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German Catholic Pastor Dies Scranton, Pa., Dec. 9.—The Rev. Dr. John W. Balto, 40 years old, pastor of St. John's German Catholic church at Honesdale, died at a hospital here yesterday. He was born in Minnesota and studied at St. Josephine College, Columbus, Ohio, and at Rome. After being ordained Dr. Balto was assigned to St. Nicholas' church, Wilkes-Barre. Later he was transferred to Williamsport.

Judge Buffington's Mother Dies Kittanning, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Margaret Orr Buffington, 91 years old, mother of Judge Joseph Buffington, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and formerly on the bench in the Western Pennsylvania federal district, died at her home here yesterday. Her husband, Ephraim Buffington, died several years ago.

Thousand Cords of Wood Burn Fairmount, Dec. 9.—Nearly a thousand cords of wood were destroyed by fire yesterday near this place, the fire being started by gunners. It was on the farm of Frank Greenleaf, and had it not been for the heavy rains recently, several houses would have been destroyed.

Earthquake Kills Several Lima, Peru, Dec. 9.—The small mountain town of Coracora, in the Department of Ayacucho, 300 miles southeast of Lima, was shaken by a severe earthquake Sunday. There were several casualties. The town is in ruins.

Prefer Tigers to Pigs A curious instance of the bad result often obtained by tampering with nature's balance is contained in a recent communication by an Indian official to the effect that the campaign against tigers in several places in India has resulted in the enormous increase of wild pigs, which are doing great damage to crops. The native farmers are forced to watch their fields carefully at an increased expense. This damage and increased expense must be taken into consideration in fixing the new land tax, and thus the strange situation exists that by the destruction of the tigers the farmers may be out of pocket.—Consular Report.

Her System "It takes my wife so long to dress when we want to go to the city that we always miss the train," complained the first suburbanite. "How is your wife? I don't hear you kick much." "My wife has a system that isn't so bad," said the second suburbanite. "She's so late for one train that she's generally on time for the next."—Pittsburgh Post.

ENGLISH BARON'S DAUGHTER IS TO ACT AS A CHORUS GIRL



With a chorus girl from the English nobility among them, forty-four young women who are to appear in New York in the English musical fantasy "To-Night's Night" arrived from England. The member of the nobility is the Honorable Helen Cecil Douglas Scott-Montagu, a daughter of Baron Montagu of Beaulieu and a grandniece of the late Duke of Buccleuch, who died in London a few weeks ago. She is tall and blond. She has four hundred acres of land in her own name in the southern part of England. She is on the stage, she says, because she likes the life and because she became tired of doing nothing at home. This is her first trip to America. "To-Night's Night" was to have been the annual Christmas production in the Gaiety Theatre in London and the company was rehearsed for it. Conditions arising as a result of the war, however, made it advisable to cancel the engagement there, and the whole production is to be brought to New York for presentation on Christmas week in one of the theatres controlled by the Messrs. Shubert.

FUNERAL CORTEGE OF ENGLAND'S GREAT SOLDIER



THE FUNERAL OF FIELD-MARSHAL LORD ROBERTS

The funeral of Field Marshal Lord Roberts took place in London on Thursday, November 19, in a penetrating downpour of rain. The crowds of people lined up early in the morning along the route gave evidence of the nation's appreciation of its great loss and the measure of esteem in which the deceased warrior was held. The procession from Charing Cross Station, whence the coffin had been conveyed from Ascot, was along the Victoria Embankment, up New Bridge street and by way of Ludgate Hill to St. Paul's. As the cortege left the station the first shot of the nineteen minute guns fired in St. James' Park by the Hampshire Artillery was heard. Along the Embankment, swept by a mist of driving rain, passed the distinguished procession. The mourners followed close on the coffin, which was covered on a gun carriage of P Battery of the Royal Horse Artillery. Included in the cortege gathered to convey the dead Field Marshal to his last resting place was a mountain battery with Indian drivers and gunners. This, perhaps, more than anything else, brought home to the spectators something of the nature of the death struggle which is even at this moment proceeding in Belgium and France, and to the music of which Lord Roberts spent his last hours. The hardy mules on which the sections of the guns were carried, the inscrutable Indians at their side, touched the imagination of the spectator. In the above drawing Christopher Clark, a special artist for this newspaper, the New York Herald and the London Sphere, shows the procession along the Embankment, with the mountain battery in the foreground.

