

CASE OF FIRST SHELL FIRED AT GERMANS BY AMERICAN ARTILLERY



This is the first photograph to arrive in the United States of the case of the first shell that was fired by American troops against the Germans in France. The case itself is now on its way to President Wilson, who will either keep it or give it to a national museum for its historic value. An American officer of our forces overseas is shown holding the historic shell case.

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More than a year and a half ago England adopted a system of war-savings certificates like that which went into operation in this country last month. Since then it has received \$631,000,000 from the sale of the certificates.

In trying to understand the situation in Russia remember that the real names of Tchernoff, Parvus, Ganevski, Zinoviev, Trotsky and Kamenieff—leaders in getting Russia to quit fighting—are Feldmann, Helfand, Furtenberg, Apfelbaum, Braunstein and Rosenfeld. Lenin himself was formerly known as Zederblum.

The war has its grim jokes. For example, the case of the German merchant in Barcelona who gave a Spanish sea captain a check for seven thousand dollars on a New York bank and told him to bring back the money in gold. The captain, when he found that he could not take gold out of this country, invested the seven thousand dollars in Liberty-Loan bonds, which he carried back to the waiting German.

Did the coming of winter find your farm machinery standing in the field, in the yard or behind the barn? If so, get it under cover as soon as you can. The prices of farm machinery are high and going higher, and every year that you add to the life of your farm implements release just so much iron, now greatly needed for war material, railway building and other construction work.

An American naval officer in private conversation the other day gave an interesting account of a talk that he had had with one of the German prisoners who were unloading his ship at a French port. The German was a young lieutenant, well-educated and intelligent. "How do you think the war is coming out?" asked the American. "Well," said the German, "I think it will probably take us from two to three years more to beat England and France. And it may take us as long as six years to whip the United States." "If it takes as long as that, what will there be in it for Germany?" "Oh, the United States will pay the entire cost of the war, and we shall take Cuba, Porto Rico, the Panama Canal, the Hawaiian Islands, Samoa, Guam and the Philippines." When some of us are imagining that the Germans are near the end of their endurance, it is instructive to know what a representative German soldier thinks.—Youth's Companion.

THE LION'S MAW

Much depends on the success or failure of the counter-revolution that Constitutional Democrats, state men and Co-sack soldiers are trying to carry through in Russia. If it succeeds, Russia may again become a national entity and not a mere geographical expression. It will have a government, an army, and law will move or replace the regime of pillage and disorder that the Bolsheviks have instituted. The Germans will have to give up the separate peace so nearly concluded with Lenin and Trotsky and bring back some of the troops they have hurried across Europe to attack the French and the Italians. If it fails, there is grave danger that there will be an end to Russia for a generation, perhaps for a century.

That, of course,—the end of Russia,—is what German policy is steadily aiming at. That is why the Emperor

the All Highest, divinely chosen to rule, as he believes, is willing to discuss terms with a band of revolutionary proletarians and peasants. The very existence of such a government as that of the Bolsheviks is an offense to the Prussian, and if he thought there were any danger of its becoming either permanent or formidable he would not permit it to exist for a minute adjacent to his own dominions; but he very shrewdly makes use of it while it lasts, not only because an armistice enables him to send all his useful troops into the west, but because every day that it exists it furthers his own hopes for the complete dissolution of Russia.

Even when he magnanimously talks of letting Poland and Lithuania decide their own destiny, he is careful to define what he means by those words—a Poland cut off from the sea, and a Lithuania cut off from its natural hinterland. When there are also separate governments in Finland, in the Ukraine, in Great Russia, in Siberia, in the Caucasus, in the Crimea, then there will be another situation like that in the Balkans; none of the new states will be strong enough to resist the economic or military pressure of the Central Powers. Little by little, one by one, they can be "penetrated" and influenced by German capital and, if necessary, absorbed by German administration. There will be a new Eastern question, but it will be a question that Germany and Austria can deal with at their leisure and wholly for their own profit, since Mitteleuropa and Turkey bar any access to that vast region from Western Europe.

Berlin, as it amuses the Russian proletarian with dreams of external peace and unlimited opportunities for domestic spoliation, is looking ahead to the day when, in fact if not in name, the German Empire shall reach from Antwerp to Vladivostok and from Hamburg to the Persian Gulf. Unconsciously, but none the less effectually, the misguided Russian Socialists are helping to forward that plan. Only the rebirth of the Russian nation under the coun-revolutionists, or, if that fails, the decisive defeat of Germany by the western allies, can save the world from so disastrous a fate.—Youth's Companion.

