

GERMAN PRISONERS TAKEN IN BELGIUM.

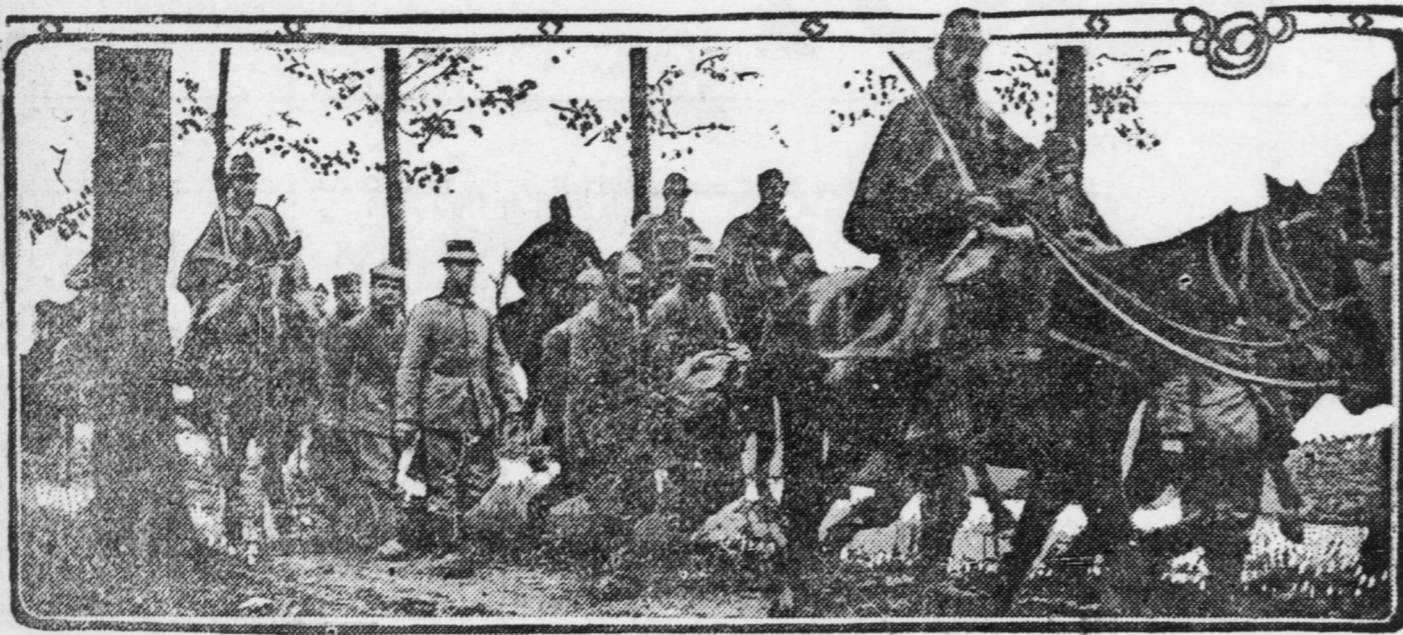


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An Ungallant Fascal.
 "I suppose," said the angular spinster, "that you never had a romance?"
 "Dat's where youse is wrong," replied the unlaundered hobo. "I wunst had a sweetheart wot wuz a dead ringer for youse."

"And did she die?" asked the angular spinster as she helped him to another hunk of pie.

"No, ma'am," answered the hobo. "When leap year come round she asked me t' marry her—an I run away from home."—Chicago News.

Last Wish of a Poet.

I wish to lie on the north side of the churchyard about the middle of the ground, where the morning and evening sun can linger the longest on my grave. I wish to have a rough, unhewn stone, something in the form of a milestone, so that the playing boys may not break it in their heedless pastimes, with nothing more on it than this inscription: "Here rest the hopes and ashes of John Clare." I desire that no date be inscribed thereon, as I wish it to live or die with my poems and other writings, which, if they have merit, with posterity it will, and if they have not it is not worth preserving.—John Clare, 1864.

More Than One Trafalgar Square.

The Scotland Yard examination which would be taxicab drivers have to undergo in the knowledge of London is no mere matter of form. "If," asked the inquirer recently of a candidate, "a fare hails you in Trafalgar square and asks to be driven to Trafalgar square, what would you do?" "I should drive him around a bit and drop him on the other side of the square," replied the candidate. And he was turned down, for he did not know that London has three Trafalgar squares besides the finest site in Europe—one in Camberwell, another in Chelsea and still another one in Stepney.—London Chronicle.

The Egyptian Lotus.