STRANGE STORY OF LEASE BY GERMANS OF AN ISLAND NEAR TO ENGLAND SHORES

Correspondence of the Associated Press. London, Dec. 2.—One of the strangest stories that has been given birth by the great war is that of the Island of Herin, the leasing of which to a German company was recently discussed in the House of Commons. The lease has been terminated, and British troops are billeted on the island, but the question is still being asked, why was England so lax as to rent for a song an island larger than Heligoland, within an hour's steaming of English shores?

Herin is one of the lesser channel islands and at one time supported a considerable population. It is a beautiful spot, with an attractive shell beach. In 1889 it was leased by the Crown for \$70 a year to the "West Bank Lighter, Ltd.," which in turn leased it to Prince Blucher von Wahlstatt, a descendant of the illustrious Blucher of Waterloo and himself a German. The prince and his family lived quietly for years in the manor house on the island, incurring the great displeasure of those who sought to ramble over the place by closing all save one narrow pathway on the beach and plastering about many warnings to trespassers.

Children were born to the princess there—she is of the Russian royal family—and one of these, a boy, became a naturalized British subject. At no time was the prince suspected of using his home in any operations against England; but when the war broke out the matter became one of national agitation culminating in the Home Secretary being asked for an explanation by Sir William Hall. The explanation was brief. The government knew the name of the German company holding the lease, it knew moreover that the rent was about five shillings, six pence a week; that steps had been taken to cancel this document, that for some weeks British troops had been on the island. Whether Prince Blucher and family had moved from the manor house was not made clear.

The popular outcry against the prince, in the opinion of the London press generally, is unjustified; but "Times" remarks rather sarcastically that the public might be told a little more about the German company which was able to acquire so cheaply so much good farm and pasture land, together with numerous cottages, not to mention the manor house. It also is pointed out that the island is in the heart of the English Channel, within sight of the coast of France, about 70 miles from Portland and 40 from Cherbourg. It could be used as a submarine base, though nothing of the kind appears to have been attempted.

Jap Red Cross Corps for France Correspondence of the Associated Press. Tokio, Dec. 1.—The Japanese Red Cross corps which is going to France will leave Yokohama by the steamer Fushimi Maru December 16. The corps consist of Dr. Shioda, professor of the Imperial University, who is the chief of the medical staff; Drs. Mogi and Oki, about fifteen nurses and a few pharmacists. Landing at Marseilles, the party will go to Bordeaux.

"Temps" Editor on Joffre's Staff Correspondence of the Associated Press. General Joffre's Headquarters, Dec. 1.—Andre Tardieu, the foreign editor of the "Temps," is attached as lieutenant to General Joffre's staff. His duties require him to visit every part of the front, and he has, therefore, extraordinary opportunities for seeing the actual operations of the war. M. Tardieu, it is understood, is assembling material for a history of the war.

Vampire Bats Fairly large bats are the vampires of New Guinea, which alight on any projecting part of the body, in preference the toes, into which they bite a small hole, from which they proceed to suck the blood. They fan the wound with their wings—to deaden the pain, the natives say—and the victim seldom awakens before much harm is done. These horrible creatures suck as much blood as they can, fly away and disgorge it and then return for more.

TELL HOW MANY BULLETS ARE REQUIRED TO KILL A SOLDIER

Correspondence of the Associated Press. London, Dec. 1.—One of the things frequently noted by soldiers at the front in writing to relatives and friends is the extraordinary expenditure of bullets required to kill a man. A German report states that many German soldiers fired 4,000 cartridges apiece during the first month of the war. An English observer estimated that 25 German shells are wasted for every man killed by them. In 1870 it was calculated that the Germans fired 150 bullets and six shrapnel shells for every wounded Frenchman. In the Russo-Japanese war it is said 5,000 bullets were fired for every life lost.

