

France to Insist on German Lumber.

"Germany will find that France will insist upon Germany's paying in lumber for the casualties of the French forests which were destroyed during the war," declares P. S. Ridsdale, secretary of the American Forestry association, who has just returned from a tour of the Allied countries.

"In northern France many of the forests" he says "have been so badly smashed by shell, shrapnel and rifle fire, or so badly cut for trench timbers, fuel wood and other supplies for the army that they have been virtually destroyed. They can be restored only by replanting. The agricultural land lying between the forests in various sectors of the battle front has been so torn to pieces by shell fire that it is no longer serviceable for agriculture and the devastated forests will have to be planted with forest tree seed, so that in years to come the shell holes may be filled by gradual erosion and the humus of the soil restored. Then the replanted forests may be cut down and the land worked over and restored for agricultural use.

"The peace delegates are now having prepared data upon the losses in the French forests and France means to insist upon a large amount of cutting in the German forests so that she may be provided with lumber for reconstruction purposes as a part of the indemnity which Germany will be required to pay for the damages which have been inflicted.

"Italy, Belgium and Great Britain will make similar requests, for they too have suffered forest losses and they, too, need lumber in large quantities and believe that Germany should supply it to the extent of her ability." Mr. Ridsdale expects that the American Forestry Association, by securing large quantities of forest tree seed next fall, will be able materially to assist America's European Allies in restoring their forests.—Ex.

Winter Mildest Since 1889, Bumper Crops to be Result.

There was more sunshine and less snow throughout most of the United States during the winter just passed than ever before in the memory of the present generation. In only one section of the country—the plateau region—was the weather severe, and there low temperature records were established. Snow falling in November in the plateau region remained throughout the winter.

Everywhere else reports to the Weather Bureau made available on Tuesday, show precipitation was so light and the temperature so high that snow stayed on the ground in only a few isolated instances more than a day or two.

During the past winter the combination of light snow precipitation and high temperatures have resulted in the rapid and sturdy growth of grain. Continued good weather recently has been helpful, especially to fruit bearing plants and trees and a bumper crop is promised. Grazing lands likewise have benefited.

The ice crop appears to have been the only one to suffer because of the mildness of the winter, and experts of the Weather Bureau said on Tuesday that there was bound to be a considerable shortage of natural ice for consumers during the coming summer.

Despite the warmth of the winter that of 1875-76 was considerably warmer as was the winter of 1877-78. The winter of 1881-82 was about like that just passed and in 1889-90 it was considerably warmer in the section east of the Mississippi River. The winter of 1905-06 fell slightly short of being as mild as that of 1918-19.

The Miracle of Dust.

Dust is an important factor in almost every phenomenon of the earth's atmosphere. It is due to dust that the heavens are blue. Without it the heavens would be blacker than we see them on moonless nights. It is especially on mountain heights that the sky is so intensely blue, because the rarefied atmosphere supports only the finest particles. Dust plays a most important role in our atmosphere in determining rainfall, due to the fact that vapor fluidifies upon the dust particles.

Without dust we would have no fog, no rain, no snow, no purplish sunset, no cerulean sky. The surface of the earth, itself, the trees, the houses, along with man and beast would be the only objects on which the vapor could condense, and these would begin to drip whenever the air was cooled sufficiently. In winter everything would be covered with a crust of ice, our clothes would become saturated with water condensing upon them. Umbrellas would be of no avail. In short, the world we live in would be quite another world if there was no dust.

What Many Especially Need.

In these days of strain and stress, anxiety and worry, many people become pale, nervous, dyspeptic, in a word, all run-down. Their condition calls especially for iron—but iron in a form in which it is pleasant to take, agreeable to the stomach, easily assimilated and non-constipating. Iron is combined in this form with nux, celery, pepsin and other tonics and digestives in Pepton, a real iron tonic, which is accomplishing a great deal in restoring health and strength, vitality, vigor and vim.

Iron is indispensable to the perfect nutrition of the body. Pepton supplies it in therapeutic doses, and in a remarkably short time seems to make a new and perfectly working system out of an old and broken-down one, enriching the blood, giving good color to the lips, cheeks and ears, and brightening the eyes. Pepton is a product of the C. I. Hood Co., and is sold by all druggists. 64-15

THESE TWO MEN DID NOT HEDGE

Carried Out Contract to Limit, Disdaining Offers to Escape.

"The war is over; I'm not going to buy any more Liberty Bonds."

This is a remark you may have heard. Many persons are making it thoughtlessly every day. Maybe you have said it yourself. If you have, surely it is because you forgot that contract you made with those partners of yours, James Yaeger and I. Berry, less than two years ago.

