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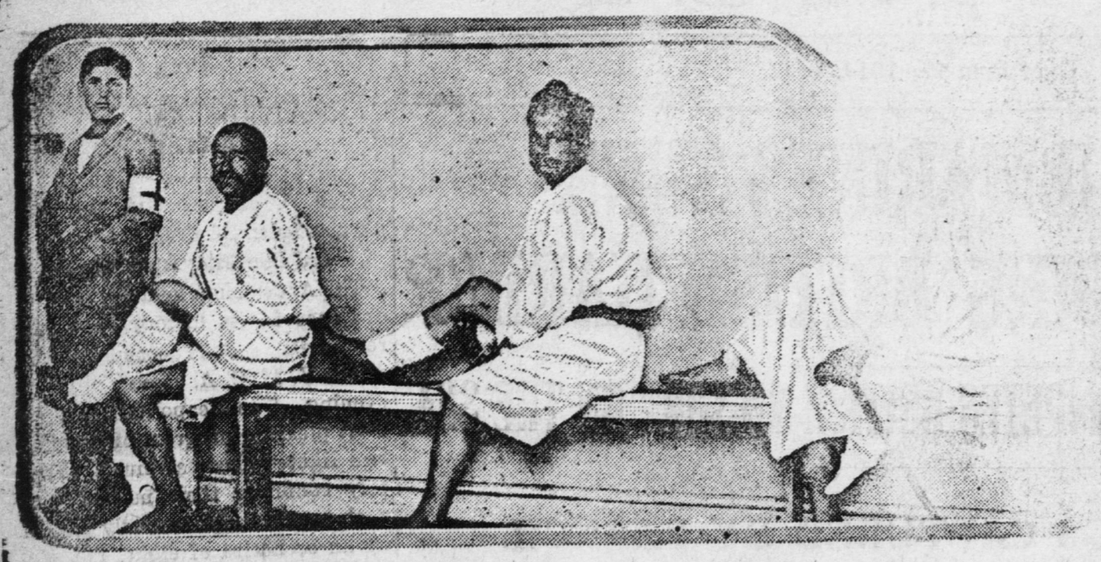

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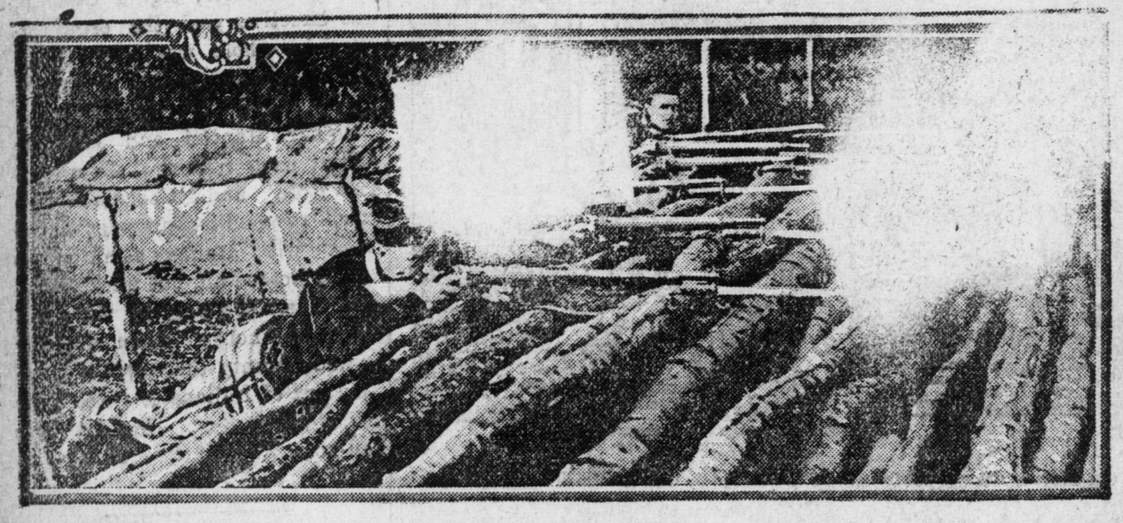
# BELGIANS BEHIND BARRICADE.



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### A Curious Superstition.

