

BLOODY BATTLE STILL GOES ON

German Claim That American Troops, Sent to Reinforce British, Have Been Defeated.

NEWS NOT CONFIRMED

British Give Way to New Position in Accord With Prepared Plans - See Presses Forward at Salient Points.

London, March 26.—With the first of the troops on most sectors appearing to hold their own, but with the Germans at Salient points still pressing forward, the sanguinary struggle on the battle line in France still is going on.

The town of Chauny, southwest of St. Quentin, situated on the road to Compiègne, the gateway to Paris, has been occupied by the Germans.

It is claimed by the Germans that British and French reinforcements, which were brought up to reinforce the British, have been defeated, but no further information has been received.

According to the Berlin official communications, everywhere the Germans are pressing their advantage.

Fighting Does Not Stop. Throughout Sunday along the entire 60 mile battle front the fighting never ceased and where Field Marshal Haig's men were unable to withstand the terrific onslaughts delivered by greatly superior forces, ground was given, but always in a tactical fashion.

The German official statement said a gigantic battle was in progress at Hapsignac.

It now has been definitely ascertained that considerably more than 1,000,000 Germans have been brought to the Western front in an effort to crush the British line holding the line from the region of Arras to the south of St. Quentin, but it daily becomes increasingly evident that this enemy in his drive has met with opposition not counted upon, and has been unable to realize to the full his objectives.

Claim Peronne and Ham.

In addition to Chauny, the Germans are claiming the capture of both Peronne and Ham, and to have increased the number of prisoners taken to more than 30,000 in addition to 800 guns and large stores of war materials.

The withdrawal of the British forces along the battle front in France was long ago planned, and the Germans are attacking in great force.

This announcement comes from the British from the German Association Press correspondent, who describes the operation of the British army as a masterly withdrawal, made possible by gallant shock troops in the front lines.

These troops checked the advance of the Germans, and to have, in the main, the rifle fire worked up, flag slaughter among the masses of German infantry as they were forced forward, thus enabling the majority of British troops to fall back deliberately and without confusion.

Food Supply Lines. The British army, it is declared, has been reorganized, and up to the present, very few counter attacks have been made by the Germans, where the British are staked the German's newly acquired positions they have taken each mile of the bringing up of supplies to the German artillery and infantry more and more difficult, and consequently the British strategy, as demonstrated since the beginning of the great attack, is to let the enemy, as far as possible, wear him out against a powerful defense.

Both British and French forces where they have met with opposition, are watching events with optimism.

34 FOE PLANES DESTROYED

Nine British Machines Missing Following Attack.

London, March 25.—An aerial report of the recent operations says that 34 enemy airplanes have been brought down.

The statement reads: "The enemy's low-flying airplanes were most persistent in their attacks upon our lines, and forward areas. Many of these machines were brought down by our fighters, and the remainder were brought down by our anti-aircraft batteries. It is not known how many of these machines were destroyed."

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BURIAL OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO PERISHED WHEN THE TRANSPORT TUSCANIA WAS TORPEDOED



One hundred and fifty-three American soldiers lie buried to add a bleak stretch of Scottish coast. They are those who died when the British transport Tuscania was sunk. Their graves are at the water's edge close to the base of the rocky cliffs. These photographs show the funeral procession leaving the morgue at Port Charlotte in the rain, the men and women viewing the burial ceremonies from the top of the cliff.

ITALIANS EXPECT FIGHT MANY IMPORTS ARE PROHIBITED

Submarine Sent to Bottom After Running Fight. German Commander Kills Five When He Sees Capture Inevitable—Nine of Crew Taken Prisoners.

An Atlantic Port, March 26.—According to W. S. Hamburg, who has landed here on a French liner, a German U-boat was sunk and its nine crew members were captured by an American liner on March 10.

The prisoners were the first members of a submarine captured by an American liner during the war.

The U-boat commander saved himself from capture or death by drowning.

Mr. Hamburg gave the following description of the sinking of the submarine and subsequent capture of nine of her men.

"I personally saw the nine prisoners march down the gang plank at the French port. I heard that when the liner was two days out of the port, it had a running fight with a German U-boat, in which the submarine was sunk and the nine prisoners were the only survivors.

The submarine captain said that his boat was about to be lost he shot himself dead."

The participation of American rail-way engineers, in training at the British front, were involved in the German counter-attack on the Channel.