BOND EDUCATION FOR CHICAGO CHILDREN

Influence Carried to Homes and Result Beneficial

A large number of the school teachers in Chicago have taken it upon themselves to educate their pupils as to the meaning of war bonds. They have found the youngsters eager to absorb such knowledge and they believe that Uncle Sam will receive much greater help from them when he issues his third Liberty Loan bonds.

"The children have found simple war finance a fascinating subject," said one of the teachers, "and those who have been taught it are much wiser in this direction than many grownups who have paid little or no attention to what the Government is doing to carry on the war. The children are able to discuss financial matters with their parents, and, having been impressed with the righteousness of America's war, they will have much influence on their parents and relatives and friends. I believe the school boards of every state should make such teaching a part of the regular work and that the children should be impressed into the Liberty Loan service when the campaigns are coming to help the Government. Some of them may not be able to buy Liberty bonds without the assistance of their parents, but all of them will be able to buy war savings certificates, which are Liberty bonds in miniature. The children of the nation are what the nation must depend upon in the future and too much importance cannot be attached to the schooling of them along such practical lines as war finance at this time. This sort of teaching work, for thrift on the part of the children and arouses the interest of the teachers themselves to a high pitch."

McGREGOR

North Iowa Times.)

Mrs. Feete was a Saturday visitor in Dubuque.

Mrs. Niemerey was a Dubuque visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Haskins was a Dubuque visitor last Saturday.

School closed last Thursday for the holiday vacation.

Miss Eva Jordan was a business visitor in Elkader, Friday.

John McWilliams transacted business in Dubuque, Saturday.

The Misses Barr and Schultz were visitors in Dubuque, Saturday.

John Hauschen and son Ed., of Clayton, were here visiting friends last Friday.

Mrs. Felber went to Monona, Friday morning, for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Harry Reynolds and son Hubert were business callers in Dubuque, Saturday.

Mrs. Lyle Jones, of Savanna, Ill., visited the relatives and friends a few days the past week.

Benjamin Kossack came home from Dubuque, Saturday, to spend the holidays with home folks.

Prof. Dahm left Friday afternoon for Madison, Wis., to visit with his family there during the holidays.

Miss Gertrude Webb arrived home Thursday from Joliet, Ill., to spend her Christmas vacation with home folks.

Miss Alice Bachtell left Friday afternoon to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Raigall in Milwaukee.

At the dance Wednesday evening of last week, over \$99 was taken in at the door. A very pleasant time is reported.

Miss Mary Elwell arrived from Grand Forks, N. D., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. C. Elwell.

Harold Buhlman, principal of the McGregor high school, left for his home at Fayette, Saturday, to spend the holiday vacation.

Miss Mayme Sweeney came down from Waukon, Saturday to spend Sunday and Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Sweeney.

The Red Cross drive was begun in this place last Friday to secure new members and renewal of old ones. The committee has been meeting with a most gratifying success.

Mrs. Schwartz and children left Friday morning for Dodson, Montana, where they will make their future home. The best wishes of their many friends will go with them out to the far west.

Adolph Larson was down from Waukon Junction, Friday. He is pretty busy caring for his pigs and other property there. But the fishing is very poor this season and not many fish are caught.

A wagon load of turtles belonging to Mr. Elwell attracted no little attention Friday. They were all of good size and were stored away for safe keeping in the basement under Mr. Pilkington's office. Some of them were of very large size.

Last Thursday evening, "Santa Claus Jr.," was presented at the Opera House by the intermediate and grammar grades of the McGregor public schools. The production was well rendered and largely attended, and those taking part received many compliments.

Charles Brooks was an Elkader visitor Friday.

Chet Soles of Clayton, was a business visitor here Saturday.

The section men have been working near Waukon Junction the past week.

Mr. Kols returned to Minneapolis last week after a visit here with friends.

Mrs. Hart was called to Chicago, Saturday, by the serious illness of her husband.

Conductor Lyle Hoxsie enjoyed a short Christmas vacation the fore part of the week.

George Knee and son went to La Crosse, Monday, for a few days visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kossack went to Postville, Tuesday to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Limbeck and little son went to Ossian, Tuesday, for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Oehring and little daughter, spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Postville.

The young people have been enjoying the first skating of the season this past week. The ice is in good shape.

Floyd Luce was here from Waukon, Saturday, visiting his brother Gordon, and with other relatives and friends.

Those subject to the draft in this place and vicinity, have been receiving their draft questionnaires this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fryklund left for Ella, Wis., Tuesday, for a few days visit, and expect to return home next Monday.

