

WAR IS REFLECTED IN LITERATURE

Late Books Deal With World Conflict; 'Growth of a Legend' Interesting

"The Growth of a Legend," Ferdinand van Langenhove, (Putnam \$1.25 net).

A volume of wonderful interest, regarding accounts of "Francs-tireurs" in Belgium. A work which shows first, the accounts of the atrocities, second their origin and third, their propagation. Inasmuch as the work is Belgian, the author as he expresses it finds himself in the position of an authority, not only able to show from his information emanated and being able to lead his reader to the sources, which must be unimpeachable. To this end he has chosen for the substance of his volume the German accounts of the atrocities of francs-tireurs as they appeared in various German publications, giving in each instance the name, date and any other necessary information regarding the source, and then following with the German Army details sent to Informations Pax, a Catholic organization formed for the purpose of obtaining conclusive information regarding the Francs-tireurs, in which Belgian priests had supposedly participated either actively or passively. This discussion is followed by a psychological study about the origin, growth and propagation of the stories of Francs-tireurs. The author is indeed lenient in his attitude toward the German army, but merciless in his charges against the power which rules the army. Stories of Francs-tireurs, he claims are but the natural out-growth in the German

army, for the present day manual contains numerous references for the conduct of soldiers regarding the actions of the civilians toward an army—references which all find their birth in the Franco-Prussian war, a time when the Francs-tireur was in his prime. Small wonder then, points out the author that when the rear guard of the Belgian army harassed the Germans in Belgium, that the Germans should naturally seek the line of least resistance, and fix the blame upon that with which they were the most familiar. Throughout the entire volume, the author has sunk his identity as a Belgian, and has presented facts, cold, logical study which can lead but to one point—that of concluding that the Belgian atrocities against the German army are largely and almost wholly fancy.

"Life at the U. S. Naval Academy," Ralph Earle, (Putnam, \$2.00 net).

A book of this character will always have a greater demand and circulation when the subject discussed in the book is dominant in the daily affairs of the world. And so it might be considered most opportune that at a time when the United States Navy is holding itself in readiness hourly to answer the call to action in defense of our rights, that a book which both in scope and detail gives a clear picture of the Academy and of the life and activities of the Academy, which prepares our boys for life as officers in our navy. Written by Ralph Earle, commander U. S. Navy and head of the Department of Ordnance and Gunnery, in the Academy, the book has an intimate personal touch which is of inestimable value in describing both the history and the daily round of life for the entire four years of a midshipman's course at Annapolis. And as such, whether in a time when the nation's eyes are turned to her fleet, or at a time when peace is holding itself in readiness to such time as may see a call for action, "Life at the U. S. Naval Academy," will prove not alone a helpful work, but one of interest in naval affairs, but as helpful too, to

those who might be tempted to pass over all too lightly the period this government gives to its future commanding officers, and the preparation it gives them for the duties later in life. "Life at the U. S. Naval Academy" is a book of facts written in a nicely descriptive manner. And as such it will answer a call and fill a place both timely and instructive.

"Gold Must Be Tried By Fire," Richard Aumerle Maher, (Macmillan \$1.50 net).

This new book by the author of "The Shepherd of the North," is one of the most unusually appealing pieces of fiction. The central character is Daidie Grattan, and the story is her story, one of uncommon grip and appeal. She revolts in the midst of her work one day, and sets forth guided only by her call away from what she had known into the great unknown pathways of life. Dreams she had, just as has every girl, and alternately she finds them first being shattered, and then realized, until at the last, having passed through the refining fires of the furnace, the dream and the gold have been separated, and she finds all of her dreams come true. "Gold Must Be Tried By Fire" is an intensely interesting piece of fiction to which is added masterly description of mill conditions, trust absorptions and strikes, colorful and most vividly told.

Through all of the conditions and changes of the book there is woven a beautiful thread of love which through the work keeps the lovers apart, reserving for the last the solution which unites them and brings true the dreams of the two lovers.

PATRIOTISM BEGINS AT HOME

Washington, D. C., April 28.—In emergencies it may be necessary for some patriots to unyoke the oxen and leave the plow standing in the furrow, but the lasting support of the nation requires efficient patriots to keep the plow going. The soil supports the corn and animals support an army; and "armies fight on their bellies." Let us properly care for the goose that lays the golden egg.

Whether corn prices are high or low, the farmer's profit depends on obtaining large acre yields. Large acre yields reduce the expense of both labor and land. It is remarkable that acre yields are increasing most rapidly in the states southeast and the states north and west of the corn belt states. These increased acre yields are largely due to earlier and thicker planting of better seed corn.

Unnecessary losses from planting poor seed are diminishing as it is becoming better realized that neither frosts nor droughts can exterminate good acclimated varieties of seed corn that are saved from good crops to last until another good crop is obtained. Good seed corn will retain its powers of germination and production for four or five years.