Nothing Official To Indicate However, Washington, March 25.—No confirmation of German reports that American troops have participated in the British front where they have reached the War Department.

Major General March, acting chief of staff, said that he had no official word on the matter.

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BIG 75-MILE GUN POINTING AWAY

Bombardment of Paris From St. Gobain Forest, 76 Miles From City, Still Continues.

PEOPLE NOT ALARMED

Go to Church as Usual Though Projectiles Fall During Greater Part of Day on Schedule.

Paris, March 26.—In the St. Gobain forest west of Laon, exactly 122 kilometers, approximately 76 miles from the French city, the German monster "cannon" which has been bombarding Paris has been located.

The bombardment of Paris during the greater part of Sunday. The day was ushered in by loud explosions from the 16-inch shells, and immediately the alarm to take cover was sounded. This occurred at 6:55 o'clock and many persons sought shelter, but others fired from 7:30 a. m. to 3 o'clock p. m., a shell dropping every twenty minutes with monotonous regularity.

The bombardment all the characteristics of a bombardment by heavy artillery, being regular intervals between the shells, and the shells falling within a restricted area. Enemy aviators who flew over the city during the early hours of the bombardment registered the appearance of Daniel Webster.

"French Front Intact," Note. For the benefit of that portion of the populace which had been so badly frightened from their Sunday habits to any great extent.

At 10 o'clock the shells arrived at intervals of twenty minutes, and the detonations, considering the Sunday, seemed louder than those of Saturday. Their power to disturb the equanimity of the populace, however, seemed less, the people remaining in their homes.

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WHY MR. LOTT DIDN'T ENLIST

Explanation Afforded by Street-Car Conductor at Least Caused Him to "Get Over" Move On.

Joshua Lott sometimes lives up to the motto which is a condition of the Prospect line who should be named Joe Moore. Notwithstanding the conductor's urging to "step up in form" when he can in order to be able to squeeze off at Arcies street with getting up to the front," said the conductor.

"How's that?" asked Lott helpfully. "Because you're so old-fired scared of getting up to the front," said the conductor.

Just then the 60-passenger stopped at a transfer point to let about eighty more get on, and Lott was the first to start struggling toward the front to make room for them.—Kansas City Star.

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Many war zone hospitals have ordered Allen's Foot-Ease for the troops. It is a simple, effective remedy for foot trouble, and is used by the Red Cross and other organizations. It is a simple, effective remedy for foot trouble, and is used by the Red Cross and other organizations.

Chopping Him Off.

"Ah, Mr. Gloom!" began the suave representative of a large Eastern polo club, who called on only the few persons in this community who were of an ancient culture to appreciate the valuable works which he was purveying. "I recognized you instantly. A gentleman told me of your remarkable resemblance to Daniel Webster."

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Somewhat shy on Geography.

"Beet" Hamelinger, the former Harvard tackle, who is serving with an American artillery unit in France, writes that the French officers are taking a deep interest in baseball. Lieutenant de Laet, the color sergeant, "see" Cochin de Laet, the color sergeant, asked "Beet" to explain the word series to him. "It's between New York and Chicago this year," "Beet" began. "I suppose that's Buffalo, huh?" asked the lieutenant, eager to display his knowledge of American geography.

The Disturbance.

"Don't you love the silent watches of the night?" "I would, if it were not for the moonlight chatter of these forelorn 'Lunatics'."

A man is never too old to learn. If he is, then he is too old to live.

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Go on. "What is this water?" "War bread, sir." "Hang it! It's too old entirely for active service."—Life.

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Lloyd Sherwood and wife came down from Virginia, Tuesday, for a couple of days visit with relatives.

Madden is interested in buying what you grow—he is surely interested in selling you good clean seed.

The fashion surprise of the season, a romance for all people, "The Gown of Destiny," Sunday at Family theatre.

Jan. Haynes, who has been employed at the thrasher works at Hopkins, came home last Friday for a visit with his folks east of town.

Chas. Novak returned last Thursday from St. Paul where he enlisted in the government's carpenter service, and will await his call, here.

Mrs. Henry Wetter returned yesterday from a 2-months' absence, during which she visited relatives in the southern part of the state and in Iowa.

Paul Kaelble came home last Friday morning from Milwaukee where he has been employed the past month, expecting to return the first of next week.