SOLDIERS FROM FRONT ARE ALLOWED TO VISIT FAMILIES

Correspondence of the Associated Press. Aldershot, Eng., Dec. 3.—As the result of recent orders given by Sir John French, the families of regular troops stationed here have been delightfully surprised by visits from relatives direct from the front. These men are given leave from the trenches a chance to see their families. Wives of sergeant majors, who despaired of seeing their husbands before the end of the war, have been surprised by the receipt of telegrams from seaports informing them of the homecoming. These husbands arrive looking as spry and span as when they marched away to the war, for the men are sent from the front to the rear of the battle line to give the soldier a chance to clean up and receive fresh uniforms. It is expected that later whole units will be given holidays and the soldier in the trenches, according to one officer just returned from the front, has no rosier anticipation than the prospects of an afternoon at a football game followed by the evening at a music hall.

WAR TURNS QUIET CITY INTO A BUSTLING MILITARY TOWN

Correspondence of the Associated Press. Versailles, France, Dec. 1.—War has transformed this ordinarily quiet historic city into a bustling military town. Headquarters of the Germans during the siege of Paris, it is today the quarters of some of the troops of the Military Government of the capital and it is also the depot for army stores and is an aviation center. Nearby is the St. Cyr Military Academy, which is similar to the American West Point. The tourist at Versailles now is a rarity. Formerly he helped constitute the bulk of the floating population. He has been supplanted by the soldier's wife or sweetheart making a farewell visit. The park of the palace alone remains open and this is their favorite promenade. The museum and everything else of historical interest is closed. Squads of recruits are drilled daily in the public streets. The commands of their officers sometimes are unheard in the rattle of heavy munition wagons that pass so frequently. Other soldiers may be seen leading or riding hundreds of horses just arrived and destined for the cavalry.

Lord Tennyson's Son Wounded Correspondence of the Associated Press. London, Dec. 1.—Lionel Tennyson, eldest son of the present Lord Tennyson, has returned to London from the front, wounded in the leg. He is a lieutenant in the rifle brigade. Lord Tennyson has two other sons serving, one a lieutenant and another a midshipman.

War Puts Damp on Monte Carlo Correspondence of the Associated Press. Monte Carlo, Dec. 1.—Because of the war, Monte Carlo is to have a limited season this year, opening some time this month. Formerly it was the custom to begin the gambling season on November 15, and long before then the frivolous world of sport and fashion had gathered here, and by December, gaiety was at its height. Out of the 800 employees of the Casino nearly 300 are now serving France with the colors. The rest have been retained in the service of the company at temporarily reduced rates.

Marietta Council Reorganized Marietta, Dec. 9.—Borough Council reorganized Monday evening and elected the old officers for the ensuing year Monday. Immediately following there was a banquet served at Hotel Marietta. The Board of Education and a few friends were the guests of the executive body. A curfew ordinance was presented at the meeting.

School Girl Has Tetanus Marietta, Dec. 9.—The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ellicker, of Wellsville, is seriously ill from lockjaw and her recovery is doubtful. Several days ago while at school she scratched herself with a pin and immediately the arm began to swell.

Stroke Fatal to Aged Woman Hallam, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Leah Houde-shall, 70 years old, died last evening from a stroke, superinduced by cancer. She was a lifelong member of the Lutheran church, and leaves a husband and several children and a number of grandchildren.

A TERROR TO GERMANS IN TRENCHES IS ANNIBILATED

Correspondence of the Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 1.—A small French aeroplane, the "Bauernschreck," which translated means "the peasants' terror," is no more and great is the rejoicing thereat among one wing of the German army, which it had disturbed much. For a long period every evening about 5 o'clock the machine used to appear over the trenches—south of Rheims, drop just one bomb, which never failed to scatter death and destruction, and then disappear. German aviators attempted repeatedly and made futile attempts to bring down the dangerous visitor. It was evident that the machine carried a murderous machine gun and that its occupants were no mean marksmen.