Many Greeks firmly believe to this day in a curious heathen notion, which holds that the fate of every child is controlled entirely by three mysterious spirits, who are spoken of collectively as the "moral." These three "fates" are supposed to be invisible women, who come on a visit of inspection shortly after the birth of each child. They always come after sundown, says the superstition, and the Greek parents when a newly born baby is in the house and a visit from the "moral" is expected carefully leave the door open and lay a feast and money offerings all ready for the "fates" when they should arrive.

### A Summer of Haze.

Europe and Asia were covered by fog during the summer of 1783. Says Gilbert White (letter 109): "The summer of the year 1783 was an amazing and a portentous one, * * * for, besides the alarming meteors and tremendous thunderstorms, * * * the peculiar haze or smoky fog that prevailed for many weeks in this island (England) and in every part of Europe and even beyond its limits was a most extraordinary appearance. The heat was intense. Calabria and part of the isle of Sicily were torn and convulsed with earthquakes." Cowper also refers to this phenomenon in speaking of "Nature, with a dim and sickly eye."

### Old English Slaves.

Before the conquest and for a long time after at least two-thirds of the people of England were denuded of all the substantial attributes of freedom. The lords had the absolute disposal of them. They might be attached to the soil or transferred by deed, sale or conveyance from one lord to another. They could not chance their place or hold property—in short, they were slaves under their obligation of perpetual servitude, which the consent of the master alone could dissolve. The system was not fairly abolished until the reign of Charles II., and so late as 1775 men were bought and sold in Scotland with the estates to which they were bound.

### Quite Enough.

Penman—Did you wade through that last book of mine?

Wright—Yes, I did.

"Were you much stuck on it?"

"Only a dollar twenty-five."—Yonkers Statesman.

### A Guide's Escape.

First Guide—How was your life saved? Second Guide—He mistook a cow for me.—New York Sun.

### Good Manager.

"Is your son's wife a good manager?"

"Yes. She manages to make him jump whenever she gives him an order, which is more than I ever was able to do."—Judge.

### Always Apprehensive.

"My wife gets nothing but apprehension out of life."

"How so?"

"She's afraid of cows in the country and automobiles in town."—Kansas City Journal.

### Rather Too Light.

The landlady who had not a reputation for overfeeding her boarders asked her solitary boarder as he looked dolefully at his supper, "Shall I light the gas?"

The boarder gazed at the scanty meal and replied, "Well, no, it isn't necessary; the supper is light enough!"—London Telegraph.

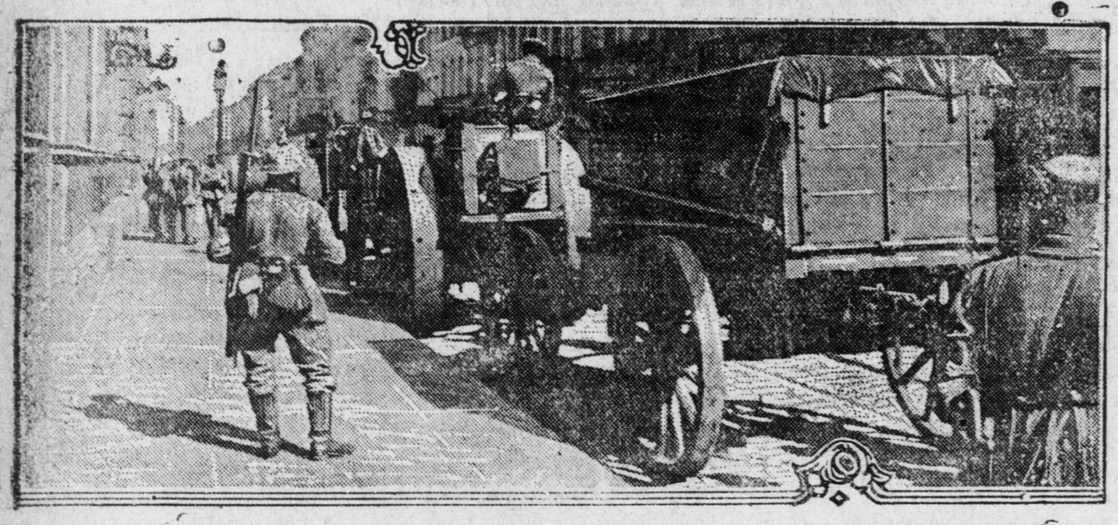
### Got All He Asked For.