The lotus figures to a very great extent in ancient Egyptian sculpture, though the flower is often crude and difficult to make out. The fruit of the Egyptian lotus was forbidden as food to disciples of Pythagoras. The lotus was dedicated to the goddess of fecundity, Isis, and buds are said to have been found in the tombs of ancient Egyptian kings. Egyptologists have decided that the lotus of Egypt was the common white water lily of the Nile and not the true sacred nelumbo of the far east.

A Great War "Scoop."

Days have changed for the war correspondent since Archibald Forbes was grafted in the house of lords by Lord Salisbury and received by Queen Victoria at Buckingham palace in recognition of his exploits as a news gatherer during the Russo-Turkish war of 1877. Forbes' greatest exploit was his ride from Shipka pass to the nearest telegraph station at Bukharest and his reception en route by the czar, to whom he was the first to communicate news of the Russian victory, the former trooper of the Royals having outdistanced not only all rival correspondents, but the official messengers as well.—London Mail.

Wasted Generosity.

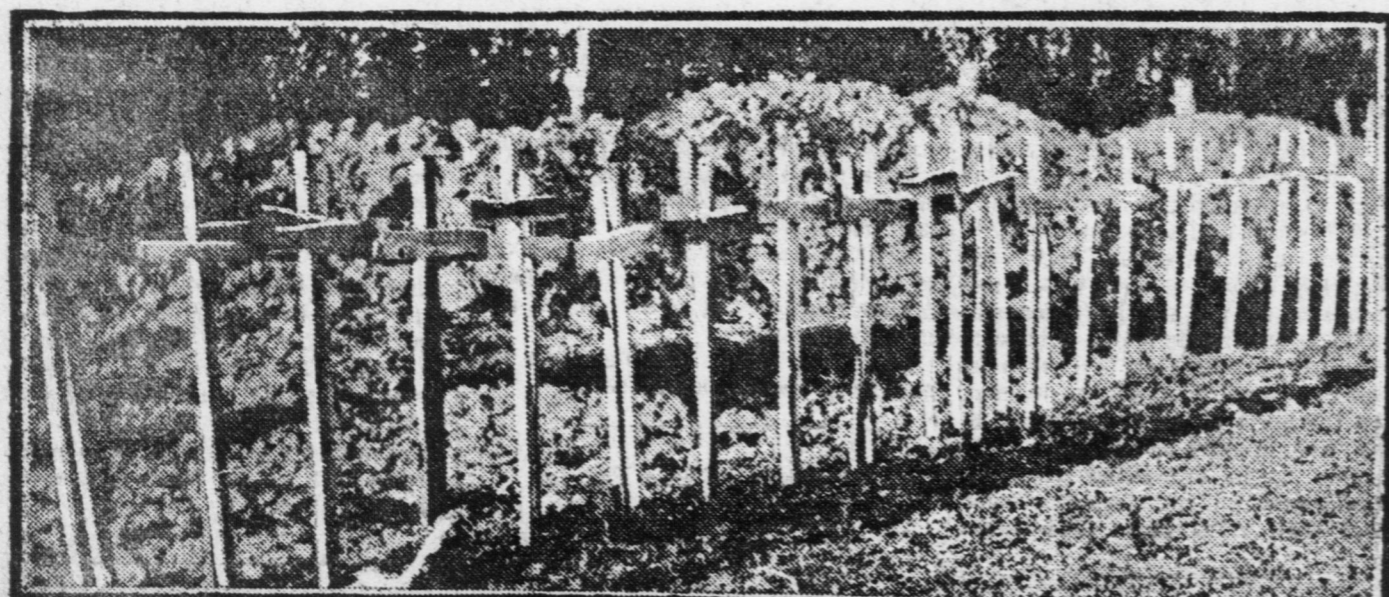
"Oh, I'm so sorry I can't marry you. I had no idea you thought of me that way!"

"Well, what do you suppose I've been letting your father beat me at golf all the time for?"—Judge.

Our Funny Language.

"A man feels put out when he discovers that he has been taken in."—Chicago News.

GRAVES OF ENGLISH SOLDIERS IN FRANCE.



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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 owner is frequently followed by "Sisters" or "Widow." You find them proprietors of hotels and restaurants. They are of ten 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.

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."

Hard to Explain.

It was a soulful night, and they sat together in the parlor. The following conversation was going on:

He—I gave you that parrot as a birthday present, did I not, Matilda? She—Yes; but surely, Albert, you are not going to speak of your gifts as if— He—It was young and speechless at the time? She—Yes (with increasing wonder), and it has never been out of this parlor. He—There are no other young ladies in this house? She—No, there are not. He—Then why, when I kissed your photograph in your album while waiting for you did that wretched bird imitate your voice and say, "Don't do that, Char! please don't?"—Exchange.

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.