Ever aviator who pursued the "Bauernschreck" sought eagerly the honor of bringing it down, and as a result of bravery shown in pursuit one non-commissioned officer won an iron cross, but lost his life. After being shot through the hips by a gun in the French machine, he continued to pilot a German aeroplane for nine miles. Finally a reserve artillery captain evolved a new line for a howitzer, so constructed as to permit great elevation and rapid change of objective and the second shot from it finished the Bauernschreck. Both occupants were charred and mutilated beyond recognition. It could only be told that one was an officer and the other a civilian.

Balkan Wars Also Depleted Ranks of Servian Officers Correspondence of the Associated Press. Nish, Servia, Dec. 2.—There is a shortage of officers in the Servian army, due not only to the severe losses sustained in the earlier battles of the campaign, but also to the losses of the two Balkan wars. The gaps have proved a source of considerable embarrassment to the army chiefs, and a number of youthful cadets from the Military College have now been given commissions and sent to the front.

Another matter of serious concern in army circles is the difficulty of caring properly for the wounded, who are being sent into the interior towns as rapidly as possible. Although there are a number of Red Cross units from foreign countries on the ground, there is still a shortage of trained help, and a still more serious shortage of drugs and of surgical and hygienic appliances.

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HOUSEHOLD TALKS Henrietta D. Grauel

Swiss Steak The recipe for Swiss steak is one worthy of some consideration for it teaches how to make the connective tissues, or the flesh we generalize as "meat," tender and full of flavor. Yes, even though it be cut from an animal that is old and muscular and worn from hard work and too long life. Professor Edna Noble White's recipe for Swiss steak: Have steak cut from round of beef. It should be not less than an inch and one-half in thickness. Season a cup of flour with a half a teaspoon of salt and as much pepper as you like. Pound the steak with a heavy plate using the edge of the platter. As you pound sift in the flour. When you have pounded as much flour into one side as the meat will hold repeat the process on the other side. It is possible to pound a large quantity of flour into a comparatively small piece of meat. Have hot meat drippings in a deep pan, brown the steak well in this. A crisp crust should be formed on each side the steak. Add sufficient boiling water to cover the meat and put a well fitting lid on the pan to hold in the steam. Place it where this will simmer and cook for one hour and a half. You may have to add more water but do not put on enough to cover meat deeply. When ready to serve this there should be just enough water to moisten the meat. You may make a cream gravy with the liquor or use it clear. It will be thick from the flour in the meat. This recipe may be modified by adding tomato juice in place of water. Or towards the last of the cooking onions may be put in with the meat. All tough meat is better for having the fibre broken somewhat before cooking. The ordinary meat pounder is inclined to cut the meat so the juices escape; by using a platter, as Miss White suggests, the tissue is not crushed or cut yet it is separated. Then flour is worked into the meat to prevent the juices escaping before the cooking is underway and before the crust is formed by the fat. Another thing, this crust is heavier for having the flour on the meat so the juices are better retained in the steak. Now about the proper thickness of beefsteak. If cut thinner than an inch and a half the juices cannot be preserved and the meat is bound to be more like leather than steak. Because meat is cut thin is no reason it must come to the table rare if you like it well done. Witness the one and one-half hours Miss White suggests for this Swiss steak. It will be done and yet it will be as full of richness and flavor as though it was a broiled porterhouse. Just now all meat should be cooked thoroughly for it is by cooking or by the application of heat that disease germs are killed. They will all yield to this sterilizing process if the heat be long continued and high. The publicity given to the foot and mouth disease has alarmed everyone yet hog cholera and kindred diseases are always among cattle and we buy the flesh containing the germs and by cooking it destroy the danger. Surely it is a woman's duty to her family to understand how and why to cook well.

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