Another "meanest man" has been found. He lives in the city and conducts a thriving business. The other day a seedy individual approached him and said: "Say, mister, I'm hungry and would like to get a nickel to get a cup of coffee and a roll. I have four pennies and only need one more. Please give me a penny."

The man after searching himself said: "I haven't got a penny. All I have is a nickel. Give me your four cents in change, and I will give you the nickel."

The beggar requests that his name be not mentioned in connection with the item.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

# GERMAN TRANSPORT IN ANTWERP.



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The kaiser's 42 centimeter guns are being transported in sections on huge auto trucks.

# BELGIAN REFUGEES SEEKING NEW HOMES.

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in the [illegible] good and cu[illegible] vate it. Dr [illegible] no dreamer idealistic philanthropist. He is intensely practical, and, being practical, he did not attempt to reform the reformatory methods all at once. The process has been gradual. The inmates of the Rahway reformatory are now self governing. Two years ago there were reported to the superintendent 4,889 infractions of the rules.

### Offered Self Government.

Dr. Moore broached his self government scheme to the inmates. He told them that it rested entirely with themselves whether they were granted autonomy or not. Last year the number of inmates increased, but the number of reported infractions of the rules was 2,002 less than during the previous year. The older inmates, who were working for the privilege of being treated like citizens, were seldom reported, and they did much to tame the new inmates who were inclined to be obstreperous. Dr. Moore called the inmates together and told them that the time had come when he was going to grant them autonomy. He outlined his plan, which was to have the misdeeds of inmates judged and punishment for them meted out by a council of prisoners elected by their fellows.

On July 12 of this year each of the fourteen tiers elected two councilmen to represent it. Each Tuesday and Friday the council meets to act upon reports of misbehavior by inmates. The council has a president, who is presiding judge, and a secretary, who is clerk of the court. Prisoners are produced before the council and faced by their accusers, who are their fellow inmates or councilmen from their tier, and they are given an opportunity to cross examine witnesses and testify in their own defense. If the accused is found guilty he is sentenced to the loss of some privilege.

The decision of the council is final. It is not subject to approval by the superintendent or any officer of the institution, and none of the officers is permitted any voice in its deliberations. If a councilman misbehaves and becomes amenable for a serious breach of discipline he is tried by his fellow councilmen. If a councilman is ousted for cause an election to select his successor is immediately held on his tier. Never has the decision of the council failed to meet with the approval of the prisoners.

### Rules Governing Council.

Here are some of the governing rules of the council:

To do all in our power to stop the use of profane language among the inmates.

To try to ascertain the number of any inmate guilty of stealing articles from the room of another inmate and submit his name to the council for action.

To try to do away with all disorder in the dining room, especially hissing and loud talking, and to keep perfect order.

To try to have the inmates take a pride in their general behavior and in that way reduce the number of reports against the inmates of the institution.

To try to instill a better fellowship and spirit among the inmates. To try to lead them from the habit of doing things for which they are liable to be reported into the habit of doing things that are manly and clean.

The council shall take a lively interest in all amusements for the benefit of the inmates on holidays and other times. To try to arrange to give shows from time to time, especially on holidays.

Councilmen will ask the inmates on their tiers to send them suggestions from time to time for the betterment of the inmates of the institution.

Dr. Moore says that the prisoners govern themselves better than a host of guards could govern them. The honor roll has grown under autonomy in the state reformatory, and the delinquent roll has decreased correspondingly.

### Different.

Seedy Chap (stopping pedestrian)—Pardon me, sir, but you look very much like a man I know.

Pedestrian—Indeed! Well, you look like a man I don't want to know. Good day!—Boston Transcript.

### Overheard.

"Tinker has placed an old railroad sign, 'Stop, look and listen!' at the entrance to his driveway."

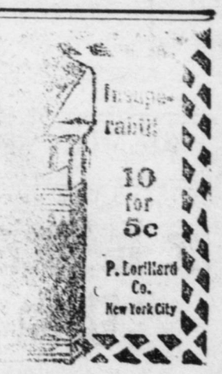
"What's the idea?"

"His wife is running the touring car."—Judge.

### Well Named.

"Why do you call your horse Lion?"

"Because he is such a roarer."—Baltimore American.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### Wallack on the Ballet.