Miss Irene Pickel, who is attending college at Ames, is home to spend the holidays with her parents, J. D. Bickel and wife.

The Daubenger boys, Carol and Vincent, arrived home last week from Grinnell, Ia., to spend their Christmas vacation with their father, brothers and sisters.

Father Polckert was here from Dubuque the latter part of last week for a visit with relatives and friends. He went to Lansing, Saturday afternoon for a short visit there.

Chief Engineer O. J. Welter of the Mid-Continental Utilities says that in all of his fourteen years of work for the electric company, Christmas eve, 1917, carried one of the heaviest loads at the McGregor power house that he has ever known.

Mr. L. Lingrain and wife, of Wheatridge, Colorado, are here on a visit with relatives at McGregor, Clayton and Elkader.

Lieut. Thomas has been at home a few days this past week on a visit with relatives and friends. He is in the Medical department of the army and has been stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. Like others in the army, he is looking fine. He went from here to American Lake, Wash., to Camp Lewis.

Bert Sturtevant has returned from South Dakota where he has been for some time past.

Raymond Sullivan of Ossian, visited here Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sullivan.

Ray McLanahan and family, of Rochester, Minn., were visiting at the home of his parents this week.

Miss Margaret Horning, who is attending U. I. U. at Fayette, is at home to spend the holiday vacation.

Henry Albeck and two children left for Chicago, Monday to spend the holidays with the former's sister.

Miss Clara McCabe returned home Saturday after a visit with relatives and friends at Lansing and La Crosse.

Among the names on the Winnebago county advisory board, is that of Attorney R. J. Sullivan, of Ossian, formerly of this place.

Henry O'Brien, who is employed at Rock Island, returned to that place Wednesday, after visiting here for a few days with his family.

Fay Elwell and wife of Madison, Wis., arrived here last week for a visit at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. C. Elwell.

Corporal William Stone arrived from Marshalltown, Sunday to spend Christmas at home. William is the U. S. recruiting officer at Marshalltown.

Miss Kathryn Sweeny came home from her school work at Waukon, and Jessie from Lansing, Saturday, to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Brennan left for Webster City, South Dakota, Saturday afternoon to visit during the holidays with Mr. Brennan's brother.

Joe Ellsworth, from Providence, Rhode Island, one of Uncle Sam's soldier boys, has been here on a visit with his mother, Mrs. Ellsworth, and with friends here.

A Christmas tree and exercises at the Methodist church Monday evening was very largely attended. There was a program and a treat was given the children.

Mrs. Ben Schreiber has gone to Chicago to visit her daughter, Herson, Lyle, who enlisted from here and is in Texas, met them there and enjoyed a visit with them.

At the Congregational church on Sunday evening a very fine program was given. On Monday evening Christmas exercises were held and enjoyed by the large number of persons present.

Clarence Bachtell writes from Chattanooga, Tenn., that he received the glass of jam and it was sure fine. He wishes to thank the Red Cross for the same. At present he is clerking in the Sixth Infantry post exchange and is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Walker and children left last week for Santa Mary, Lower California, where it is understood they will reside. Mr. Walker was lately the owner of the upper barber shop which he purchased of Ernie Hauschen a few months ago.

A freight car on a south bound train one day last week jumped the track, bumped along the ties for five or six rail lengths, and then went back on the rails again, between North McGregor and Waukon Jc. This is considered quite a stunt even for a freight car.

Frank Bergman and wife returned last week from a few days visit in Dubuque.

Alex Gilchrist left for California, Wednesday afternoon to visit his folks there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall Swenson spent Christmas with Postville relatives and friends.

Since January 1st, 1917, there have been thirty-five burials in Pleasant Grove cemetery.

Roy Clemens of Dubuque, was here for a few days visiting relatives the past week.

Dave McGill is very ill with pneumonia. His son and family have been called here from Dakota.

Miss Anna Fird came up from Dubuque, Christmas morning to spend a few days with home folks.

Jack Whalen has been spending a few days at his old home in Lansing with relatives and friends.

Mr. Falb, assistant in Paul Kossack's barber shop, spent Christmas at his home at West Bend, this state.

Mrs. Monroe Churchill and daughter, of Monroe, Wis., are here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Oehring.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gerich, of Spokane, Wa. h., spent Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gerich.

Miss Cecil and Clyde Peick are here from Austin, Minn., spending their Christmas vacation with Mrs. John Kramer.

The Elkader basket ball team played the McGregor basket ball team at this place last Friday evening. The game was a good one and full of pep all the time. McGregor won by a score of 25 to 17.