RIGHT LIVING.

Live right today and it will be a step toward living right tomorrow. No man has any right to expect to live differently tomorrow from the way in which he is living today. What he chooses for today he chooses for tomorrow. What he overcomes today he is overcoming for tomorrow. Yet most of us live as though we did not believe this, and we try hard to persuade ourselves that we are safe in so living.

Our First Sawmill.

It is said that the first sawmill in the United States was at Jamestown, from which sawed boards were exported in June, 1607. A water power sawmill was in use in 1625 near the present site of Richmond.

Seem to Like It.

The more trouble some people have the more they want to borrow.—Philadelphia Record.

The Horse Show

Here he is shown in his glory and pride. Glossy the mane of him, satin his hide. Beautiful women in gorgeous array. Worship the horse as the king of the day.

Masters to pet him and grooms at his beck. Stall of the finest and ribbons to deck; What does he do that such favors should flood? Goes through some paces that prove he has "blood."

Over in Europe his brothers lie dead. Mangled by shrapnel and torn by the lead; Valiant in battle, the trooper's best friend, Faithful are they to the slaughtering end.

Where are the honors and ribbons they get? Where are the maidens admiring to pet? Women who weep for their soldiers in vain. Waste not their tears on the four footed slain. —McLamburgh Wilson in New York Sun.

New Betrothal Plan.

The suggestion that engaged perer live under the same roof for t months before marriage, made by Mrs. Havelock Ellis, English lecturer, aroused considerable interest among students of marriage problems. "There is more of the atmosphere of the comic opera than of sanctity about marriage of the present day," Mrs. Ellis told an audience in Chicago.

Gets First Victoria Cross.

The first Victoria cross awarded in this war went to Sergeant Major White of the army service corps for carrying away his wounded captain in a hot rifle fire. He also got a medal in the Boer war.

AFFLICTIONS.

Afflictions sent by Providence melt the constancy of the noble minded, but confirm the obduracy of the vile. The same furnace that hardens clay liquefies gold, and in the strong manifestations of Divine power Pharaoh found his punishment, but David his pardon.—Colton.

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.

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.

Well Answered.

Restaurant Patron (caustically)—I am glad to see your baby has shut up, madam.

Mother—Yes, sir. You are the only thing that's pleased him since he saw the animals eat at the zoo.—Puck.

His Credit.

"Is his credit good?" "His credit has never been questioned—nor tested."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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MOISTURE AND DUST.

Why This Rain Combination in the Air Shows a Red Sun.

An old weather proverb runs, "A red sun has water in his eye," and the condition which gave rise to it is explained by Professor W. J. Humphreys of the United States weather bureau in a discussion of some useful weather proverbs.

The condition that most favors a red sun is a great quantity of dust—especially smoke particles—in a damp atmosphere. Smoke alone in sufficient quantity will produce this effect, but it is intensified by the presence of moisture.

The blue and other short wave length colors of sunlight are both scattered and absorbed to a greater extent by a given amount of dust or other substance, such as water vapor, than is the red, and this effect becomes more pronounced as the particles coalesce.

Hence when the atmosphere is heavily charged with dust particles that have become moisture laden we see the sun as a fiery ball.

It has been known that this dust has much to do with rainfall, since it was proved by the physicist Aitken years ago that cloud particles, and therefore rain, will not under ordinary conditions form in a perfectly dust free atmosphere, but will readily form about dust motes of any kind in an atmosphere that is sufficiently damp. A red sun, therefore, commonly indicates the presence of both of the essential rain elements—that is, dust and moisture.—Rocky Mountain News.

His Definition.
 "Pa, what is an interior decorator?"
 "I'm not quite sure, Wilfred, but I think it's a cook."—New York Times.

Never Touched Him.
 Landlady (to new boarder, crushingly)—Mr. Newcome, that is the cream and not the milk you are pouring on your oatmeal. It was intended for the coffee. Mr. N.—Oh, never mind, Mrs. Balkins. I like it just as well.

The Boy's Idea.
 "Pa?"
 "Yep."
 "I don't see why the men who wrote the rules of grammar didn't make 'I done' and 'has went' proper. It's easier to say it that way." —Detroit Free Press.

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Race Issue Before Senate.

Senator Vardaman carried the race issue to the senate by proposing amendments to the federal constitution repealing the fifteenth amendment and modifying the fourteenth. The senator also introduced a bill for "Jim Crow" cars in the District of Columbia.

NEW MISSILE IS DEADLY

Shell Invented to Scatter White Hot Metal When It Strikes.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 22.—A new type of projectile which would scatter a white-hot mixture of molten steel over the object of attack and at the same time permeate the atmosphere with a deadly gas which would make it impossible for fire fighters to approach, has been invented by a local inventor.

