official document. Lieut-Colonel James Castner-Kellner, D.S.O., was in command of the 7th Cameron Highlanders in France from July, until February of this year. He was promoted from the ranks as Brigadier, and now commands his own brigade.

Another Cameron battalion (the 1st) was engaged in the attack which nearly reached Hollicow. Some of these units actually entered the village. But both Dunbars and Seaforths had suffered severely; their splendid advance had carried them far ahead of the supports, and without orders. They could not maintain their advanced positions.

SECRET OF THE CROSS.

"But for the 1st Division's mistake in giving the word to advance, the 7th Camo had not been on the east of the 1st Division.

In other words, though this is not stated in the official account, it seems that there was a tactical advance, instead of obtaining a real advantage, and that the victory of the first importance was a withdrawal to the enery over a considerable area.

A THRICE-WON MEDAL.

Gallant Acts Not Performed In The Face Of The Enemy.

N.C.O.'S LIFE FOR HIS COMRADES.

The Albert Medal has been awarded to a number of men whose gallantry and devotion to duty was not performed in the face of the enemy, and therefore will not be rewarded with military decorations.

Second-Lieut. Thomas Bernard Hanley, 1st King's, was the first class for three almost identical deeds of bravery.

On October 15 one of a party of under instruction in the evening two days backs was directed by the night he was wounded and left the scene, and threw it out of the trench. The second-Lieut. Hanley was in charge of the wounded, and when the German reinforcements came up he pulled the pin from a grenade and threw it straight at the Germans. He was mortally wounded, and died, and his Medal is awarded to his comrade.

Very similar acts of bravery in dealing with live bombs and similar incidents have been seen at Aldershot against the battery and in the front line.

Major Cyril Louis Natterson Newall, 2nd Gurkha Rifles (Annapurna) and Mr Gordon Hawor, 19CC., were also awarded a Medal for an act of bravery which cost him his life.

Other N.C.O.'s were moving bombs into a farmhouse when one fell to the floor in the garden. The grenade was free and the bomb would have exploded in four seconds, and that it could have killed him and many others.

One of the German machine guns was halted, and it was possible to reach them and destroy the gun by hand and imitating wounds from which he died.

THE AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE.

Italians Fall Back To New Line To Avoid Needless Losses.

Italian Official News.

In the portion of the front in the Trentino country the Austrians and Hungarians and their allies were entirely cleared out of the position of Zoppo Torta, and the Italian offensive was completely extinguished.

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BUDANT MARKETS.

There was a big day at activity on the Stock Exchange yesterday, and buoyancy prevailed throughout.

Granular and metal shares showed no material change, but a number of other gilt-edged securities improved, and there was a share rise to many individuals.

Grand Tuck stocks recovered sharply on a state of encouragement, and the Grand Tuck policy was developed.

Cattle and live animals were purchased on an increase in the dividend to 3 per cent. Forestry Loan shares were advanced in price, while there was no change in the others.

In the south African market Charter shares were very active, and Churchill Copper shares, including Tanganyika and Rhodesia shares, were the most improved.

The gold rate was at 29s. 6d. per ounce, while Rubber was better at 25s. 8d. per lb.

AMERICAN COTTON (close).—New York, 6 to 18, and 15 to 19, respectively.

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PEET'S THEATRE, NEW YORK CITY.

On Tuesday, July 14th, the following was presented: Play: "The Four Percent."
THE OPENING CHAPTERS

Hester Gorden, a pretty, impulsive girl, residing in the healthy open-air life she loved at Heaton Claret, the old-school town, where she had been born and reared, is engaged to be married to Gordon Kemp, a clever, prosperous, self-satisfied business man. Hester meets Jim Strattoo, an Australian soldier, who falls violently in love with her. His blunt speech and masterly ways offend the girl, however, and she treats him coldly. Nevertheless, she cannot help contrasting the Amoor with Gordon Kemp, and wishing Gordon were a little more tender-minded than Hester's friend.

Erval Lomas, at whose home the Amoor is staying until he recovers from his wound, pretends that there is, secret understanding between Strattoo and herself, and although Hester is still angry at Strattoo, she is curiously hurt at the thought that he should be in love with Erval Gorden. Hester entertains the Amoor with something like contempt, but is later forced to regard him as a real rival.

An employee of Gordon's, a girl named Marsh, is discovered for theft. Gordon discovers that the girl had been badly treated by a colonial soldier, and Hester's friend, Mr. Strattoo, goes to see Hester, but just as she is going to tell her about the matter, the Australian soldier falls fainting.

Gordon is in a quandary. He has been mixed up in a quirkishness that is going to make a mess of things. This Australian soldier who falls anxiously.

At a Clot (Do Not Miss Monday's Instalment).

How Germany Hatched The Irish Rebellion in London.

Remarkable Revelations

BY WILLIAM LE QUEUX

IN MONDAY'S DAILY SKETCH.
The Great Story of Loos:

Picturing the Heroism of the British Offensive.

One of the Highlanders who was wounded in the glorious dash at Loos—still smiling.

Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Sandilands, O.S.O., of the 7th Camerons—now a Brigadier—who rallied the detachments of the men who fought their way through to Loos and saved the day at Hill 70.

A Gordon Highlander took this snapshot of a German trench at Hooge. Here many of our brave lads fell.

"It was when the gas was hanging thickest that Piper Laidlaw, of the K.O.S.B.s, jumped out of his trench playing the regimental march."

One of the Gordons who jumped the parapet at the word "Over," when the Highland Brigade went through the Huns at Loos, and returned unscathed.

For the first time the Press Bureau publish to-day the story of the British offensive at Loos, which took place as far back as September of last year. In that glorious but tragic charge the Highland Brigade played a gallant part. The spirit of the Highlanders was shown by the 7th Camerons, who, at a critical stage, rallied round their head-quarter flag, on which two pieces of Cameron tartan had been sewn, and followed the tattered shreds to death.

An untouched snapshot of the Camerons marching from their billets to the front line trenches.

—Daily Sketch Exclusive Photograph.