Miss Katherine Benjamin is at home from her work in Austin, spending the holiday vacation with relatives and friends.

Charles Bayless, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., returned to that place Wednesday, after a visit with relatives and friends.

Billy Bergman, in company with Bernice Thorpe, of Oelwein, has returned from a trip in Northern Wis., where they had been looking over the land in that section with a view to investing. They are much pleased with the country.

A unique banquet was served at Kramer's restaurant Saturday evening. This was a skunk supper. A number of the boys partook of it and declared it was fine. There was not a bit of the meat left when the banquets were through, and all said they had never eaten better meat.

Miss Leona Fette is at home to spend the holidays.

Mrs. E. E. Fallows and little daughter returned from Elkader Friday.

Ray Durr, of Keosauqua is here on a visit with relatives and many friends.

Mrs. McGhee was called to Wisconsin to see Jimmy Parnell, who is reported very ill.

Robert Thompson, of Chicago, visited at the home of Wm. Kramer a few days the past week.

Miss Maud McGhee, who teaches at Iowa City, is here to spend the Christmas vacation.

Tom English, of Monona, was here Monday, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McLaughlin.

Mrs. Andy Lewis, of Chino, Mont., spent the holiday season with the latter's mother, Mrs. F. Kurtz.

Ruth and Walter Bergman were here from Austin, Minn., to spend the Christmas holiday season with relatives and friends.

Miss Alice Kinley, of Marshalltown, this state, and Miss Luey Kinley, of Wheaton, Minn., are spending the holidays at the L. N. Kramer home.

Mr. and Mrs. McCallum and daughter, Miss Edith, of Canton, Ohio, are here spending the Christmas holidays at the H. J. Goddard home.

The Misses Adela Kramer, of Clear Lake, and Edith Kramer, of Decorah, were Christmas visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kramer.

The telephone operators are about ready to move the telephone office from its present location to the new rooms prepared for same over Oehring's jewelry store.

Wm. O'Riley, one of the legal lights of Cedar Rapids, returned to that place Wednesday afternoon, after a few days visit at home and with many friends here.

Bob Frederick, the wrestler, well known here, where he has visited many times, was defeated at New York by Zybisko, who won the final bout of the best wrestling match.

Tony Snyder, one of Uncle Sam's boys located at El Paso, Texas, has been on a visit with relatives and his many friends here on a twelve days furlough. The life of a soldier evidently agrees with Tony.

The Methodist church has had a new floor put in, the wood work has been painted and the interior ed up in fine shape. The workmen completed the task just before the bad weather set in, and they have done a good job.

Joe Minney arrived here Thurs. morning from El Paso, Texas, on leave of absence, for a visit here with relatives and his many friends. Joe is looking well and his friends are very much pleased to have the opportunity to see him again.

John Alton, of Waukon, visited at the Pat Sweeney home the first of the week.

Mrs. Pilkington, of Red Oak, this state, is here on a visit with her son William and family.

John Sweeney, of Charles City, was an over Christmas visitor, here, returning Wednesday.

Wm. Pearsall came down from Minnesota to spend Christmas here, returning Wednesday.

Mrs. Williams has gone to Chicago to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Hogue.

Henry Kossack, of Fairview, Montana, is here for a visit with relatives and many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gerich, of Milwaukee, Wis., spent the Christmas holiday here with home folks.

Carl Siegle, of Camp Dodge at Des Moines, was a Christmas visitor here with home folks and with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bell mourn the loss of one of the twins, the baby girl, who died early this Thursday morning.

Joe Broderick, who is teaching school at Dawson, this state, arrived here Saturday to spend Christmas with home folks.

Ralph Webb, of Chicago, and Dayton and Gertrude Webb, of Joliet, Ill., and Ray Webb, of Missoula, Mont., are all at home for the holiday season.

Louis Krumery and wife returned to Charles City, Saturday evening, after a few days visit at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Young.

Fred Sloane, of Minneapolis, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Q. A. Sloane and with relatives and friends, returning to Minneapolis, Wednesday.

Mrs. McCall, of Rockford, Ill., has been here for a few days the past week. She is employed in a newspaper office at Rockford and is visiting her mother.

Kurt Williams and Mrs. Stoops, of Elkader, were here visiting with Dr. Mile, for a few days last week. The doctor returned with them to Elkader to spend Christmas.

Farnum Bell rescued Billy Walters from the river the latter part of last week. The latter broke through the ice where it was thin. With his sail, Farnum came to the rescue, and by shoving the sail to the boy, the latter grasped it and was drawn out in safety.

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