A daughter was born at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Bonin at Bristol, Conn., Mar. 17. Mrs. Bonin will be well remembered here as Miss Lydia Leubker.

Miss Elsie Heyn was up from Minneapolis, where she is employed, to spend Sunday at the home of her parents, the A. R. Heyns, west of town.

H. N. Turner has leased the property next east of the Volence home on Third avenue and expects to move to it within a couple of weeks.

George Elyon and wife came up from St. Paul, Tuesday, for a couple of weeks' visit at the home of her parents, the Carl Trippiers at Chagwaganata.

Wm. Stelzner moved in, Tuesday, from his mother's farm west of town, where they have spent the winter into the Korbelt cottage next to the restaurant.

Mesdames Carlson and Petchel went to the cities yesterday, their husbands going down today. The ladies will return by train but Joe and Roy will drive an Overland up.

J. D. Boyle received word, last Friday, of the death of a day before of his youngest brother, H. A., at LetGrand, Oregon, the remains being taken to Ishab for interment.

Mrs. E. W. Spittler was up from North Branch from Saturday to Monday afternoon to visit old friends and attend the confirmation services at the Lutheran church, her daughter Dorothea being in the class.

Unable to join the tri-color of France, a designer succeeds in doing his bit through a wonder-working gown, "The Gown of Destiny"—the Sunday offering at Family theatre, matinee 3 o'clock, night 7:30.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. E. J. Clark on Friday, April 5, at 2:30 sharp. Note the change in the time and date and be prompt. Mrs. Clark hostess and Mrs. Harte has the paper on "Mormonism."

Mrs. Henry of Seattle stopped over Sunday at the home of her niece, Mrs. Folsom, while on her way home after spending the winter with a sister at Grand Rapids. Mrs. Folsom accompanied her to St. Paul, Monday.

Mr. Hoffman of Duluth, who is to open a store in the Jarowsky building on 5th street, was here, Monday, making final arrangements. He expects to move his family at once, and will open his store shortly after April 1st.

John Algure went to Hudson, Wis., the first of the week, to get rid of his rheumatism and is limbered up somewhat. John expects to move to Oregon this spring, intending to locate about 35 miles south of Portland.

L. M. Madsen, who moved in from Meadow Lark last fall and has since been living on the north side of town, expects to leave the first of next week for Brookings, S. D., whence they came a little over three years ago.

Lars Johnson has rented his farm southwest of Creek Creek and purchased Evan Hansen's theatre tract, about 4 miles east of town. Mr. Hansen purchased 15 acres farther on—near T. E. Ryan—on which he will build at once.

For rent—hotel, restaurant, rooming houses, flats or business location. The Ethelink hotel property opposite the court house. Will rent all or part. Excellent hotel property—11 rooms.—J. M. Collins, Pine City, Minn.

Have you ever heard the story of the sugar duck as told by Enid Bennett? The sugar duck did not melt, but you surely will when you see "The Girl Glory," the Saturday offering at Family theatre, matinee 2 o'clock; night 7:30.

Village school closed, last Friday, for a week's vacation, most of the teachers going to their various homes or with friends to spend the time, while Miss Simon, Bede and Wright and Messrs. Ayers and Schimmler are remaining here.

A. W. Schumacher, wife and baby arrived, last Saturday from Centerville, Ia., for a visit at the home of his brother. As he has disposed of his interests there and Mrs. Schumacher's health has not been the best this winter

they may decide to relocate somewhere in this region.

Miss Williams is recognized as one of the most beautiful women of the season. See her at Family theatre, Sunday.

The Pine City community that has been ordered and is to be hung across second avenue has been ordered to be hung across the depot. Presentation exercises will be held Saturday afternoon of next week, April 6, the full program to be printed next week, when the exact time will also be given—at about 2:30 o'clock. Plan to be present and watch for the program.

The contractors for the bridge across Snake river at this point have not filed their bond though the contract was let on Feb. 15 and the bond was expected to have been filed within 10 days. The company has a certified check for \$1,600 on deposit with the Shanty auditor—5 percent of the contract price of \$21,800. It is likely that the bond will be filed soon as it probably has been neglected.

Jack Haywood was here the latter part of last week and first of this, packing the furniture and shipping to Chipewa Falls, Wis., where they will make their future home. He left Monday and Mrs. Haywood and son followed yesterday. The Haywoods have many friends here, though they have made Pine City their home very little in the past few years, and they will be missed here very much.

