

Letters From the Front

SICK SOLDIERS INCITE CITY OF U. S. NURSE

Mrs. Gauge Says There Are So Many Little Things They Are in Need Of

The unpleasant task of notifying the families of soldiers who die in the unpleasant task that has fallen to the lot of Mrs. Helen Lauder Gauge...

"Dearest People: "July 1st, 1917. "I had my first letters from you on Friday, one from father, one from Edith and one Archie wrote the 7th of May...

"We have three of the meanest kind of days—rain, oh, so cold! I never saw it rain as it did yesterday. We got used to it though, and when we went to go to town, and when we get our rubber hats and boots we will go in better condition...

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"There are so many things that we would like to have here for the sick boys. I am going to mention some things and if you know of anyone who is particularly interested in what we are doing and would like to help, just tell them what they could send us to help out. Watches, cigars and tobacco we need always. Tery soap is expensive and Miss Dunlap says we are short of it. Books and magazines are needed. As soon as the boys are able, they read all day long. Then it would cheer the hearts of the boys to get coffee—(George Washington coffee). The coffee we get is so poor, we would rather drink tea and you know

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PLANT WIZARD ILL



LUTHER BURBANK

Luther Burbank, the plant wizard who is reported to be seriously ill at his home, Santa Cruz, Cal., from overwork and a cold. He is sixty-eight years old and was married recently.

ECONOMIC PRESSURE TO END THE WAR

One of the chief means for maintaining justice in the world after we get the Germans beaten, as proposed by the League to Enforce Peace, was economic pressure. Economic pressure is nothing more or less than a boycott. But no one until this was demonstrated realized how complete and effective such a boycott could be.

With only the United States and England operating a licensing system against a country, even without hostile military acts, its overseas trade would almost inevitably collapse. Shipping that could not touch at an American port or get American coal, British coal (the British control most of the world's or carry American or British goods)—to such shipping there would be poor cargoes and worse profits. Without either British or American coal, merchant shipping could not cross either the Atlantic or Pacific and return for in North America or the British control the coal.

The war is teaching us many things about the possibilities of co-operation with other nations, and one of the most interesting possibilities is the power of economic persuasion as a part of this war and as a preventive of part of future wars.—"The World's Work."

50,000 Girls Are Camping in Outdoors

More than fifty thousand Camp Fire Girls will have spent a week or more in camp by the end of this summer season. Last year 45,502 girls out of a membership of approximately 90,000 went camping on money they had earned themselves. The average monthly gain in membership for the nine months previous to the declaration of war was 2650. After that event the monthly gain jumped to 3347, and on July 1st the total membership was approximately 100,000.

These girls gain pleasure and health from these outings, but they gain other things equally important. They learn self-reliance, team work and the spirit of co-operation in household work. They undertake the care of their camps, the cooking and cleaning up, turn and turn about, and absorb as much household craft as they do woodcraft on these excursions.

The camps vary infinitely. Some are in tents, some in old cabins, some in improvised shacks, some even in their own back yards. President Wilson is honorary president of this movement which is giving to the girls health, happiness and self-reliance, and to the nation capable, healthy women, fit to be the Mothers of the Nation's sons. More than half of all the Camp Fire girls started since the movement began in 1912 are still in existence.

An "Orderly" Election, in Mexican Style

People who read about Mexico know by name that bright star of Mexican politics, General Candido Aguilar. I was in Puerto Mexico on election day when Aguilar was running for Governor of Vera Cruz against General Gavira. You would have thought he had at least a good running start by being the Primero Jefe's (Carranza's) candidate and engaged to his daughter, but Candido never takes any chances. He had two freight trains of decanted Constitutional soldiers, armed beyond the teeth, in that town bivouacked around the polls and the telegraph and cable office. You had to cross yourself and step over sleeping arsenals to send a telegram. The simple job of that soldier was to insure a constitutional and orderly election by keeping the Gaviristas from exercising a suffrage called by the new Constitution unless and in South America the coal is chiefly brought out from England.

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Why the German Was Roughly Handled

The following is an extract from the Journal of Hugh S. Gibson, first secretary of the American Legation in Brussels at the outbreak of the war:

"Germans here are having an unhappy time, and I shall be happier when they are across the border. Nothing much seems to have happened to them beyond having a few shops wrecked in Antwerp and one or two people beaten up in Brussels. One case that came to my knowledge was an outraged man who had been roughly handled and could not understand why. He had done was to stand in front of a cafe where the little tables are on the sidewalk and remark: 'Talk all the French you can, You'll soon have to talk German.'—"The World's Work."

HOW AIRPLANES SAVED FRANCE

"Had it not been for the French air service," says Burton J. Hendrick in the "World's Work." "France would have been destroyed in the first few weeks of the war. For years the French General Staff had expected an attack through Belgium—the strategic railroads which the Germans were so painstakingly building up to the Belgian frontier could convey no other meaning. Yet the Frenchmen still believed that the main onslaught would come across the French frontier, and had made their plans for their greatest resistance in this region. France entered this war with only about one hundred army airplanes, but Germany, which had foreseen the part this new instrument was to play, had a much larger equipment. Yet, a few days after the Bel-

Alkali Makes Soap Bad For Washing Hair

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain misused coconut oil, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap, and beats the most expensive soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out evenly. The hair dries quickly and is soft, fresh looking, bright, fluffy, wavy and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff.

plan invasion began, French aviators, flying near the Belgian-German frontier, saw a sight that immediately caused a change in the French operations. The Germans were crossing the frontier in enormous numbers—and the fact became apparent that in this section the main attack was to come. This news, flashed to General Joffre caused that sudden alteration in his plans that made possible the successful battles of early September. Had it not been for this operation, the French army would have concentrated for the Germans in force on the Alsace-Lorraine frontier, and the whole territory, from Belgium to Paris and Calais, would have been left open to the German onslaught. That is, the war would have ended according to the calculations which had been so carefully made in Germany."

AMERICA'S DEBT AND WEALTH

The outstanding debt of the United States will be increased more than sevenfold by financing already authorized for war purposes. We are going to spend for preparation and for initial operations alone nearly as much as four years of the Civil War.

than any other when reduced to a per capita basis.—"The World's Work."

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