

# NEWS IN GENERAL.

Charles F. White, 63, who lived in a squalid Bowery tenement in New York dressed shabbily and was continually complaining about being poor, died lately. He left \$20,000 in Government bonds and \$30,000 worth of real estate.

State policemen have been ordered to co-operate with the state highway department in the enforcement of the automobile laws. Complaints have been made in a number of instances of the speed limit being exceeded and other provisions of the law being violated, especially outside of cities.

With the occupation of Olita the ninth Russian fortress to capitulate within three weeks the Germans now are in virtual control of the line of the Nieman and the Bug. Grodno forty miles south of Olita the only stronghold on this front still in the hands of the Russians is semi-officially reported to be on the point of evacuation.

A large falling off in consumption of liquors in twelve months ending June 30 is indicated by the preliminary report of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborn for the fiscal year just made public at Washington. This is due largely to the constantly increased dry area created under local option and state-wide Prohibition, and also to the strength of the temperance sentiment.

Aircraft have again broken the monotony of the western warfare. Sixty-two aeroplanes of the French flew over the Delling iron works near Saarbrücken, Rhineland Prussia, dropping 150 bombs while a British aviator is reported successfully to have dropped a bomb upon and destroyed a German submarine off Ostend. The German reports say that four of the French machines in the attack near Saarbrücken were brought to the ground.

The United States has received ample assurances from Germany of its decision to yield to the demands of this government regarding the protection of American lives at sea. Count Von Bernstorff the German ambassador informed Secretary of State Lansing that Germany would give "full satisfaction" to the United States for the loss of American lives on the Atlantic.

The scream of shells and the roar of cannon rolled over the waters of Long Island sound Saturday. The long mute 12-inch mortars at Fort Totten, which guards the northern entrance to New York harbor, found tongue and sent 18 700 pound projectiles climbing three miles into the sky at a moving speck of a target, 13,000 yards off shore. Conditions of actual warfare were duplicated so far as possible. Instead of a hostile fleet upon whose decks the gunners would endeavor to drop the big projectiles in actual warfare, they fired at a triangular sail on a bobbing float at the end of a 500-yard hawser let out by a tug. At night search lights were used.

A very decided campaign in favor of more air raids on England is being carried on in German newspapers, according to the latest copies which have arrived. The leading Berlin journals urge the Government to turn all attention possible to attacks on the British people in their homes and openly declare that nothing less than the destruction of London will satisfy Germany. The leaders of this propaganda call upon the Government to send the entire fleet of Zeppelins to the heart of England to create havoc and ruin that cannot soon be forgotten.

The United States for the first time in its history lead the world as an exporter. Figures made public a few days ago by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce show that American exports in the fiscal year ended in June 30 totaled \$2,763,600,000 compared with \$2,170,100,000 for Great Britain, the next largest exporter. This was an increase of 17 per cent in the case of the United States when compared with last year and a decrease of 30 per cent for the United Kingdom. American exports included domestic products valued at \$2,716,200,000 against \$2,239,700,000 in 1914; and foreign products \$52,400,000 against \$34,900,000 in the preceding year. British exports included British and Irish produce, \$1,744,100,000 against \$2,557,200,000 in 1914 and foreign and colonial produce \$426,000,000 compared with \$526,500,000 in 1914.

That German Zeppelins have been employed to relieve the Turkish shell shortage by one of the most novel schemes of the war is the latest story from Berlin. One hundred tons of fine machinery used in the manufacture of shells have been carried from the Austrian frontier across Serbia and Bulgaria to Turkey in Zeppelins according to information reaching Amsterdam. The Zeppelins traveled by night to escape detection by the Bulgarian border patrols and protests against violation of Bulgarian territory. Each of the dirigibles carried from three to four tons of machinery for the Turkish ammunition works.

## Song and Story....

MAYBE.

Sick and weary and want to quit?  
Blind and staggering, weak and wan!  
Losing courage and strength and grit?  
What's the object of fighting on?  
Let me whisper a word to you,  
Maybe the other guy's groggy, too.  
Maybe his arms have lost their punch,  
Maybe his heart is faint and sick;  
Go on fighting with just that hunch;  
Summon your last grim grit and stick!  
Stick till the final round is through,  
Maybe the other guy's groggy, too.  
—Judge.

A Good Guess.

"Is the editor in?" asked the man with the unbarbered hair and the shiny coat, as he fished a roll of closely written paper from his pocket.

"No," replied the office boy, "he has just gone out."

"This is the third time I have called to see him," growled the caller, "and each time you have told me that he has just gone out. What's the explanation?"

"I don't know," answered the office boy, "but I guess he must have been born under a lucky star."

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to any one else.—Dickens.

One evening a little boy entered a grocery store and handed the clerk a note which read: "I am a poor woman and have no money. My children and I are starving. Won't you give us something to eat?"

The kind-hearted clerk filled a large basket with food and gave it to the boy, who quickly departed.

In a few minutes he returned.

"What's the trouble now?" said the clerk.

"Mamma sent me back to get the trading stamps," the lad replied.

Her Sacrifice.