Pine City Red Cross Notes

Pine City has a fine if not the finest bunch of women workers, for the Red Cross, that any village in this state can boast of.

They are working on material, a generous percentage of which has been paid for by patriotic meetings in the surrounding country.

In order to increase the much needed output, stimulate general interest, get on social terms and encourage the excellent help the country women can give, it has been decided to have an all day sewing and knitting bee, April 6. The Red Cross will furnish coffee but it is requested that every woman bring her lunch with cream and sugar. Extra cream will be sold for the benefit of the Soldiers and Sailors Fund.

Every woman willing to attend this gathering is requested to notify the secretary or chairman.

Every man that owns an auto who will donate his services to bring in the women and take them home is requested to notify the chairman.

We would like to have a worth while parade of workers starting about 9:30 a. m. on the day set, with banners flying and the band playing.

Come you ladies of the farm fireside and show your busy sisters in town what your nimble fingers can do. We need you and all.—R. L. Wiseman chairman.

In order to meet the heavy assessment this branch of the Red Cross has to pay it has been decided to have an auction, the date to be announced later, bringing in anything that has a sale value which is not necessary for the comfort and comfort. It may bring something to help swell the fund. Old and new articles of furniture, books, nick nacks, chickens or other live stock, cooked articles, fancy work, a pat or jar of butter, a load of wood etc. Come in with the spirit of the Red Cross to give or buy—we need you, each and every one. Remember that your every act in helping the Red Cross is an act that helps some one in misery, some where. Let the "Golden Rule" be your guide. It is some one else that needs your help now, it may be you or yours another day. Notify Roy Carlson of your donations. Every one should come in and make this a hummer for the Red Cross. Into the hundreds—possibly a thousand dollars should be raised. The Brook Park had such a sale a couple of weeks ago and took in \$325 and Hinkley had one which took in \$475.

The following new memberships and renewals have been received by the Pine City Red Cross during the past week. New members: Mrs. Mary Neubauer, Harry Petchel, Chester Barnum, Floyd Dippety, Daniel Rozum, Melvin Olsgaard, Joe Yanda, Emil Tuna, Ruth Lones, Frank T. Soukup, Fred Clary, Erick Brusig, Mrs. J. E. Shambour, Philip Niehiporuk, J. M. Beechel, William Sauser, Rev. Howard Hare, Mrs. Howard Hare, Harry Haynes, Galen Wells, Dorothy Penhiter, Mrs. Thos. W. Bazil, Mrs. Frances Kubicek, Ben Boo, Edward Sward Mrs. Edward Sward, Wm. Plassel, Mrs. Wm. Plassel, Anton Skuzacek, L. J. Skuzacek, Mrs. L. J. Skuzacek, J. C. Shambour, Mrs. John Hanks, Margaret Haggerty, Joe Hanke, Mrs. Joe Hanke, Mrs. Albert Harry and Norbert Skuzacek, Renewals: H. W. Harte, Mrs. H. W. Harte, Mrs. A. Penhiter, Portia Huber, Carrie Bush, W. G. Hodge, Ed Prochaska, Mrs. V. A. Beis and Lula Beis.

Save your tin and lead foil. Pick up every stray piece. We are going to collect it to sell for the benefit of the Christmas Fund for the boys in the service. We will soon have places designated to receive it, or you may send it to my office.—R. L. Wiseman.

The Pine Grove school, Dist. 15, will give a play, "Damon Debra," to be given at 7:30 p. m. on Friday, the evening of Friday, April 5, for the benefit of Red Cross. Miss Sibly Anderson is the teacher. An admission of 15c and 25c will be charged for the play.

There will be no meeting of the Red Cross workers on Good Friday—tomorrow—nor any on Friday of next week, April 5, as the big community sewing bee will be held on Saturday, April 6, and it is not desired to have them so often.

The entertainment in the Sward school, southeast of town, where Ruth Lones teaches, last Friday evening,

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Seventy-Seven Dutch Vessels in American Waters Are Taken Over By Government.