What? You never had those men as partners? First, refresh your memory a bit in regard to Yaeger. Let's see, it was in April, 1917, that you made that agreement with him. The terms were very favorable to you. Yaeger was to go in training, brave submarines, bullets, shells and gas for an unlimited period, for \$30 a month, to protect you and your family. You were to remain in comparative comfort, only guaranteeing that Yaeger's salary and all expenses incident to his perilous mission should be paid promptly. At that, you were not asked to give this money outright—only to lend it at a good rate of interest.

Now, your other partner, Berry. Perhaps you have forgotten him, too. He was a lieutenant in the Fifth Machine Gun Battalion. His agreement with you was the same as Yaeger's—he was to give his service, even to the death if required, while you were to do your part in footing the bills.

How did these two partners of yours carry out their part of the contract? The War Department's records are eloquent on this point.

Yaeger was near Verdun on October 12, 1918, performing his duties in your behalf. With a few companions he was cut off in an exposed position under heavy gun and artillery fire. While standing off the foe with his automatic rifle, he fell severely wounded. Several hours later the stretcher bearers found him. "Take Smith first," he begged, pointing to his companion. They did, and returned as quickly as they could. Yaeger, your partner, was dead. He had been released from his part in the contract. But, by the eternal law of Right and Decency, his death did not release you!

You have yet to—but wait, let us see what became of your other partner, Lieutenant Berry.

The first week in October, the records tell us, he was in action near Montblanc, France, faithfully pursuing his contract to keep you and your family safe, no matter at what cost to himself. His commander fell dead. Berry went to the front line and "carried on."

Shortly afterwards a bullet hit him in the head. The surgeon ordered him to the hospital. An "evacuation tag" was placed on his uniform, which meant that he was out of the fight and for the time released from his responsibility to you, his partner. What did he do? Tore off the tag, destroyed it, and dashed into the front line! For twenty-four hours he commanded the defense, guided his men back to safety—and died.

Yaeger scorned the chance of relief that the stretcher bearers offered him.

Berry disdained an "evacuation tag." You are the partner of these men. They kept faith with you to the bitter end. Their spirits cry to you from the Great Beyond to fulfill your promise to them. Their millions of comrades—also your partners—whose lives were saved, ask you: "Do you seek an easy way out of the battle? Do you covet an 'evacuation tag'? What is your word worth?"

In April you will be asked to carry out the final part of your stipulation by subscribing to the Victory Liberty Loan.

Of course, you will meet your obligation!

"MISSING IN ACTION"

All through those days of the growing casualty lists one feature of the reports was the number "missing in action."

Many of these victims were found to be in German prisons. Some had been wounded. Some, overcome by weight of numbers, had been taken prisoners outright. Many were more dead than alive.

A lot of folks here at home have been "missing in action" without having done anything at all.

Simply laid down their arms and surrendered without firing a shot. None of us can afford to be in that list.

Every one of us can be on the list of "those present" instead of "missing in action," if we do our share in the Victory Liberty Loan.

Liberty Loan Levity



Bill lived for one thing—just to spend. Couldn't even spare money to lend. Save? Bill couldn't do it. And he—Well, you know it. He died poor and early.—The End.

EDISON'S VOICE IN RECORDS

Inventor of Phonograph, for the First Time, Makes Short Speech Which Will Be Preserved.

Thomas A. Edison, who invented the phonograph 42 years ago, has for the first time consented to have his own voice recorded on a phonograph record. The reproduction, which is on the back of a record containing the national anthems of our allies, was heard recently for the first time in the Edison laboratory at Orange, N. J.

Mr. Edison celebrated his 72nd birthday on February 11. The talk, which is Mr. Edison's first comment about the war since America entered the fight, follows:

"Our boys made good in France. The word 'American' has a new meaning in Europe. Our soldiers have made it mean courage, generosity, self-restraint and modesty. We are proud of the North Americans who risked their lives for the liberty of the world, but we must not forget, and we must not permit demagogues to belittle the part played by our gallant allies. Their casualty lists tell the story.

"However proud we may be of our own achievements, let us remember always that the war could not have been won if the Belgians, British, French and Italians had not fought like bulldogs in the face of overwhelming odds. The great war will live vividly in the minds of Americans for the next 100 years. I hope that when we do reverence to the memory of our brave boys who fell in France we shall not forget their brothers in arms who wore the uniforms of our allies.

"I believe that the national airs of France, Great Britain, Italy and Belgium should for all 'me to come be as familiar to us as our own 'Star-Spangled Banner.'"

BRIDAL FLOWERS HERE AGAIN

That Orange Blossoms Are in the Market Is a Sure Harbinger of World Peace.