The divorce had been granted. Their only child had been given to the mother but after the final decree they met and the young woman said: "I am willing to let you have the baby half of the time." "Good!" cried the father with satisfaction. "That is fine!" "Yes," resumed the fair, yet unfair divorcee, calmly, "you may have him nights..."

If you want to be rich give! If you want to be poor, grasp! If you want abundance, scatter! If you want to be needy, hoard.

Little Ruby, aged five, came home from her first visit to church. On the way back home she forgot the preacher's text. The next week her mother was very busy sewing. "Oh, mother," she exclaimed, "I know what that preacher said last Sunday!"

"Then tell me, dear," answered Mother.

"What you sew in the summer you shall rip in the winter."

The Spirit that Wins.

Two men were standing beside a frozen pond one day last winter watching the skaters. Among the pleasure-seekers was a very small boy so evidently a beginner that his frequent mishaps attracted the attention of the men. No sooner had he gained his feet after one fall than down he went again.

"Why, child," called one of the men "you are getting all bumped up. I wouldn't stay on the ice and keep falling down so. Come over here with us and watch the others."

The tears of the last fall, which had been a hard one, were still rolling over the plump cheeks, rosy in the cold, but the child looked indignantly from his adviser to the shining steel runners on his feet.

"I didn't get new skates to give up with," he retorted. "I got 'em to learn how with."

"Good," laughed the other man; "go at it again. You'll succeed."

"Yes," said his companion, as they walked away, "and if he keeps that spirit he'll succeed in bigger things than in learning to skate."

—Ladies' Home Journal.

Advices are that nearly a dozen of Count Zeppelin's largest dirigibles were used on the 280 flights from the Austrian to the Turkish border. Their use for this purpose, it was stated accounted for the Zeppelin's inactivity during the early part of the summer.

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## A GENERAL SURVEY OF THE WAR

German troops have occupied the fortress of Ossowetz, the westernmost fortification of the Russian defensive line, which had been evacuated by the Russians, the German army headquarters announces.

Cotton was declared absolute contraband by Great Britain Saturday. The English government proposes to initiate measures to relieve depression which might temporarily disturb the cotton market because of the contraband order.

Italy declared war on Turkey Saturday. The Turkish ambassador to Rome, Naby Bey, has been handed his passports. Marquis di Garroni, the Italian ambassador to Constantinople, notified the Turkish government of Italy's intention and immediately demanded safe conduct from Turkey. The declaration came at the end of a short cabinet session. The Italian government had demanded that reservists of the Italian army be permitted to leave Turkey without restriction.

The Germans have captured the Russian town of Bielsk, twenty-five miles south of Bialystok, and have driven the Russians over the Biala river.

Verona reported that Italian artillery has attacked the Austrian camp at Trent.

The fortress of Kovno, together with all the forts and an amount of war material which has not been determined, is in German hands. More than 400 cannon were taken. The fortress was captured by storm in spite of the most tenacious resistance by the Russians.

German aeroplanes are bombarding Vilna, almost fifty miles east of Kovno. The possibility of the capture of Vilna by the Germans is foreseen in Petrograd, and operations preliminary to its evacuation are in progress.

The fate of Brest-Litovsk, the last stronghold on the Russian inner line of defense, now is the center of interest. Its fall is becoming more and more imminent with the continued progress of General von Mackensen's flanking movement. Speculation on the part of military writers agrees that the Grand Duke Nicholas, in order to save his main army, will abandon all forts to form a new line with this fortress as a pivot.

Novo Georgievsk, the Russian fortress situated nineteen miles northwest of Warsaw at the junction of the Vistula, Narew and Wkra rivers, described by one correspondent as a "second Vicksburg" because of its position, is in the hands of the Teutons, together with more than 20,000 Russians. The German statement says that the complete garrison consisted of 85,000 men and six generals.

Negotiations between the allies and Switzerland relating to the importation into Switzerland of the foodstuffs needed for home consumption is at a standstill, owing to the demands of Germany and Austria that they be allowed to exchange their products for enemy goods and their refusal to accept payment for their exports. Thus, Switzerland is unable to assure the allies that their foodstuffs, imported into Switzerland, will not go to the enemy. As a result the allies are now threatening to forbid the importation of foodstuffs into Switzerland entirely, compelling the republic to seek supplies in Germany and Austria alone.

Over 6,000 Austrians, seriously wounded on the Austro-Italian front, are overcrowding the hospitals, schools and churches of Laibach. It is impossible to relieve the crowding by removing some of the wounded to other towns, because of the lack of hospital trains. There are not enough doctors to handle the cases and the stock of medical supplies is insufficient for the needs of the wounded.

Premier Okuma states that Japan has decided to give greater assistance to Russia to prosecute the war. He could not discuss details, but allowed it to be understood that this assistance would take the form of the forwarding of greater supplies of munitions.

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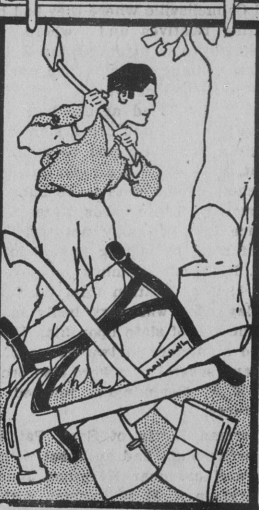
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