Assurance of a Good Corn Crop

In the northern third of the United States, corn yields are reduced by lack of heat more than by all other causes combined. The soil freezes to such great depths that the corn crop is slow in starting in the spring, unless assisted by deep spring plowing and frequent early cultivation. The object to be kept in mind in preparing the land is to cause it to warm up rapidly in the spring. Methods that permit air to enter the soil freely will assist the soil in becoming warm. The surface should be kept open and as dry as possible.

With due care in preparing land and with proper seed corn, plantings should be made several weeks earlier than is usually practiced in the northern States. Enormous losses due to failure of the corn crop to mature can be largely prevented by earlier planting. It has become customary to delay corn planting until the soil is warm, because poor seed will rot in cold soil. The proper kind of seed corn can be planted before danger from frosts is past. Spring frosts do not seriously damage very early planted corn. One fall frost is worse than three spring frosts. The earliest planting of mature seed corn usually produces "the largest and best crops. While it may not always be advisable to plant "one for the blackbird, one for the crow, one for the cutworm and three for the gray," it is advisable even with the best of seed to plant two or three kernels for every stalk desired. Some of the young plants will be destroyed. It is very much better and more profitable to pull out the weaker and superfluous plants than to attempt to get good results by replanting. Replanting very seldom gives good results. Thick planting and pulling out the weaker stalks increase the chances of obtaining good yields. C. P. Hartley, in charge of corn investigations, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

AMERICA'S RICHEST SOLDIER SWEARING IN



Marshall Field, third, grandson and heir of the Chicago merchant, has joined the First Illinois Cavalry to fight for his country. He has been stated he is joint heir to property worth nearly \$400,000,000. He thus becomes the richest soldier in the service of his country, but he was patriotic enough to join as a private.

JACKSON CALLS FOR MORE CARE

Says That Industrial Losses May Affect the Nation When It Goes to Warring

Warning that Pennsylvania must do more to prevent accidents among her workers while the nation may call for 100,000 men from this State was given to-day by Commissioner of Labor and Industry John Price Jackson. He declares that an army of even greater numbers will be required to maintain the army in the field.

"Industrial safety has become a war measure. There were 291 workers killed in Pennsylvania industries and 23,037 injured during the month of March alone," said he. "There have been 750 killed in the industries since January 1, while the total of killed and injured for the first three months of the year in the industries of the State reads like an European war casualty list. It shows 64,322 persons either killed or hurt.

"I hope employers and employees will enlist everywhere in a campaign for greater industrial safety so that the workers at home can keep up the supplies for the men who will go with the colors. We are losing human resources and at the same time we are compelled to pay big sums from material resources for compensation.

"During March 154 agreements for compensation to dependents of workers were filed in the Workmen's Compensation Bureau of the Department of Labor and Industry involving a total award of \$419,168.48. In addition to that amount, compensation paid to injured workers, during the month of March alone, aggregated \$209,213.80, making the total award for the month \$619,382.28. If that rate continues for the twelve months of 1917 the total compensation cost will exceed \$7,000,000.

"During last year the awards in

compensation for disabled workers and for dependents of workers killed in industrial accidents in Pennsylvania was more than \$4,225,000.

"Many of the industrial accidents creating this great financial outlay were preventable. To that enormous money cost—a direct drain on Pennsylvania's financial resources—must be added the cost of medical and surgical services, the amount lost in wages by the workers removed permanently or temporarily from industry, the economic loss to the State by death of industrial producers, the loss to industry by the labor turnover incidental to the casualties, the cost of the consequent interruptions of the regular industrial processes, and the administrative expense for the distribution of the awards.

"The burden of conserving the human and economic resources of Pennsylvania against the waste of industrial accidents rests on employers, employees and the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

"Some of the causes of industrial accidents are:

"Carelessness, speeding up, the new man hazard, unguarded danger points, failure to keep in constant service safeguards provided and lack of Americanization."

News Items of Interest in Central Pennsylvania

Hazleton.—The beautiful grounds surrounding the home of James E. Roderick, chief of the State Department of Mines, will be plowed up for the first time in more than fifty years and planted in potatoes. They cover nearly two acres.

Lewistown.—J. Hampton Moore, aged 24, of Company H, Third regiment, Philadelphia, is at the Lewistown Hospital with several fractured ribs and other injuries received in a fall from the coal tippie which he was guarding at Denholm.

York.—Katharine Kleinmann, 80 years old, became confused in the street and was run down and killed by an automobile.

Shamokin.—Despondency caused Mrs. Elsie E. Herold, Mandata, to hang herself in the attic of her home. She was 40 years old.