GERMAN THREATS MADE TO REDUCE FLOUR SALES

Said By President to Be Responsible For Action of Dutch Nation in Matters of the Alps

Washington, March 22.—The United States has requisitioned all Dutch ships in American waters upon Holland's refusal in the face of German threats to put into effect her voluntary agreement for reducing her merchant marine to activity. U. S. naval guards went on board the ships immediately. At the time that Great Britain was taking over Dutch vessels in British ports.

A total of 76 ships of probably 600,000 tons was added to the American merchant marine by the requisitioning of another 400,000 tons are put into the Allied service by the same action. Most of them will be used in the food carrying trade between the United States and Europe.

President Wilson's proclamation taking over the ships was issued only after word finally came from London that Holland's delayed reply was a rejection of the British-American demand.

Guarantees Made to Holland. The government had waited more than 48 hours beyond the time when Holland had been requested to make a decision as to whether she would carry out the original pact or submit to requisitioning. Every effort was made to avoid drastic action, as transfer of agreement was sought rather than by seizure, although the latter is an exercise of sovereign rights justified in international law and practiced by all nations.

Although the ships had been taken over without any formal agreement, the United States proposed to carry out scrupulously the terms of the original pact, so that Holland shall receive ample foodstuffs and will be protected in her colonial trade by having sufficient tonnage to maintain its commerce.

The President's proclamation was issued, authorizing the navy to take over the vessels, which will be equipped and operated by the Navy department and the shipping board, the Dutch crews being supplemented by American civilian sailors and naval reservists. Compensation will be made to the owners, as required by law.

President McKies Statement. In a statement outlining the negotiations which preceded the requisitioning, President Wilson pointed out that the permanent agreement with the Dutch government had been blocked by Germany, despite the latter's avowed desire to fulfill the kingdom's acute need of foodstuffs, for which the agreement provided. A temporary agreement then was negotiated to tide over the emergency and that too, was held up by Prussian diplomacy.

"Although the reason never was formally expressed," the President said, "it was generally known that the Dutch shipowners feared that their ships would be destroyed by German submarines. That this fear was not wholly unjustified has unmistakably been shown by the recent act of the German government in sinking the Spanish ship Sardinia outside the danger zone, when carrying a cargo of grain for Switzerland, and after the submarine commander had ascertained this fact by an inspection of the ship's papers."

For two months the proposed agreement lay in diplomatic pigeon holes without action and meanwhile, the President says: "German threats have grown more violent." The final proposal to Holland was transmitted on March 7 and set last Monday as the time by which a reply was wished. Failing to receive a favorable reply, the United States proceeded to requisition the ships as dictated by military necessity.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS ESCAPE

Fifteen Craft Claimed by Berlin Reported at Sebastopol. Washington, March 21.—Russian warships at Odessa escaped to Sebastopol when the Germans took that city, according to a dispatch to the state department from American Consul Summers at Moscow. Berlin press authorities quoted recent reports as declaring that 15 ships were taken when the city was occupied.

To Vote on Universal Training. Washington, March 21.—The senate will soon register its vote on universal military training. Senator H. S. New, Indiana, within a few days will offer his universal training amendment to the war department. A resolution for drafting of men who have reached the age of 21 since June 5, 1917. Senator Messersmith, in charge of this measure, will call it up next week. The senate has finished with its work on the agricultural appropriation bills. Senator New does not expect adoption of his amendments.

U. S. Red Cross Wins French Gratitude. Paris, March 21.—The French press is unanimous in expressions of gratitude and praise for the admirable work performed by the American Red Cross Friday following explosions at La Courneuve. Alfred Capus, in a leading article in Le Figaro, says: "Never shall we forget the admirable devotion and self-sacrifice of the American Red Cross for our wounded and suffering." They obeyed to the purest sentiment of fratricide, which henceforth shall unite France and the United States.

HEAVY RATION CUT ONE-HALF

Americans Are Asked to Do On Found and Half Per Person Each Week.

TO REDUCE FLOUR SALES

One-Eighth Barrel For City and One Quarter For Country Customers Are Decreased—New Food Rules.

Washington, March 26.—That the scant supplies available before the next harvest will be stretched to meet the demands of the army, domestic consumers and the allied food administration has called for a further reduction in the consumption of wheat.

Every American is requested to cut his average ration of wheat by 50 per cent, which would reduce the total normal consumption of 45,000,000 bushels a month to 22,500,000. This gives a ration of just more than 1 1/2 pounds of wheat products weekly for each person. Flour sales will be cut to one-eighth of a barrel for a town customer and one-quarter for a country customer, that retailers' stocks may be illustrated to as great a number as possible.

