

# A STRONG EXPERIMENT STATE NEWS BRIEFLETS

### Three Drops Enough to Kill Ex- perts Explain To Be Spread By Airplane

NEW YORK. The experiment was first made by the United States Army, showing that three drops will kill any one whose skin it touches. It became known here Saturday.

Falling like rain from balloons attached to airplanes, the liquid would kill everything in the aircraft's path, according to a high official.

A description of what the new war weapon would do, in the opinion of this official, follows:

"The plane carrying two tons of the liquid could cover an area 100 feet wide by seven miles long in one trip, and could deposit enough material to kill every man in that area, and if those on the ground were not protected by gas masks the area of fatality would be many times greater."

"The only limit to the quantity of this liquid which could be made, is the amount of available electric power, as nearly every nation practically has an unlimited supply of the necessary raw materials. It would be entirely possible for this country to manufacture several thousand tons per day, if the necessary plants had been built."

"During the Argonne offensive the entire first American army of 1,200,000 men occupied an area approximately 40 kilometers long by 20 kilometers wide. If Germany had had 60,000 tons of this material and 400 planes equipped for its distribution, the entire army would have been annihilated in 12 hours."

"The chemical warfare service is developing protective clothing to entirely cover the wearer and make him impervious to the deadly liquid."

#### NOTICE

Letters of Administration concerning the estate of C. E. Little, late of Chest Springs Borough, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands shall present them properly authenticated for settlement.

MRS. HARRIET M. LITTLE, Administratrix, c. t. a. of the Estate of C. E. Little, deceased.  
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Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration in the estate of said decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands are requested to make them known without delay to:  
RAY E. BROWN, Administrator, c. t. a.  
Frank Bryson Wood, Attorney, Barnesboro, Pa.

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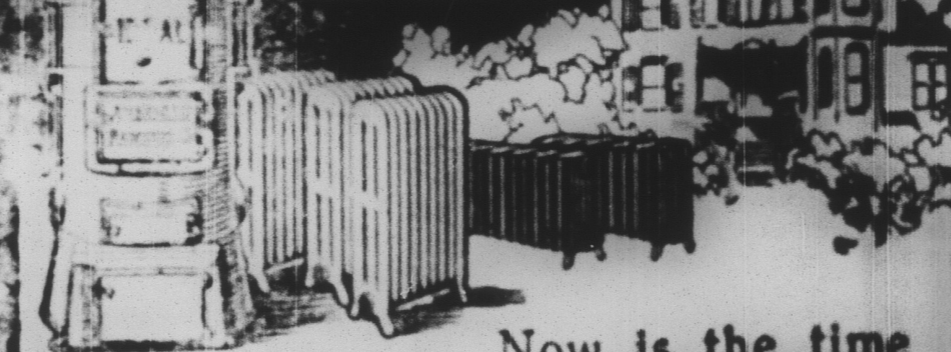
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## THE SPY

By ETHEL M. GADDAS

It was in English, the strange address, in its sprawling, boyish handwriting. The finest French, however, would have been as unintelligible to poor old Nanette. It was the village cure himself who remained and bowed by the burdens of war, who read the closely written pages. French this, in a woman's fine hand, and blotted here and there as if by a woman's tears.

"To the old stooped woman who lives in the tiny cottage under the hill, in what was Le Bois des Oiseaux."

"That is because he did not know her name," interposed the priest, and the gray head nodded, though wonderingly.

"It is many days since I left you, stole away in the night like a man ashamed. What could you have thought? I shall never know. Perhaps you expected only ingratitude, stinking silence, from such as I. Yet I thought I saw—"

"I am very weak. That last night snipped my small strength, and then the fever gripped me. But my mind is quite clear."

"I can see you now, the compassion in your kind eyes as you stooped over the wounded lad fallen at your door—compassion that changed involuntarily to aversion to hatred, as you saw the too-familiar gray of the German field uniform."

"You would have turned away—I knew it—but you could not. Something held you. Was it the thought of a boy in the horizon blue? Or was it the helplessness of the young stranger that touched your mother heart? No tears of pity softened your eyes, yet I felt your knotted hands fumbling at my stained coat, dragging my weight over the low door sill."

"Then I was lying in a bed, such a bed as my weary body had not known for months. I was clean, too, and lying between clean sheets, the numbing pain somehow softened. Someone bent over me, offering food. Your touch was gentle, you no longer shrank from me."

"Again I awakened. It was night, the moonlight streaming in through the tiny window. You were kneeling on the earthen floor, talking with your God."

"Then I saw anew this awful conflict, in its power to tear a woman's heart. For you spoke of loved ones gone—two sons with the colors, offering their lives daily for France; the husband of your youth, lying beneath a wooden cross, a daughter's purity violated by the invader; the child, your last, slain before your very eyes. Ah, how well you knew the bitterness of war!"

"Was you could pray, kneeling there, crushed and alone in your old age, amid the ruins of all you had cherished, you prayed for me. Every thought he was you asked God's blessing upon the wounded lad you had taken in."

"You slept, that night, upon the hard floor. And I also slept, in spite of my pain, for your words had brought me a strange peace."

"For two days and nights I lay passive, gaining strength to complete my mission. Patiently I was cared for, and tenderly, and I marvelled at the miracle of your love."

"For how could you know that it was for France, the France of my fathers, that I had fought, for her that I had risked life and honor? And how, indeed, could you know of the bitterness of soul, the cruel disillusionment and loss of faith, that had driven me to this unshowered task?"

"I could not speak. Even when discharging the lying uniform that could no longer serve me, I slipped away in the stolen snack of your dead husband, I could leave no word."

"Now at last I may speak, for my work is done and I rest."

"What may come I know not, but this I know. My spirit that was created is whole again. You saved a life, O mother of France, but you did more than that—you gave back faith to a soul that was dead. That is why, as I wait here, I have no fear. Surely the God who has comforted your heart will not forget me."

"Now it is evening, and I am weary. But in my heart is a peace that will never leave me. Good night, dear mother, and may the good God bless you for what you have done."

The postscript was short, scribbled by a tired nurse in a pause between duties.

"He is gone, dear mother," read the old cure, while Nanette listened and wept softly. "But his smile is wonderful sweet as he sleeps. France will not hear his name, for the work of a spy is in silence and shame. You may never know how great a task your mercy has helped to accomplish. But God will know. Pray for him, mother, pray for France, pray for the soul of him we both have loved."

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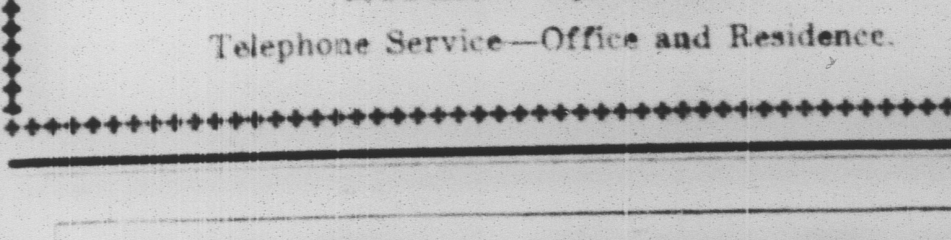
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