One interesting sign of the coming of peace has been the reappearance of real orange blossoms at weddings. During the war they were difficult to obtain, owing to the fact that they come as a rule from France. Nearly all the orange flowers which are used at smart marriages in London and Paris are grown in the sheltered valleys of the Alps Maritimes behind the Riviera.

Here there are orchards of orange trees scattered over the sunny slopes, and the local peasantry devote most of their time to growing the beautiful flowers. No attempt is made to get the fruit, seeing that the orange trees are solely cultivated for the sake of the glistening blooms.

A large part of the floral crop finds its way to the perfume factories of Grasse, but the choicest sprays are picked for the London and Paris markets. Orange flowers keep fresh for a considerable time, and they stand the journey to England very well, arriving in perfect condition.—London News.

Kangaroo Scored Knockout.

"Ned Kelly, the old buck kangaroo, has been having a fight with the boss stag of the axis deer herd," said Sergeant McGee of the San Francisco park police, "and it is the first time I ever heard of two herbivorous animals so widely different in species finding common ground for a quarrel. "As a matter of fact, it was the axis deer that started the trouble. He was trying to show off before the does and started butting at poor old

Ned Kelly who was peacefully lolling about with no thought for trouble. The first butt of the deer set Ned thinking, the second set him mad, the third—well, Ned Kelly just turned about and gave the axis deer one wallop under the stomach with its tail. You could hear the smack five blocks away, and it simply knocked the deer flat. It dropped as if it had been shot, while Ned Kelly just hopped away as happy as a bird."

One Thing More.

A pretty girl fluttered over to a neighbor's house Sunday last to borrow some writing paper. She had an important letter to write and mail and she was out of stationery. About half an hour later she returned for an envelope, and a little later still came back for a stamp. "Well, I hope that's all she wants to borrow today," said the disgruntled neighbor woman as she slammed the door after the pretty girl. "She needs a little 'spit' to make the stamp adhere," said the neighbor woman's husband "and she'll be over after that in a minute."—Arkansas Thomas Cat (Hot Springs, Ark.).

Insurance Against Tuberculosis.

Dr. P. J. Menard outlines in the Presse Medicale a plan for universal compulsory insurance against tuberculosis, the funds from which would serve for the fight against tuberculosis. His scheme is something like compulsory social insurance against sickness, but the tax or insurance dues imposed would include all classes of society, not merely the wage earners. He protests that the fight against tuberculosis should not be left to charity or private initiative.

Unduly Apprehensive.

"I hope they'll make some exceptions in taxing luxuries," remarked the plain person. "Are you expecting to be hit?" "I might be. One of the greatest luxuries I know of is sitting around the house in my shirt sleeves and reading the paper."

Wasn't Impressed.

A pompous gentleman happened to stray on to the grounds of Lord Blantyre one day, and was ordered off by the Scotch gamekeeper in language more forcible than polite. "Sir," said the pompous one, "do you know who I am? I am the Paulds of Aedgeriff." "I dinna care if ye are the Falls o' Niagara," said the gamekeeper, "ye're gone out o' this."

Making Progress.

He—Aren't you beginning to care for me just a little? She—I really believe I am. I can almost listen to your proposals now without laughing.

—Hon. Oscar D. Stark one day last week introduced House Bill No. 795, being "An act providing that any county bridge crossed by any State Highway shall become a part of such State Highway and shall be constructed or reconstructed and repaired and maintained by the State Highway department. The bill was referred to the Committee on roads, of which Mr. Stark is member.

—The Director of the Bureau of Mines in charge of Explosives Regulations has made the following ruling regarding explosives: All regulations relating to the purchase, possession, and use of explosives for reclaiming of land, stump blasting, ditching and other agricultural purposes are revoked and no further license will be required.

—Subscribe for the "Watchman."

Yeager's Shoe Store advertisement. Includes text: 'Yeager's Shoe Store', 'Men's Sample Shoes', 'Your Choice for \$6', 'Yeager's Shoe Store', 'THE SHOE STORE FOR THE POOR MAN', 'Come to the "Watchman" office for High Class Job work.'

Lyon & Co. advertisement. Includes text: 'Lyon & Co.', 'Easter Opening', 'New Shirt Waists', 'New Silks', 'Gloves', 'Sweaters', 'Rugs, Linoleums and Curtains', 'Shoes! Shoes!', 'Lyon & Co.'.

Castoria advertisement. Includes text: 'Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA', 'The Kind You Have Always Bought', 'GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS Bears the Signature of', 'In Use For Over 30 Years', 'The Kind You Have Always Bought'.