The new missile may soon appear in the European war, as some of the belligerent nations are negotiating for its purchase, he said. The United States government at present is conducting experiments with the new projectile at Sandy Hook, he added.

The inventor explained that the projectile carries an aluminothermic mixture which, five seconds after the projectile is discharged, turns the steel inside to a white-hot mixture at a temperature of 5,400 degree Fahrenheit. When the projectile hits the target, the inventor said, it explodes, its white-hot contents setting fire to whatever inflammable material it strikes. To avoid the possibility of anyone in the locality quenching the flames, the inventor said, he had equipped the projectile with a chamber filled with hydrocyanic acid, the fumes of which are deadly.

Kaiser Ignores His Doctors.

London, Dec. 22.—The departure of Emperor William for the front is said by the Exchange Telegraph company's correspondent at Amsterdam to have been decided upon against the advice of the emperor's physician, who strongly opposed his making the trip at this time. The military chief, however, insisted that the emperor spend Christmas with his troops, the correspondent adds, and he decided to do so.

Relics of Old Persia.

Eshpur, the old capital of Persia, is one of Iran's wonder cities. In the dawn of Persian civilization it took a leading part. On the bank of the only navigable river the country can boast, the city gets its name from the famous ruler, Shapur, who built great irrigating dams and a noble bridge across the Kurru, now wrongly credited to the Emperor Valerian. Sixteen hundred years have left the great bridge, a quarter of a mile in length, with yawning gaps, but the water of the river runs today through the channels and tunnels made to fertilize a land that had not yet been overrun by the Arable barbarians who destroyed the culture of Persia.—London Mail.

Barley Water.

Barley water is a safe and cooling drink and is nutritious as well. Put into a pitcher one large tablespoonful of well washed pearl barley, pour over it two quarts of boiling water, cover and let stand until cold. Drain off the liquid, add one-half cupful of sugar and a little nutmeg. If liked the juice of a lemon is a pleasant addition.

Knew the Exact Amount.

De Faque—If I could get some one to invest \$1,000 in that scheme of mine I could make some money. Dawson—How much could you make? De Faque—Why, \$1,000.—Baltimore Sun.

Perhaps.

"Sir, I came down from a long line of ancestors."
 "Indeed! Were many of them hanging on it?"—Exchange.

Try to do your duty and you at once know what is in you.—Goethe.

In Wartime.

Now strike the hour upon the clock,
 The black sheep may rebuild the years;
 May lift the father's pride he broke,
 And wipe away his mother's tears.

To him, the mark for thrifty scorn,
 God hath another chance to give,
 Sets in his heart a flame newborn
 By which his muddled soul may live.

This is the day of the prodigal,
 The decent people's shame and grief;
 When he shall make amends for all,
 The way to glory's bloody and brief.

Clean, from his baptism of blood,
 New from the fire he springs again,
 In shining armor, bright and good,
 Beyond the wise housekeeping men.

Somewhere tonight—no tears be shed!
 With shaking hands they turn the sheet,
 To find his name among the dead,
 Flower of the army and the fleet.

They tell with proud and stricken face
 Of his white boyhood far away—
 Who talked of trouble or disgrace?
 "Our splendid son is dead!" they say.
 —Katharine Tynan in British Review.

Truth.
 Truth does not change. What changes is merely our understanding of the eternal fact.—Youth's Companion.

Lucy.
 Willie—Paw, what is luck?
 Paw—Common sense, my son.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

MICE IN MUSIC'S HOME.

Unused Hotel Organ Scene of Seventeen Evictions.

An eviction took place at one of the big New York hotels about which considerable secrecy was preserved, although it affected no fewer than seventeen. In one of the storerooms an organ has reposed ever since early last spring. The other day the orchestra leader decided his music needed a little more substance than the stringed and brass instruments had been able to put into it, and he asked that the organ be brought down from its resting place and cleaned up.

The instrument was placed in the lobby, and the cleaner got to work. After dusting the keys with a damp cloth he began to press them, at the same time working the pedals. As the first chord sounded a squeak came. The musical cleaner pressed on with feet and fingers. Then came a chorus of squeaks, and, looking down, he saw the protests came from a mother mouse and papa mouse and a large family of children. By the time the cats had been brought to the spot the cleaner counted seventeen rodents.

Rhode Island's Capitals.

Rhode Island adopted a constitution in 1842, which named five capitals for the state, designating Newport, South Kingston, Bristol, East Greenwich and Providence as the places for successive honor. In 1854 an amendment restricted the meeting places of the general assembly or legislature to two places—Newport and Providence. In 1900 Providence became the only seat of the legislature.