The late Lester Wallack once told a story of his still more famous father, James W., that as either an actor or a manager he could never tolerate the ballet.

One day there came to him a friend, a man about town, who said, "My dear Wallack, it is very curious that you do not see the beauties of imagination shown by the poses of the ballet." Going on in this strain, the visitor at last wore out the patience of the actor-manager, who replied:

"Look here, it is bad enough to stand these absurdities in an opera; but though I can comprehend people singing their joys, I am hanged if I can their dancing their griefs."

### A Doleful Mood.

The proprietor of a Paris cafe noticed that after he had refused to give his pianist an increase of salary the number of his customers dwindled rapidly. It was only when all but one diner had deserted him that he discovered that the pianist had been inflicting Chopin's "Funeral March" on the audience nightly. The pianist, who was proceeded against in the law courts and was fined 5 francs, pleaded that he played according to the mood he felt in after his request had been refused.

### The Women of Belgium.

No one can travel in Belgium without being struck by the extraordinary activity and prominence of the women. Over the doors of shops of all descriptions the name of the owner or owners is frequently followed by "Sisters" or "Widow." You find them proprietors of hotels and restaurants. They are often custodians of the churches. They are employed to tow the boats along the canal banks. They cut up the meat in the butchers' shops, and they are even to be noticed shoeing horses at the forge.—Liverpool Mercury.

### Upsetting His Theory.

"The heavy explosions of a battle always cause rain. It rained after Waterloo; it rained after Fontenoy; it rained after Marathon."

"But Marathon was fought with spears and arrows, my dear."

"There you go. Always throwing cold water on anything I have to say."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### The Word Magnet.

Magnet is derived from the name of the city of Magnesia, in Asia Minor, where the properties of the lodestone are said to have been discovered. It has, however, been asserted that the name comes from Magnes, the name of a shepherd who discovered magnetic power by being held on Mount Ida, in Greece, by its attraction for the nails in his shoes.

### China and Japan.

Japan was originally civilized by way of China. Today Japan sends men of science to instruct the Chinese.

### Good Advice.

Lord Kitchener's answer to the young reporter who asked him for his autograph is wholesome advice for all autograph hunters, "Young man, go and make your own autograph worth having."—Youth's Companion.

### Soldering Aluminium.

When holes appear in aluminium utensils it is not necessary to discard the dishes as no longer useful, for by a simple method they can be made to take solder. Insert a brass or copper rivet in the hole, flatten both ends and then solder over both the inside and the outside surfaces in the usual manner. If you wish to solder a piece to a sound part of the utensil use a sharp awl to punch holes for holding spots of copper or brass. If the aluminium is very thick cut the holes with a small drill held in a carpenter's bit brace.

### Quickly Relieved.

Little Hannah had been left in the library one morning and shortly after she came running to her mother.

"Mother," she asked, "that ink that father writes with isn't indelible ink, is it?"

"No, dear," was the reply.

"Oh, I'm so glad of that," cried the child.

"Why, dear?" queried the mother.

"Why," said Hannah, "I've spilt it all over the library rug."—Boston Herald.

### Washington's Farewell Address.

Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence. I conjure you to believe me, fellow citizens, the jealousy of a free people ought to constantly awake, since history and experience prove that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of republican government. Europe has a set of primary interests which to us have none or a remote relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by artificial ties in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics or the ordinary combinations and collusions of her friendships or enmities.

### Realism.

A certain fiction writer applied to a friend, an interne in a hospital, for some local color for a tale he had based upon an occurrence in such an institution.

The interne couldn't think of anything of moment, but the writer jogged his memory thus:

"Surely you know of some realistic bit here that I could use."

"I have it!" suddenly exclaimed the interne.

"Yes," eagerly came from the writer.

"Here is realism with a vengeance," said the youthful interne. "One of our patients walked in his sleep because he dreamed he had no car fare."—New York Globe.

### Edison and the Bee.

It is recorded that Thomas A. Edison, after watching the tremendous energy of a busy and noisy little bee, remarked:

"A real plane, a heavier than air machine of great weight, can be built as soon as we obtain something that beats the air at the rate of 200 times a second. That bee weighed 7,000 times more than his wings. If we can only get to that, get to that—the greatest thing for the smallest wing—that is the thing. The bee's wings beat the air 300 times a second."