Statement is issued. The food administration's statement says: "If we are to furnish the Allies what to maintain their war bread from now until the next harvest, and if a military necessity, we must reduce our monthly consumption to about 2,000,000 bushels a month as against our normal consumption of 45,000,000 bushels, or 10 per cent of our normal consumption."

Many of our consumers are dependent upon bakers' bread. Such bread must be durable and therefore requires a larger proportion of wheat products than cereal breads baked in the household.

How's This? We offer \$100.00 for any case of catarrh that can be cured by Dr. H. B. WARREN'S MEDICINE. Dr. H. B. WARREN'S MEDICINE is taken on the Mucous Surfaces of the Blood and is a drug for over fifty years. Price 75c. Sentinal Pharmacy, 27 E. Chas. & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Wheat Day Continues. "Public eating places, and clubs to observe two wheatless days per week Monday and Wednesday, as at present. In addition thereto, not to serve eat in any one guest at any one place an aggregate of breadstuffs, macaroni, crackers, pastry, pies, cakes or wheat breakfast cereals containing a total of more than two ounces of wheat flour. No wheat products to be served unless specially ordered. Public eating establishments not to buy more than six pounds of wheat products for each meal served, thus conforming with the limitations requested of the householders.

Victory Bread Affected. "We ask the bakers and grocers to reduce the volume of Victory bread sold, by delivery of the three-pound pound loaf where one pound was sold before and corresponding proportions in other weights. We also ask bakers not to increase the amount of their wheat flour purchases beyond 70 per cent of the average monthly amount purchased in the four months prior to March first.

Raiders Fail to Reach Paris. Paris, March 25.—A group of enemy airplanes have crossed the lines and a number of bombs were dropped on Compiègne and different towns in the region. Several machines were forced further to the south, but were forced to turn back by the fire of French artillery. The alarm was immediately given in Paris and half an hour later "all clear" signal was sounded. Apparently the raid had intended to raid Paris itself, but enemy machine succeeded in reaching the capital.

Asks Reason For Ban on Addresses. Washington, March 25.—A resolution introduced by Senator A. S. New of Indiana, asking the war department to advise the senate as to its reasons for not making public the addresses of American soldiers killed in the world abroad, has been adopted by the senate.

Maggie Mitchell, Noted Actress, Dies. New York, March 25.—Maggie Mitchell, one of the most famous of American actresses, died at her home at the age of 86.

GIRLS MAKE A BEAUTY LOTION WITH LEMONS

At the cost of a small jar of ordinary and cream one can prepare a full quart of the most wonderful lemon skin cream and complexion beautifying preparation the face of one fresh lemon into a bottle containing three ounces of refined white. Care should be taken to strain the juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in. This lotion will keep for two months. Every woman knows that fresh skin is most to bleach and remove such imperfections as freckles, milium and tan and is the ideal skin softener, smoother and beautifier.

Try It! Get three ounces of refined white or any shaven and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It should naturally help to whiten, soften, freshen and bring out the roses and beauty of any skin. It is truly marvelously smooth rough, red hands. Ah!

Strong, indeed. "I believe he succeeded at last in raising his salary."—London Answerer.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER. Has been a household remedy all over the world for more than half a century for constipation, indigestion, troubles, torpid liver and the generally such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver trouble, bringing on headache, coming up of food, palpitation of heart and many other symptoms. A few doses of August Flower will immediately relieve you. It is a gentle laxative. Ask your druggist. Sold in all civilized countries.—Adv.

Rugs Made From Tissue Paper. Rugs are now being made entirely from the tissue paper and mixtures of paper and wool. The tissue paper is twisted into threads and woven into a compact heavy mat or fabric.

Wrong Line of Talk. A distinguished man at a reception was introduced to a physician. He was grave and somewhat taciturn. One of the ladies present suggested to the hostess that he seemed to be out of place at such a party.

"Yes," replied the hostess, with a bright smile, "you see, he can't say anything but sense!"—Christian Register.

Inquisitive Bobby. Bobby is of the inquisitive boy age. His father, a physician, took him to his office recently and Bobby asked questions about everything in sight. Finally he got into a room where the doctor keeps some curios, including a skeleton.

