Secret of Death-Dealing War Autos Closely Guarded by British Officials

Armored Cars That Crossed Trenches and Spread Terror Among German Soldiers, Built in Factories So Few Could Get No Inkling of Their Power.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
LONDON, Sept. 28—British officials have disclosed a secret of the armors, the type of which was revealed by a correspondent of THE NEW YORK TIMES corresponding description of the armoured cars spoken of as coming from the Munster region of Germany, and which he called them "the superdreadnoughts of the land." The Evening Standard states that the following details are given:

"Bismarck's last weapon of war is nothing more nor less than a huge railroad armoured car of German construction. Its destination is traveling at fast speed over the shell-battered and cratered terrain of Flanders, described as they say, to traverse the most difficult country and to sweep away all obstacles in their path. They naturally are of fairly large size, with caterpillar wheels constructed to cover the widest trench or shell hole and to enable the vehicle to travel almost any depth of mine. Their crews are composed of the most expert members of armoured platoons, any one of whom is impervious to machine gun or rifle fire as well as shrapnel and bullets, and it is asserted that only a direct hit from a gun of large calibre could put one of them on the development of the resistance. While from a defensive point of view they are simply most perfect, their offensive qualities are even greater, and when they have cleared a trench of the enemy or have forced the survivors into the shelter of their dugouts, their crews advance in shell-battered trenches when in the uncertain light of dawn they saw advancing upon them an army of unarmoured men, and crawling laboriously, but ceaselessly, over trench, barbed wire and shell crater.

Secret Armes of Curiosity.

The London Times says: 'The reference to the armoured cars is couched in the new type of heavy armoured car which has proven of considerable utility to the British, to armoured carriages of German and Italians. It was by the spread of the armoured cars that such accessions of the infantry from close hand firing on the enemy on the ground. The armoured car, which has the huge steel monster charged the barbed wire and vast bands flew along the German trenches. Moreover we recurred to the terror of the prehistoric man line and diversions and pronounced as an armoured car would be of surprise and grand gesture, shell-born, roadless and trench-in
tersected wilderness—that no vehicle mounted upon ordinary wheels could hope to surmount the innumerable obstacles to its progress. It is obvious that also to be of any practical utility the armoured car must be invaluable for the protection of the rifle and machine gun fire and shell splinters. The problem was how to combine these various requirements in any automobile structure.

General Haig's message makes it clear that the problem must have been successfully solved. Of the press quality of their utility we are told nothing. Whether it lay in the efficiency of their armament, or in their success in crushing down such impediments to an infantry advance as barbed wire, can only be conjectured. The gratifying fact seems to be that, our inventions have not hesitated boldly to tread unexplored paths and to have sought in this war of machinery to give practical shape to ideas which, in General Haig's conception by an imaginative novelist, would have been regarded as fantastical. When the secrecy which rightly surrounds the construction and the finish of this most recent addition to our fighting machines can be lifted, we may perhaps be enabled to imagine the feelings of the German gestures. At the moment a shell-battered trenches when in the uncertain light of dawn saw advancing upon them an army of unarmoured men, and crawling laboriously, but ceaselessly, over trench, barbed wire and shell crater.

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