Ninth Annual Luncheon of Lutheran Men's Bible Class

Hummelstown, April 28.—One hundred and eight persons were in attendance at the ninth annual luncheon of the Men's Bible Class of the Lutheran Church Thursday night. The early part of the evening was given over to a musical and literary program, followed by an address by the Rev. G. M. Diefenderfer, of Carlisle, on the subject, "Are From the Reformation Mine or the Legacy of Luther Men?" A banquet was served in the social rooms. At each place was a small silk American flag and the dining room as well as the auditorium was also decorated in the national colors. Sunday School Superintendent Etter was introduced by President Geesey as toastmaster and then took charge of affairs. Speeches were made by Messrs. Kopenhaver, William Earnest, Elias Romgardner, Walter Geesey and the Rev. Herbert Games. One hundred large double tulips, the gift of R. J. Walton were used in floral decorations.

RED CROSS RECRUITING TENT

Mechanicsburg, Pa., April 28.—A tent was erected in the public square last evening as a recruiting station for Red Cross membership and help boost it to the 1,000 mark. It is decorated with the American flag and Red Cross emblems. Booths will also be located in various business houses of the town. The Rev. H. Hall Sharp is chairman of the membership committee. Assisting at the recruiting station are Red Cross nurses will be Miss Margaret Moser, Miss Catharine Keefe, Mrs. R. B. Schroeder, Mrs. H. Mervin Lamb and Miss Romaline Mamma.

WEDDING AT SHIREMANSTOWN

Mechanicsburg, Pa., April 28.—A quiet wedding was solemnized on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Keller Memorial Church, Shiremanstown, when Miss Pearl Wertz, daughter of L. C. Wertz, and Bruce S. Wolf, of Camp Hill, were married by the Rev. H. K. Lanz. Only the immediate families of the young couple were present. The bride is well known and has a large circle of friends. Mr. Wolf is employed at the Elliott Fisher Typewriter Works, at Harrisburg. After a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Wolf will live in Camp Hill.

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MORE POTATOES WILL BE PLANTED

Reports to Department of Agriculture Show Considerable Increase in Acres

Pennsylvania farmers had sold all but fourteen per cent. of the 1916 potato crop and were holding what they had in hand for seeding purposes on April 1 according to figures issued to-day by the bureau of statistics of the State Department of Agriculture. The amount of potatoes held on that date was 2,585,000 bushels and it is expected that the bulk of the potatoes that will be used for seed will come from New York and Maine. The demand for seed potatoes is greater than ever known and never before were so few potatoes held by the producers.

Reports made to the department indicate that 1917 will have more potatoes set out than ever recorded and that there will be an increased acreage of about eight per cent. or 21,216 acres while it is conservatively estimated that over 30,000 acres will be planted through the home garden and vacant lot movement. This will mean an acreage in potatoes in the State of about 316,476 acres.

The average price received by farmers for potatoes on April 1 was \$2.32 a bushel and this price ranged from \$1.80 in Franklin and Fulton counties to \$3.00 a bushel in Beaver county.

Reports show that all but five counties in the State will have an increased acreage ranging from three to twenty per cent. more than last year. This acreage would undoubtedly have been materially increased if seed potatoes had been procurable in many of the rural sections of the State. The high price of seed potatoes and the inability to purchase them has kept many farmers from making an unusual increase in acreage this year. Among the counties that show an increase of ten per cent. or more are Adams, Bedford, Bradford, Cameron, Delaware, Elk, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Lancaster, Monroe, Montour, Pike, Somerset, Susquehanna, Tioga, Warren, Wayne, Wyoming and York. Counties in which a decreased acreage is probable on account of scarcity of seed are Butler, Lawrence, Mifflin, Perry and Mercer. A number of counties will have an acreage equal to that of the past year.

TWO UNION DEPOSIT DEATHS

Hummelstown, Pa., April 28.—Mrs. William Curry, aged 79, of Union Deposit, died on Wednesday of heart disease. She is survived by her husband. Funeral services will take place at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Burial in Union Deposit Cemetery.

Mrs. Jacob Baker, aged 62 years, died at her home in Union Deposit, yesterday afternoon from pneumonia. She is survived by one son and a daughter. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, with burial in the Balsebaugh Cemetery.

RULE HEARING MAY 7

Washington, April 28.—Hearings on the general increase in freight rates will be held before the Interstate Commerce Commission here beginning May 7. During that week it is expected the railroads will put in their case. Hearings will be resumed May 23.

NO FLAG OVER SCHOOL

Easton, Pa., April 28.—The pupils of the school of Rarbitville have been on strike since Monday because the school directors failed to provide a flag for the building. Residents are indignant over the situation. One of the school directors is quoted as saying: "It's too late in the season to buy a flag."

TO GIVE PEACE DETAILS

Amsterdam, April 28.—The Tjids German correspondent says that Doctor von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial German chancellor, in his next speech in the Reichstag will specify German's peace terms in greater detail.

GROW POTATOES IN STREETS

Onalaska, Wis., April 28.—Use of the city's back streets for raising potatoes was authorized to-day by the town council. High school boys, under direction of the county farm school here, will cultivate the highways.

MRS JOHN HARMONY DIES

Waynesboro, Pa., April 28.—Mrs. John D. Harmony, aged 67 years, died at her home here yesterday. She is survived by three daughters, all at home.

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