"What's this, papa?" asked Bobby. "The bones of a man," replied the doctor. "Those bones yours?" "Hardly," the father replied. "A fat man preserved in alcohol in a glass jar next attracted Bobby's attention.

"Oh, papa, here's a noodle. Got any more? Let's take them home for soup."

When Taken to Call. Unless a man who is taken to call is an observant and conversational habit, quick to think something that may pass for a contribution to current thought, and even quicker to get it out, he had best accept his position as merely decorative, and try to be as decorative as possible. Either he must be so quick to draw the first words of his sentence have leaped into his mind before he is himself aware of what he is saying, or he must have mastered so his still painfully climbing to the surface long after the proper time for its appearance has long since been forgotten. Swallow it, my dear sir, swallow it. Silence, accompanied by a wise appreciative glance of the eye, is better; for a man who has mastered the art of the wise look does his wife credit, and is taken home from a call with his faculties unimpaired and his self-respect undiminished; he is the same man as when he was taken out.

To The American People

There is no foundation for the alleged violations of law attributed to our Company by agents of the Federal Trade Commission and I want to say emphatically that Swift & Company is not a party to any conspiracy to defraud the Government. Nor has Swift & Company been guilty of improperly storing foods or making false entries or reports.

Conferences of packers, whose prices have been discussed, have been held in the urgent request and in the presence of representatives of either the Food Administration or the Council of National Defense. And yet the packers have been accused of committing a felony by acting in collusion on Government bids!

We have done our best, with other packers, large and small, to comply with the directions of the United States Food Administration in all particulars, including the furnishing of food supplies for the U. S. Army and Navy and the Allies, now being handled through the Food Administration.

We will continue to do our utmost, under Government direction, to increase our production and assist the Food Administration. We consider that the opportunity to co-operate wholeheartedly and to our fullest powers with this branch of the Government is our plain and most pressing duty.

The Trade Commission Attorney has, by false inference and misplaced emphasis, given to disconnected portions of the correspondence taken from our private files and read into the Record, a false and sinister meaning with the plain purpose of creating antagonistic public opinion.

The services of the packers of the United States are most urgently needed, and I regret exceedingly that we should at this time have to spend our efforts in defending ourselves against unfounded, unproved, and unfair assertions such as are being daily made public.

L. S. Swift, President
Swift & Company, U.S.A.

HORSE SALE DISTEMPER

You know that when you sell or buy through the sale you have about one chance in fifty of getting a horse with distemper. "POISON" is your true protection. Your horse is safe, for as sure as you treat all your horses with it, you will be rid of the disease. It acts as a true preventive, no matter how they are imported, 50 cents and 75 cents and 150 cents bottles, at all good druggists, horse goods houses, or delivered by mail. MANUFACTURERS: EQUINE MEDICAL CO., Manufacturers, Coshua, Ind., U.S.A.

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Work in Joint Effort the Soil of the United States and Canada CO-OPERATIVE FARMING IN MANY PWAYS NECESSARY TO WIN THE BATTLE FOR LIBERTY

The Food Controllers of the United States and Canada are asking for greater food production. Scarcely 100,000,000 bushels of wheat are available to be sent to the allies overseas before the crop harvest. Upon the efforts of the United States and Canada rests the burden of supply.

Every Available Tillable Acre Must Contribute Every Available Farmer and Farm Hand Must Assist!

Western Canada has an enormous acreage to be seeded, but man power is short, and an appeal to the United States allies is for more men for seeding operation.

Canada's Wheat Production Last Year was 225,000,000 Bushels; the Demand From Canada Alone for 1918 is 400,000,000 Bushels

To secure this she must have assistance. She has the land but needs the men. The Government of the United States wants every man who can effectively help, to do farm work this year. It wants the land in the United States developed first of course; but it also wants to help Canada. Whenever we find a man we can spare to Canada's fields after ours are supplied, we want to direct him there.

Apply to our Employment Service, and we will tell you where you can best serve the combined interests.

Western Canada's help will be required not later than April 5th. Wages to competent help, \$10.00 a month and up, board and lodging.

Those who respond to this appeal will get a warm welcome, good wages, good board and find comfortable homes. They will get a rate of one cent a mile from Canadian headquarters to destination and return.

For particulars as to routes and places where employment may be had apply to U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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